

West Coast DX Bulletin



January 9, 1979

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LACCADIVES This should be on within the week, the Bangalore Radio Club last week were rather definite in their plans. Look for VU4ARC on the frequencies listed lower on, the operation will be from Kavaratti Island in the Laccadive Group.

The report on the gear is that it includes a SB-104, a SB-101, a SB-200 and a FT-101. There was word last week that two of the group may be on the island as early as January 4th, the balance coming on January 12th. An up-date on the crew indicates that there will be nine operators, these being VU2TS, VU2RM, VU2GO, VU2WP, VU2RQ, VU2DX, VU2GX, VU2NRS and VU2SW. Most of these were listed last week.

The group should operate for about a week once they get on the air. The gear line-up might indicate transceive operations though outboard VFOs might be included but not mentioned.

You can start listening this weekend, and if the schedule is right, they could be on this weekend. At the middle of last week, it did appear that the Bangalore Radio Club would be the only operation coming in January, any other authorizations apparently waiting on developments or shelving their plans for the time being.

Later word indicates that possibly only two authorizations were issued by New Delhi for a Laccadive entry and amateur radio operation. There were other applications on hand, two possibly from European sources and one from a JA-group.

The frequencies to watch--

CW:	3895kHz	7010kHz	14050kHz	21050kHz	28050kHz
SSB:	3895kHz	7090kHz	14250kHz	21250kHz	28600kHz

If you wonder about that 3895kHz frequency, a check indicates that possibly the VUs have a small slot of frequencies up in that area and this may be it. A couple of checks on this tended to dissipate the initial doubt.

Anyhow, there it is and what can you do now. As the Hero of Mafeking, Lord Baden-Powell would often say: "Be Prepared!!"

BOUVET The 3Y-Bouvet activity often turned into a DX Dialogue.....everyone calling, nobody listening. And should you tend to believe this, just remember what did happen when the Bouvet station latched on to a blind caller, there was instant bedlam. And sometimes the station called by Bouvet never heard anything else. Many a molar was ground down....

The supply ship taking the Norwegian group to Bouvet and then on to the Antarctic came a cropper a week or so back when a steel cable got wound around its propulsion screws and rudder. The ship drifted for some days in the sub-Antarctic Atlantic until a tug came out from Capetown to take it in tow. At 0200Z last Friday the tug got a line on the ship and started the long haul back to Capetown and a drydock.

Two operators were left on Bouvet, these being 3Y1VC and 3Y1DX. 3Y5DQ was aboard the vessel enroute to Capetown and it was indicated that he would not be landing again on Bouvet but probably going on to his planned work on Queen Maud Land in Antarctica.

The tow to Capetown should take about seven days, four days were scheduled for getting things untangled but the Bouvet operation should continue. It was indicated that there might be more c.w. work but after a flurry of activity early last week, things had tapered off and in the western reaches the station was not being heard.

3Y5DQ, Thorey, did advise ZS6RM that his contacts when not signing /mm were from Bouvet and were made with the ATLAS rig and the improvised antenna. The TH6DX antenna shipped to Capetown was too long a package to fit within the helicopter and could not be off-loaded. However, among the supplies off-loaded before the supply ship left the Bouvet area was the ICOM-701 and the linear. As of last Friday ZS6RM said that this gear had not been put on the air.

3Y1DX could be LA1DX which the call-book shows as Thorfinn Svendsen out of downtown Kragero in Norway. This is a presumption but the usual procedure is to assign calls for the off-shore Norwegian islands using the home-call suffix.

ZS6RM, Dick Matthews, has been maintaining almost daily contacts with the Bouvet operation and has helped to clear much of the speculation and questions on the operation. Most of the above represents late reports from Dick received last Friday.

Anyhow, some are working Bouvet, 14030kHz and 14300kHz the best areas for the hopeful. Some have even worked Bouvet two or three times. The multiplicity of Slims, and especially on c.w. makes many a bit apprehensive.....was it Slim....was it Thory....was it John? So back again for insurance..... Keep hoping.

