

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



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SOUTH SANDWICH LU3ZY continues to show about every evening, lists are being run and the number of stations getting through grows.

The station is on Thule there in the South Sandwich Group, officially known as the Estacion Scientifica Corbeta Uruguay and is considered a permanent base. A rhombic aimed just north of Buenos Aires is in use and the indicators are that the station will be on for a long time.

Though not extremely fluent in English, the operator handles things well but is noticeably a bit more enthusiastic when signal reports are given in Spanish.

Last week the station was working in the 14225kHz area into the states starting around the 0000Z period and on some days running for a number of hours. Lists were being taken up in the 14260kHz area, give or take a handful, the list-taking station listening up in the 14295kHz area.

QSLs probably will not start surfacing until mid-December. A couple of routes have been mentioned but some have emphasized that they will end up the same place. One route is via SARA, Maladia 3029, Buenos Aires. Other routes have said to send them to LU2CN.

Some queries to the c.w. operators in Argentine has indicated that activity will come on other bands and also c.w. It has been advised that it might be well to check around 14020kHz occasionally.

With South Sandwich a reality, what might be the next to come.....

BOUVET The Norwegian effort for Bouvet is well along and departure from Norway should be around the twelfth to fifteenth of November. LA1VC will be going again to sign 3Y1VC. More will be coming on this one but Bouvet should be heard before Christmas.

DESECHEO There were some reports that WØDX was still in the area in the middle of last week but the Desecheo opening festivities were settling down.

The KPls-group who had been making preparations to open Desecheo when everything fell into the right line were a bit nettled by the unexpected Desecheo but say that they are still going to operate from the island and possibly in the near future.

The island, reportedly under strict control by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a nature conservancy, can only be entered by permit. The KPls have been working with the Atlanta office of the Fish and Wildlife Service to work things out. The report is that WØDX and KVL4KV obtained a permit from the Territorial Affairs Office of the Department of the Interior in Washington to enter the island and proceed on their operation with that authority. It is also reported that the Wildlife Service in Atlanta are maintaining that they are the only ones with authority to issue permit for the island entry.

Anyhow, the KPls say they are still going and to make sure that everything is covered, the plan is to take the permit-issuing official from the Fish and Wildlife Service along with them on the trip to Desecheo. The official will be checking on the status of the wildlife on the island and, in general, how things are doing for the birdlife.

The QSL route for KVL4KV is Box 1188 GPO, New York, N.Y. 10001. For WØDX the QSLs should go to W1GNC. How the whole thing will eventually be decided is yet a bit in the future. When KPl4AM/Desecheo shows it may be the right time to jump in again.

PETER ISLAND Willy DeRoos, 3YØBZ, is expected to be making the landfall on Peter Island there in the Bellingshausen Sea about this time now, any time from October 23rd should find him at the island.

Willy, VK9XR, is sailing single-handed. He is keeping in touch with his QSL Manager and the plan is to be on Peter Island for some months. However, the initial level of activity may not be high.

CHATHAM THE ZL-effort on Chatham is set and they will be on this weekend for the CQ Contest and beyond. In the contest they will be looking for a big score and would welcome all the visitors they can corner.

QSLs mostly will go to Bob Schenck, N200, who will have help by N2CW in working through the mass of QSLs for the Chatham operation. Mostly the QSLs will be handled by N200 but ZLs only can go via ZL1ADI. Sase plus two IRCs will be needed from DX stations, W/Ks will need a Sase. The QSL will be high quality and if you want to throw in an extra IRC or something to help with the QSLing expense, the odds are that they won't throw it back. This weekend.....ZL3HI/C.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Our rapid and erratic calculations comes up with a figure of about 255 as the sunspot count for this chart, the activity may have been noticeable. And while the date is back a bit, it indicates what is going on as DX returns for the Deserving.

DXers who have grown old and gray waiting for DX to show are even admitting that 1978 will be a notable DX year. At least three new countries..... STP.....4U1.....Desecheo have shown. Some of the long absent ones have returned.....Iraq, Clipperton, South Sandwich.....and there is more to come. Bouvet will be on again before the end of the year and some are hopeful that Peter Island will bring another new one.

What does the DXer who works everything do these days? He bangs the microphone or keyer on the desk, complains about the bands and yells: "More!!" DX is an insatiable taskmaster and no true-blue DXer ever says he has enough.