SUNSPOT LOUIE There have been clouds covering the sun and observations from this area have been a bit difficult during the last week. Actually, a bit on the impossible side. So we zig back a bit, pick up the last data we have and run a chart to show what things were and why DX has thrived.

K7SE who has been skipping about in the Oceanic Territories signing K7SE/ZL1BSK/4 to the confusion of many, paused long enough to call attention to the recent updates on the expectations for Cycle 21.

A speaker from the National Oceanic and Atmosphere out of Boulder recently noted at a meeting of the American Geophysical union that the expectations are that Cycle 21 will reach its maximum sometime in 1980. These predictions are based on the current status of the cycle which began in June 1976 and the maximum smoothed number is expected to be up around one-fifty.

For comparison, the largest cycle, #19, peaked at a 202 number, the second largest peaked at 151. Cycle 21 has every promise of being right up there with the 'biggies'.

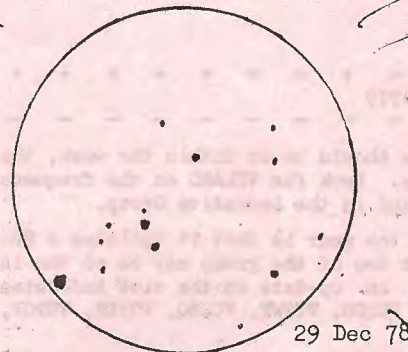
However, they are now worrying about the effects of radiation during periods of flares which could temporarily affect satellite and other forms of communication.....such as amateur radio. There is also a danger possible from radiation during flares to passengers on trans-polar flights where the planes are operating at high altitudes.

Some amateurs have even wondered if they should work on their towers during periods of high flare activity. Perhaps some should be cautious.

Anyhow, the portents are good, everyone is doing the Palos Verdes Blind Call Vertigo on Bouvet and a lot of stuff is coming down the pike to keep everyone interested all through Cycle 21. And there on the south bank of the Potomac, N4XX is mixing the flux and stuff together and what Ted brews, you get....

Jan 9th Above...slipping
to Low Normal
10th Low Normal
11th Low Normal
12th Low Normal
13th High....going to Low Normal
14th Below...disturbed
15th Low.....going to Below Normal
16th Low Normal
17th High Normal
18th High Normal
19th High Normal

No. 1465	3 spots
N13° W42°	20 millionths
No. 1471	3 spots
N19° W54°	40 millionths
No. 1472	3 spots
N21° E05°	20 millionths
No. 1474	20 spots
N12° W01°	80 millionths
No. 1475	14 spots
S29° E22°	90 millionths
No. 1476	12 spots
S15° E26°	150 millionths
No. 1478	3 spots
S11° E26°	20 millionths
No. 1479	3 spots
S18° E35°	80 millionths
No. 1480	9 spots
S22° W67°	40 millionths
No. 1481	3 spots
S18° E13°	20 millionths
No. 1482	4 spots
S22° E40°	40 millionths
No. 1483	10 spots
S33° E47°	80 millionths
No. 1484	2 spots
S35° E73°	310 millionths



And there in the border country K6EC says that it is always High Normal when he tunes for those eighteen-after-the-hour reports from WWV. And Ev says that the big word for the chartmakers is.....

Solar Flux Ap Index		
Dec 25th	143	23
26th	149	9
27th	170	12
28th	174	11

Solar Flux Ap Index		
Dec 29th	173	8
30th	190	16
31st	203	15

Note that the flux was up over the 200 mark at the end of 1978. Things are headed in the right direction for 1979.

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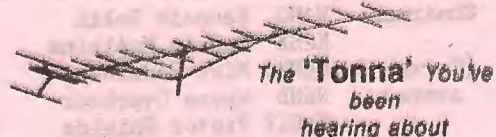
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DESECHEO There is nothing new out of Newington on this matter but something will come along one of these days. We do have a copy of the letter which was sent by KVLKV to the ARRL on the Desecheo question and we have reproduced it below. This confirms what has been reported previously but it gives you the wording from those concerned with the initial amateur operation from the island.