The CQ Test is this weekend, N4XX there on the South Bank of the Potomac is busy kicking the autumn leaves, searching for the wooly caterpillar so he can count the hairs on the back. Right now the count is that it will be a cold winter, cold enough to keep all the DXers inside to work all the DX coming down the pike. And what else would you want?

Ted is filling the pages of hordes of ANs and HN's and stoking up the good times on ten meters. And if you have to see to believe, then take a look at these. All especially prepared to the Deserving!! And look at what Ted rolls out!! Well, eventually, anyhow—

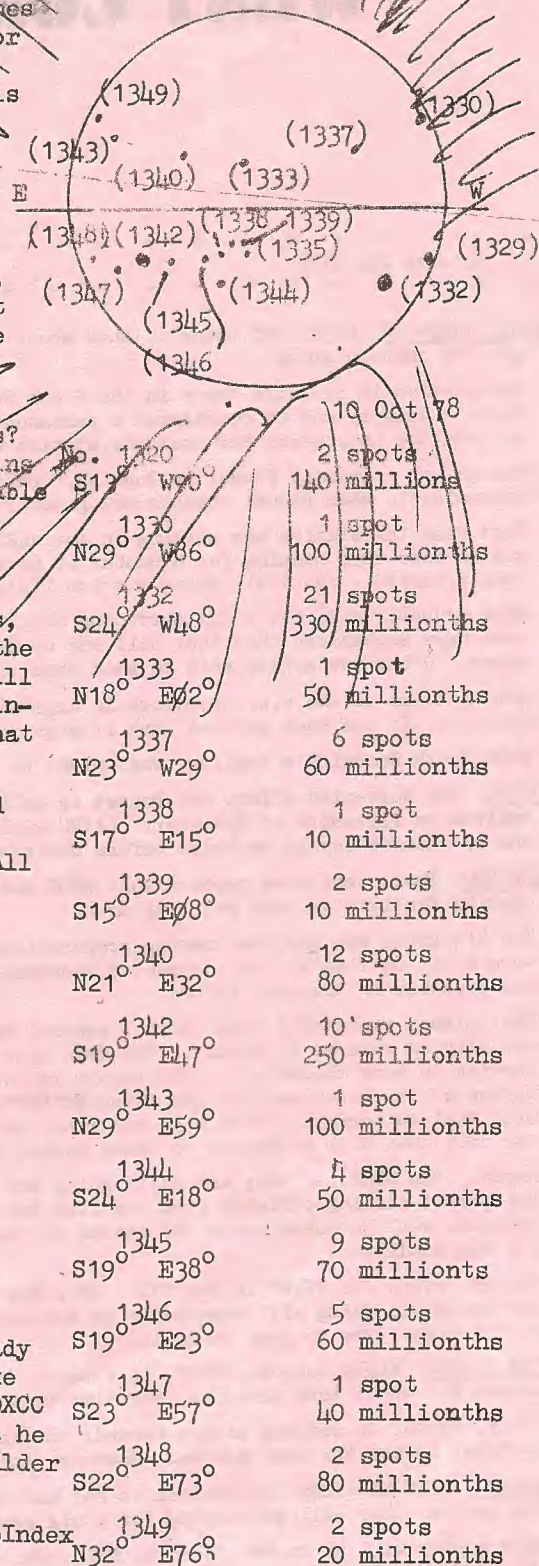
Oct 24th	Below Normal	Nov 1st	Above Normal
25th	Below Normal	2nd	Above Normal
26th	Below Normal	3rd	Above Normal
27th	Below to Low	4th	Above Normal
28th	High Normal		
29th	Above Normal		
30th	Above Normal		
31st	High Normal		

With Ted pointing and shouting: "Look at all those turkeys!!", the good days are with us. And all the DXers are stuffed!!

Down in the border country K6EC says that he is already stuffed, he finally worked YI1BGD. How does that make his bag? Stuffed!! Ev has everyone of the current DXCC countries! With all of those out of the way, he says he can now concentrate on WWV and the reports out of Boulder were:

Solar Flux Ap Index		
Oct 10th	160	10
11th	177	5
12th	179	7
13th	179	8

Solar Flux ApIndex		
Oct 14th	181	5
15th	183	4



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ALBANIA? ZA1BY showed up on the W7PHO Net last Thursday, was coming in long path not exactly on the right heading and was around for an hour or so. The action was at 14225kHz from about 1530Z.