KVLKV QSLs continue to show and those receiving them are holding tight on them. The matter will eventually have to be resolved....yes or no....and the cards may have those sterling values that all DXers like.

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December 15, 1978

Mr. Don Search WJAZD
ARRL
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Dear Don,

It was a pleasure to meet you on the telephone.

Bob Denniston is carefully preparing a package for the DX Committee including legal opinions and depositions from local officials. However, I think I would like to give a preview so that the Committee will not make any rash decisions and await Bob's report.

Briefly, Mr. Furniss shows he knows not of what he speaks when he complains of "illegal broadcasts." Radio emission is under the control of the Federal Communications Commission and not the Fish and Wild Life Service. Further, no landing permit is needed because of the Open Beaches Act in general and more specifically, Federal Code 50 Part 26.27 clearly states "A permit is not required to enter, travel on, and exit from any national wildlife refuge on public waters....."

I have researched Desecheo in relation to Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico and its adjacent islands were ceded to the U.S. by Spain in the Treaty of Paris 1899. And Act of Congress, July 1900 (c.191, 31 Stat. 77, "Organic Act of 1900") placed all such islands under the government of Puerto Rico. However, the island is owned by the Federal Government and thus exempt from control by the local Government. For example: for years that military has been bombing this and other Puerto Rican Islands much to the dismay of the local people. If the Government of Puerto Rico had control of these lands, I'm sure the bombings would have stopped a long time ago. (This situation has been and is very much in the local press.)

In summary, Desecheo was given "country" status, WJAZD and KVLKV are duly licensed and our visits to Desecheo were legal.

We intend to return to Desecheo again.

Please circulate the material to the Committee. Also, you may release the entire letter to the press as you did Mr. Furniss's letter.

In the Advisory Committees, K5IM and W7YTN have completed their service on the DX Advisory Committee while K4PJ and K8MR have completed their tour on the Contest Advisory Committee.

There are other committees....the Emergency Communications Advisory Committees, the VHF

ARRL ADVISORY COMMITTEES The DX Advisory Committees have had their annual shuffling and here is the line-up on the more important ones for 1979.

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	K8MR	James Stahl

Repeater Advisory Committee, UHF/UHF Advisory Committee,

SHORTLY NOTED Don't think that Box 88 is dead, it's only been sleeping. A week or so back John Attaway, K4IIF, who handles the CQ's DX Corral, got a bundle from Moscow. Six pounds of cards, applications and assorted other items. QSL cards were for ninety-three WPX applications, 27 for CQ's DX Country Award and 17 for WAZ. In the past it has been noted that outgoing applications through Box 88 from UA-stations would take from six to ten months to reach this country.

And while working the CQ Desk, it might be noted that January 1st the fee for the WAZ Certificate went to \$2.00. It has been \$1.00 since the mid-Sixties but things have changed since then.....mostly upwards.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I sing the hymn of the conquered, who
fell in the Battle of Bouvet--
The hymn of the wounded, the beaten,
who died overwhelmed in the fray.