Said his name was Surki, QSL to Radolisda 280, Tirina, and worked about thirty or forty stations. K6AXC found himself in the middle directing traffic and when it was all over, Don was not sure whether it was....or wasn't.

But those who were in there displayed the true-blue DX spirit. "Work 'em first, worry later!" And all the rest of the day there were heavy sighs from those who had worked ZA1BY. "Is he, or isn't he?"

SERRANA BANK An operation is rather firm for right after the turn of the year, a group planning to be on the Caribbean sand bar from January 18th to 21st.

Included in the group will be K9RX, Gary Myers; W9UCW, Barry Boothe; WA9EYY, Greg Chartrand; K1PBW, James Hemingway and HKØBKX, Francisco Velez A. The group will be making an emphasis on the lower frequencies and especially on One-Sixty. They will be out to work a large total of Europeans and JAs during their stay on Serrana Bank.

The One-Sixty activity will find the group using the 'Minooka Special'. If you have not read about it in the review in QST, just wait until they unleash it in January.

More will be coming on this one.

SVALBARD/JAN MAYEN Two operators were expected to show from Jan Mayen this week and to operate through the CQ WW Phone Test this weekend. JX9WT, John, and JX3DH were planning to make the run to this not too frequently heard Arctic outpost.

JW7FD on Svalbard is the one often heard and this one QSLs to LA5NM. He indicates he will be augmented by another JW-station; and JW5IJ, Einar Svenheim, should be opening up any time now.

1978 CQ WW DX TESTS DEDICATED A couple weeks back we had the note on the passing of Larry LeKashman, W2IOP/W9IOP/W2AB. A note from Frank Anzalone, W1WY, notes that Larry, along with Herb Becker, W6QD, were the founders of the CQ WW DX Test back in 1948 and Larry says it is only fitting that the contest this year, the 30th Anniversary CQ WW DX Test, be dedicated to the memory of Larry LeKashman who was so instrumental in getting it started.

Larry LeKashman for over twenty years has been contributing a trophy to the CW effort in the DX Test, he along with Bill Leonard, W2SKE, being the other original donor. Frank says that Larry was last heard from earlier this year and he was back with Electro-Voice and living in Granger, Indiana. Though things have been too late for note in the CQ editions covering the 1978 CQ WW DX Tests, it will be noted in future issues and the contest this weekend is dedicated to Larry LeKashman, one who was a big influence in the past in amateur radio and DXing.

GIBRALTAR WA2CBU and AF2K has been aiming for a Monaco operation in the coming weeks but ran into licensing problems. A French license apparently is a prerequisite and some previous 3A2 operations have not been not gone well.

Irwin F Goodman, AF2K (WB2WCE), and Russ McKay, WA2CBU, will switch their plans to Gibraltar and plan to operate from November 3rd to 9th. They will try the usual bands and if you fail to catch them elsewhere, lay in wait for them on the Afrikaner Net for they will be there for sure. WA2CBU will handle the QSLing.

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ARRL There has been more splitting from Newington and if you are keeping a list, you can note.....

Resignations: K1TN, W1YNC, W1YL, WA2INB

Retirements: W1CW, W1JMY, W1ICP, W1NJM

A couple of those calls should be familiar, Bob White, W1CW, is retiring and he and Ellen will be moving south, probably to the Florida area. W1YL, Ellen White, was recently announced as the new Communications Department Manager but she will be leaving.

Ellen White, W1YL, will definitely be missed. In an activity largely dominated by the male side of things, Ellen has always received high marks for work and her insight into problems. Bob White, W1CW, certainly was the control on DXCC for many years until he was promoted to higher things, such as the Outgoing QSL Bureau, in the high tides swirling around Okinawa-Torishima. Many feel that the Whites will be missed.

Actually, there are a few more leaving the familiar scenes and Bill Lowry, W1VV, will end his tenure with the 'How's DX?' with the November issue.

WARC 79 Bruce Johnson is part of the Newington Staff and involved in WARC preparatory work. He has also been speaking at various amateur gatherings around the country. If he shows near you, try to hear him. The following is excerpted from a W9 publication.....

Bruce Johnson's talk on WARC summarized

Third—work toward cleaner amateur radio. Several things were mentioned in this area but the significant ones that came out were DXpeditions and phone patching. Some DXpeditions are nothing more than a group of hams getting together, badgering an operating permit, making several thousand contacts and leaving the country (or possession) leaving the mess behind but more importantly leaving a bad taste in the mouths of the people of that country for amateur radio. Not a good practice and not that widespread yet but the present trend must be stopped

Mr. Johnson closed by saying that amateurs in the U.S. were in the best position to aid the cause because they are among the most affluent and up to date of any of the world's amateurs. He suggested they accomplish this by a ten point program of which these four items stand out: 1) teach to increase the number of amateurs thus contributing to growth 2) support "project goodwill" as much as possible 3) eliminate or clean up those problem areas—such as phone patches and DXpeditions and 4) support IARU in its activities however possible.

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SHORTLY NOTED Last week we got a query on the Palos Verdes Sundancers. One can get so accustomed to the great things of DXing that it is possible to slip into the belief that everyone else knows.

If you will remember back six or seven or eight years, there were a good many saying that the good days of DXing were over, that perhaps never again in this century would conditions be good and we had better brace ourselves because all their computations said that life would be dismal in the future.

All the charts, figures, estimates and the long looks at ancient history was there. A lot of DXers were discouraged but not the Palos Verdes Sundancers. Back in the barrancas they called on all DXers to believe only that DX would rise again and that they would bring it back.....almost single handed.

And to mark the resurgence of the Great Days of DXing, the Palos Verdes Sundancers created a number of innovative tributes to DXing and the sunspots and urged all DXers to join in the effort with a try at a grand jete, arabesque and an occasional pirouette in the shack. And it worked!

Back almost a decade the Palos Verdes Sundancers may have been only a local group there on the headlands above the Pacific. But they were there when needed and, as many have noted, brought back DX practically single-handed. And when some were painting the bands with gloom that DX was dead, they stoutly proclaimed that DX would come....."Be a Believer!" was their chant. And those who believed found DX again.

Even Boulder got in on the act, suddenly dropping the forecast for a low maximum in the current cycle and predicting that maybe the top of the cycle this time will surpass all previous expectations and will probably be one of the highest maximums ever.

All this is interesting no doubt, but remember who held the light high in the darkness. The Palos Verdes Sundancers. And who was saying to practice your Sicilian Tarantela when everyone else was practicing the Dead March from Saul!! And it was the Palos Verdes who said the six-eight beat would save!! And it did!!

Enough! Success need not beat its own drums. It speaks for itself. And when they ask you who brought back DX.....remember! Remember the Palos Verdes Sundancers!

As long as we are on the uplifting path, it might be noted that it will be appreciated if renewals are not anticipated. Renewal notices are mailed out well in advance of expiration and when they are sent ahead of time, we run into more bookkeeping problems. We are trying to rearrange the subscription list and last week there were fifteen instances in which it was necessary to write the subscriber, explaining what we were doing and making a remittance for overpayment. Also, we would rather advise new inquiries what the rates are rather than being told what the rates are. Our rebuilding program....the subscription lists....causes some changes from what has gone before.

The FT-101 shipped to Baghdad by the Northern California DX Foundation apparently is still being held by the SWISAIR airline office there and they have been trying to make delivery. Meanwhile the acceptance of the gear is being mulled over and the eventual disposition of the gear is still somewhat up in the air. The airline wants \$250.00 to ship it back to Europe and that may happen unless something does shape up in the coming week or two.

CN8CW, 5U7AG, XT2AT, TR8AC and TU2HZ were found sitting around rag-chewing at 14215kc around 2130Z a week or so back. The DX is starting to come in bunches. The new prefix to be used by Tuvalu will be 'T2'... and you will find VR80 signing T20. The block T2A to T2Z is assigned to the island group.

W7PHO still has the logs for the last Heard operation, this being VKØHM back in 1970. Bill can still supply QSLs for this one. Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, has not been turning up in any rare and needed countries for a matter of months. Erik should be remembered as putting on the YI-demonstration a year back that is believed to have been influential in getting YI1BGD on the air. Anyhow, Erik has been in the Middle East during recent months, working in OD5/5BL/4X and YK. He says he was thinking of some YK efforts but never was able to get all the papers straightened out. Erik was at 3C1X a year back as you may recall.

Those 4LØ calls are said to be stations north of the Arctic Circle and are counterparts of the 4K-calls in the Antarctic. KH6GI says that this will help in beam-pointing.

JA-CALLS Some may recall that a few months back there was some consternation when it was noted that the DX Call Book has less than 20K JAs listed. Fred Laun passes along some complete figures and in August of this year the JARL had the amateurs counted as--

JA1	96 660 amateurs	JA6	30 479	JA-Okinawa	1 250
2	47 914	7	27 707		
3	66 165	8	18 257		
4	27 211	9	11 282		
5	15 375	Ø	16 699		

The total comes to 359 005. The reason given that these do not show in the U.S. Call Book is that the information is only available in Japanese and the call book has no Japanese translator. The Call Book thus must depend on individual JA amateurs to advise them of their QTHs.

There is a JA-Call Book available in Japan with all the JA listings, addresses in Japanese and even their telephone numbers.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED We have another QSL list from K5DB ready to go.....all typed and everything. It probably will show next week.

We have also heard from W1AM who has moved up into the woods of New Hampshire and having cut the forty cords of wood needed to last through the winter, is looking for some action. Art in other years has produced the detailed 'Needed Lists' and says that he is ready to make another run. He also anticipates that there will be some significant changes with YI/Clipperton and South Sandwich already having come to the Deserving and Bouvet about ready to pop.

Last time out South Sandwich/Bouvet/Clipperton and 8Z4 were right up there at the top. Be not surprised to find VS9K-Kamaran, BY-China, Heard and the Laccadives displacing them in any new list.

FG7AS still has some TK7GAS cards left from the November 1977 effort and for the FG7AS/VP2D operation of 1976. You can get them with a sase/2-IRCS from Box 444, Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe. He was recently visiting the DX types along the eastern seaboard and Mexico and is still expressing his appreciation of the hospitality shown him.

9M2FK advises K1RH that he will be around 14040kHz....within 5kHz either way.....most mornings from 1030Z to 1130Z. He will be giving 9M2 to those who need it on c.w. He also is found at times around 21028kHz later than the twenty meter action.

The embargo on airmail into Israel was lifted last week. Airmail is again okay. W4AAV notes that I2FGP who put 601FG on the air is a big contest operator and was 6th among the Europeans in the CQ CW Test and in the 1978 ARRL CW Test he made 1,255,104 points as a single operator. NN3SI is the last special call issued by the FCC and still in existence. The new system of issuing calls has streamlined, consolidated, economized and thoroughly confused things.

VK9XW has been showing on Mondays and Tuesday from 1400Z around 14260kHz. This one is on Christmas Island and QSLs to Jim Rumble, VK6RU. The Alamo Amigos were determined not to let Frankford, Potomac Valley or the West Palm Beach group get ahead of them.....they are sending WA5UPZ to put CTHIZ on for the CQ Test in the multi-single category. ON5JU is reported as being in Nepal and expected to be heard with a 9NØ-call. The Clipperton DX Club, at St. Barthelemy this week, is looking forward to the future and have been making some tentative plans for a possible 3V8 next year and hope for a TN8 in the next year or so.

SM2ALH/4U is in the Sinai....at 14213kHz at 2140Z in mid-October. PJ2FR who runs the QSL bureau down in Curacao says that PJ8AC is not a licensed issued, the PTT apparently not being able to identify this one, and QSLs sent to the VERON Bureau there in Curacao are being returned.

Those who long for fast c.w. may get their wish late in November. DL7AV likes the all-out, full-bore c.w. action, up around 50wpm. 4U1UN QSLs are reported as back-logged but they are working on them. Cards will go out.....all you need is patience. On the KG400 QSLs, several report receiving them from KØJN (KØPMZ), Joe Nemecek, 1208 NE 77th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64118. KG400 is for real and some efforts are going on to get the QSL situation straightened. For those needing KGL, don't forget that the Colvins will be there this week and next week. There have been problems with the Canadian postal Service.....such as a strike....and VE3BWK/4U QSLs sent to VE3PET will be sent as soon as possible down to WA3HUP who is taking over the QSL chores. WA3HUP is the most direct route for those cards. FH8CY often maintains a schedule with WØAX. Those who might be looking for FH8 could watch the 14225kHz schedule where FH8CY is sometimes found visiting WA7ZTL. FH8CY should have an improved signal with the rig that the Northern California DX Foundation arranged for San Hutson, K5YY, to leave there during the recent East Africa effort.

The Radio Club de Tahiti issues the FØ8-Award for working 6 different FØ8 stations. Send log information along with 12 IRCS to the Radio Club de Tahiti, P.O. Box 426, Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia.

W7PHØ notes that BV2B has been inactive but is coming back to the scene. The station has not been heard much in the last couple of months. YZ9MG was a special call issued for a Sports event. This one QSLs to YU2AKL. STØRK may show on the Afrikaner Net this week....the W7PHØ Family Hour at 14225kHz around 1500Z has also been throwing out the lure for this one. Last week they were calling STØRK and ZA1BY came back. They would not believe that one. 4U1UN will be in the CQ WW Tests and will be trying some new antennas.

The Navassa Group are all set to depart St. Louis on Thanksgiving Day. They leave 6Y5 on Friday and will be making the landfall on Navassa on Saturday, November 25th. They expect to be on the air sometimes after 1800Z on the 25th. More will come on this.

The IOWA DX Assn has new officers.....Doug Byal, WØSML is the president; Gary Letchford KØLUZ the vice-prexy and Fred Benson KØAT is the Secretary-Treasurer. Mail or inquiries should go to KØAT at the Cedar Rapids QTH. VK9CCT found just below the 14200kHz band from 1330Z says he is on Cocos-Keeling. G3KTI says that G3RCA/GU, G3KTI/GI, G3KTI/GD are all Gee Slim!! The suspect is thought to be operating out of EI and if you hear a EI8H/anything you should be cautious....and suspicious. Also, when a DX says that EI8H is his QSL Manager. This Slim seems to have a fix on EI8H.

Back at the start we tried to run in a mention of problems with some renewals. We read it after printing it and realized that trying to listen to the ZA1BY and type at the same time was not exactly successful. To put it again, please do not remit before receiving a notice for renewal, do not tell anyone what you think the subscriptions rates are.....you're probably wrong. Tell them to write.....

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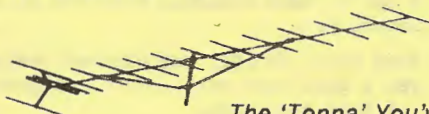
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VENDALAND Another of the South African homelands, this one is reported to be ready to go its own way December 1st and George Collins, VE3EXT, says that he will be there. What the possible prefix will be is not yet known. Like Transkei and Bophuthatswana, Vandaland will probably achieve DXCC status but will be a long time in the cooker. Look for 1981 or later and after WARC 79 is signed and sealed.

KG6RE On the operation by the JAs last week, K7ZA (W7WMY) says that he is the QSL Manager for the station and that he will be just that until further notice. Jon says he will get together with JA2KLT to get things straightened out but in the past the sometimes yes and sometimes no QSLing for KG6RE has brought some problems.

Jon Zabel, K7ZA, 20711 231st SE, Maple Valley, Wash 98038. Sase or Sae/IRC.....

MONTSERRAT David Morgan, WB7CLU, and Tony Santos, W7ISX, will be in Montserrat from November 5th to 14th. One call for sure will be VP2MBD and they expect to acquire another VP2M-call.

Look for the activity on the following schedule:

28550-28600kHz	1800Z to 2000Z	21300-21380kHz	2100-2300Z
14050 14225	14280kHz 0000-0400Z	7225 or 3860kHz	0400-0600Z

They have the gear and antennas for a good signal.....TS-520s and SB200. Quad for 10/15/20 and for 20/40/80 slopers and inverted Vees

St BARTHELEMY The Clipperton DX Club is expected to show there this Saturday for the CQ DX Test, possibly you may catch them a day early tuning up. The frequencies were in 40-78. They expect to be signing FG0FS7.

The callsign may be changed, some have noted that St Barthelmy is part of Guadeloupe though in close proximity to PJ8/FS7. The administration for St. Barthelmy is provided by Guadeloupe, FG7.

Like a lot of other things in these uncertain times, you might keep an eye on this one to see which way it jumps. AE4H who is familiar with the islands there says that there are two intervening islands at least between St Barthelmy and Guadeloupe. For the contest it will be a counter, for something else.....keep hoping. And never think that DXers will run out of new countries. The Deserving will always get what they deserve!!

F6EXV in a QSO with W4PZV last week indicated that they may open as early as this Wednesday, October 25th and may operate until November 15th. The callsigns will be different on each band.

CHINA At the IARU Region III meeting in Bangkok earlier this October, VS6AW noted that 350 Hong Kong Chinese were going to take the written portion of the amateur examination in December. Actually, there are another 350 more applicants waiting but they could not find space to accommodate them all at once. The Hong Kong examination gives the technical examination first and the code test later. There are a lot of VS6s charging down the line but the full impact will not come for some months yet.

, Fred Laun, HS1ASD, was elected chairman of the IARU Region III meeting. There was a good turn out, lots of support for the amateur position at WARC 79 and a bit more good work.

But getting back to things, some inquiries have been made by IARU III members to the Peoples Republic of China regarding amateur radio. There still are no definite results but an excerpt from a reply from the Peoples Republic has been noted:

Your letters of 27 February and 13 April have been passed on to All China Sports Federation. The Federation would like to thank you for the kind invitation extended to them to attend the IARU Region II Association conference in Bangkok. As the amateur radio activities have not yet been restored in China, after a cessation in recent years, it is difficult for them to send an observer to be present at the conference".

The All China Sports Federation has previously been determined to be the body which would be responsible for amateur radio when it returns to the Peoples Republic. Those close to the scene are very much encouraged.

ON4NC, Christian Nolf, says that earlier this month he worked a BY2AR at 21248kHz at 1336Z. Gave his name as Jak, said he was in Baltara and he was at a club station and using the old transmitter which had belonged to his father. ON4NC has sent a QSL to the address given and the coming months will possibly give some indicators on this one. There are some who believe that BY will be heard before long. It may not be the BY-prefix but it will be mainland China.

CALENDAR

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MADEIRA
SOUTH SUDANSOUTH SANDWICH
PETER ISLAND
BOUVET
SERRANA BANK
CHATHAM
DESECHEO
MONTSEERRAT
BARBADOS
JAN MAYEN
ARAN ISLANDS
CQ WW DX PHONE TEST
CQ WW DX CW TEST
RSGB 7mHz TEST
CZECHOSLOVAKIA TEST
SPANISH PHONE TEST
GLORIOSO
GIBRALTAR

OH2BH and OH2BE from now and across the DX Test.....Phone.
DL7FT there this week and through the CQ WW Phone Test
DL7AV there from November 22nd through the CQ WW CW Test
LU3ZY on most days...list operation....good signals
3Y0BZ due at Island about October 23rd....
LA1VC departing Norway November 13th for 3Y1VC on Bouvet
January 18th to 21st.
This weekend! Across the CQ WW DX Test
KFL-group still planning to operate from island.
WB7CLU and W7ISX with VP2MBD and one more VP2M...Nov 5/14th
W7ISX and WB7CLU signing 8P6 from Nov 15/18th
JX9WT and JX3DH there this week....possibly through DX Test
EI-team opening this Thursday....special prefix
October 28/29th.....The Great DX Grapple!!
November 25/26th....The Great Turkey DX Grapple!!!
November 4/5th
November 12th
December 2/3rd
FR7ZL/G from November 15th
WA2CBU and AF2K from November 2nd

CQ WW DX PHONE TESTOctober 28/29th

ARAN ISLANDS	EJ2 available in the CQ Test
PORTUGAL	CT4IZ by WA5UPZ in the DX Test
ZW2YP	Special Call by PY2YP for the CQ Phone Test
SOUTH SUDAN	DL7FT over the CQ Test
ICELAND	KL1IF/TF in the Great 1978 CQ DX TEST
St BARTHELEMY	Clipperton DX Club there for CQ Test
GUERNSEY	GU5CAA in single-band effort
St LUCIA	K2IGW still there for the DX Test
JAN MAYEN	JX9WT and JX3DH there this week through test
BRITISH VIRGINS	VP2BDH by Sixers
CURACAO	Potomac Valley gunning for big score at PJ9JR
TURKS/CAICOS	West Palm Beach Club on all bands
BAHAMAS	Atlanta's Southeastern DX Club signing KLNT/C6A
GALAPAGOS	HD8A by Quito Radio Club
HAITI	HH2CQ by HH2MC
CHATHAM	ZL3HI/C for the CQ Phone Gathering
COLOMBIA	HK5AJF and crew of HKs adding counters for the test
KENYA	5Z4QT by JA3KWJ
GUATANAMO BAY	The Colvins there this week for the CQ Test

CQ WW CW DX TESTNovember 25/26th

CANARY ISLANDS	OH2BAD and EA8CR & friends for the CW effort
St LUCIA	N5UR at VP2LL for the CW test
ZW2YP	PY2YP back for the CW Test with special prefix
NAVASSA	Zero group with KP1 across the CW activity
KENYA	5Z4QT back for the c.w. action
GUERNSEY	GU5CIA in muscular effort....all bands, big signal
JAMAICA	Lloyd and Iris Colvin from mid-November across the test.

ARRL ELECTIONS If you have not yet returned your ballot, we have come up with a couple more of the Deserving DX types. As the word in the local precincts is to "Vote the Straight DX Ticket", you might note these.....both being for Vice-Director posts in their respective divisions.

KENNETH ERMETER K9EN (ex-K9GSC) has been a four-term SCM for Wisconsin, has held local club offices in the Portage area and has a One-Sixty endorsement for DXCC. DXers in the Wisconsin area have been quick to note that K9EN is a Deserving DXer, deserving consideration for the Vice-Directors post in the Central Division.

RAYMOND B WAGLER W5EDZ, out of San Antonio, has been raised up by many of the San Antonio DXers as worthy of notice and this includes push from the Alamo Amigos of that city. A research engineer, he has also been president of the San Antonio Radio Club.

You might give these some attention and if you have not mailed your ballot, don't forget to dig it out and cast your vote. And always keep in mind that only a DXer understands DX and DXers. There is a lot of portents, indicators and signs in the tarot cards that while many may claim they do, it really takes a DXer. Absolutely!

TNX to W1AM, W1DA, W1GL, W1JR, W1MV, K1RH, N1RI, W1WY, W1XS, W2AG, W2FP, W2HAZ, N200, WA2SON, N3ED, K3ND, WA3SXH, W4AAV, AE4H, W4NU, W4KA, W4LCL, W4LOUF, N4QQ, W4RM, AA4T, W4UF, W4UG, N4WX, N4XX, W4ZR, W5AK, K5AQ, K5DB, N5DD, W5DD, K5DUT, W5CPI, AD50, W5OSJ, K5OVC, K5TSQ, N5UR, K5VNJ/2, W5VZA, N6BB, WA6BJS, WA6CIL, K6DT, K6EC, WB6GFJ, W6JD, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6MI, N6HR, K6JG, N6OB, K6RV, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, AE6U, K6UFT, WB6UJO, N6UW, W6VQD, K6WR, K6YK, K7ABV, W7BCT, WB7CLU, N7MW, W7PHO, N7UT, WD8AHS, K8IA, K8IP, W8MAW, K8MFO, W8UVZ, K8RD, W9DH, W9DRL, AB9M, K9MM, W9SS, W9TC, W9TKV, W9TS, W9TY, K9UR, K9ZZ, W9SD, W9BW, WA9VKF, W9MHK, W9PT, N9TG, K9YRX, W9PT, K9AT, WA9KDI, K9BJ, KH6BZF, OH2BAD, HS1ASD, ON4NC, PT7YS, PY2YP, SM9AGD, HI8ADF, KH6GI, W6RGG, W5BE.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers was up the hill last week, this one somewhat confused being caught between the lists and the uproars. "I know that lists are rather mechanical ways to work DX," the QRPer said, "but on the other hand, is not the uproar in the wide open operations a bit destructive to the things we cherish. Does all of this really fit in with Article One of the Amateurs Code, 'The Amateur is Gentlemanly'. What does it all mean?" Son of a Gun! Here we were relaxing waiting for the next list to show and we get a question like that. We thought of the other days when the rare ones would bring a madness and DXers would be in there punching and gouging and plotting. "And an elbow to your throat and we sure ran over you on that one, didn't we, Buster!" And the time we worked Enn on Franz Josef, girded for a mighty struggle and worked the station on a single call. And how we had sat there, vaguely disappointed because we had not had to fight and maneuver to finally work UK1ZFI with our modest power. "Isn't DX basically a competitive effort," we asked the QRPer. "One has to compete to work DXCC, Five-Band DXCC, WAZ, WPX and all the rest that DXers find interesting. Would you say that DX is for losers and how many of those do you find on the Honor Roll?" The QRPer had to think this one over and finally he came back. "But can't one be both gentlemanly and a DXer?" he asked and we had to smile and agree. For as DXers often admit, the less the opposition, the quicker the triumph. "You are probably right, probably right," we said, "but just keep in mind that the Amateur Code was not written by a DXer." There is a joy that many find in competition and as one DXer has been heard to say: "Armageddon may only come once. You'd best be ready when it comes". And the joys of combat are often difficult to explain and it is always true that only a DXer understands DX and DXers. And if you understand DX, with a lucidity and clarity that is beyond description, or maybe even comprehension, remember.....all true-blue DXers are just like you. And more on the Eternal Enigmas and the Mysteries of the Age will come each week....and a discreet inquiry might bring more information on subscription rates.....and things like that.

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