TEN METER LOUIE

GD4AM 28035/1530/Dec 30m	J28AY 28038/1435/Dec 29m	UB5CAO 28042/1415/Dec 29e	YV14AM 28013/1740/Dec 29w
GJ3EML 28034/1620/Dec 29w	W8NMK/KG6 28028/2155 27m	UP2BAO 28031/1405/Dec 29m	9J2BO 29003/1525/Dec 28w
GJ5CIA 28027/1440/Dec 29m	KL7JER 28038/2140/Dec 27m	UR2RSI 28005/1345/Dec 29w	9M1CH 28018/1635/Dec 30w
HB0EFN 28010/1350/Dec 29m	LA1XV 28050/1500/Dec 30m	Y08FR 28049/1505/Dec 30w	
CT1GD 28590/1830/Jan 1m	EA7ANJ 28602/1645/Dec 25w	JL1FFX 28618/0000/Dec 26m	TF3CW 28520/1535/Dec 28e
CT3AF 28554/1630/Dec 25e	FR7BE 28505/1435/Dec 25e	K06MJ 28626/2125/Dec 25m	VP8PE 28673/2050/Dec 30m
ET2AW 28542/1715/Dec 30w	GI3IVJ 28505/1530/Dec 28e	KA1MI 28524/2240/Dec 27w	ZD7BW 28514/1750/Dec 29e
WA2WYR/CX 28673/2050 30e	GU3EON 28551/1640/Dec 28e	KX6BU 28540/1925/Dec 26e	5N2NAS 28523/1420/Dec 21e
ET6S 28590/1725/Jan 1m	IS0MFM 28584/1620/Dec 25m	PY8AX 28628/1830/Dec 25m	5W1BZ 28586/0010/Dec 26m

LOW Banded LOUIE

CT1UE 3795/0650/Dec 29w	HS1ABD 3516/1145/Often	PJ2FR 3803/0315/Dec 27e	YN1Z 3501/0340/Dec 29,
GJ3MBS 3503/0245/Dec 29e	HK0BKX 3506/0320/Dec 26m	TI2PZ 3502/0300/Dec 24m	YU1EXY 3504/0305/Dec 29m
GJ5CIA 3502/2155/Dec 28e	KA1NC 3793/1255/Dec 27e	ZB2EO 3527/0100/Dec 29e	VE3BWK/4U 3766/0210 27e
HB9PF 3526/0650/Dec 26w	KL7JCL 3784/1230/Dec 27e	ZF2AD 3502/0205/Dec 26m	
HK4BKR 3793/0445/Dec 30w	KL7JEF 3784/1240/Dec 27e	VO1NO 3803/0245/Dec 22e	
CE3BED 7020/0335/Dec 24m	I2CUV 7032/0115/Dec 25m	OH2UQ 7015/2255/Dec 27m	VK5SZ 7005/1155/Dec 28m
CT2QN 7016/0230/Dec 24m	IL4MO 7034/0050/Dec 25m	PY3CGJ 7006/0250/Dec 26m	VP2VDU 7010/0455/Dec 23m
CX5BK 7005/0345/Dec 24m	JH1GRG 7006/2215/Dec 27e	S8FXT 7008/0315/Dec 28e	VU2GW 7004/1225/Dec 25e
FR7BE 7005/0315/Dec 25m	KG6JTH 7004/1215/Dec 27m	SM2CBS 7002/2235/Dec 27m	XE2RV 7028/0010/Dec 24m
GJ3MBS 7002/0020/Dec 30w	KL7AF 7040/0140/Dec 25m	UA6AKK 7005/2300/Dec 27m	ZE3JO 7014/0330/Dec 24m
HI3JEI 7083/0305/Dec 28e	KV4AA 7030/1035/Dec 22e	UK8EAA 7003/0130/Dec 28e	ZS1RC 7007/0320/Dec 27m
HS1ABD 7003/2105/Dec 26e	OE6MKG 7010/0500/Dec 23m	UL7CAD 7005/1140/Dec 25e	7P8BH 7006/0300/Often
VE3BWK/4U 7006/0225 24m	AA4V/6Y5 7004/2215 26e	YV1NX 7006/0215/Dec 24m	

AFRICA CW

EA8AT 14006/1250/Dec 30w	SU1ER 14007/1500/Dec 30w	5Z4PD 14027/2135/Dec 26e	7X4MD 14020/1735/Dec 25e
EA8NU 14019/0005/Dec 28e	SULGB 14017/1320/Dec 30w?	5Z4QT 14037/1530/Dec 28w	9J2ES 21031/1750/Dec 26e
EL2EV 14028/0020/Dec 30e	ZS1XR 14041/2335/Dec 29w	5T5BZ 14009/0035/Dec 30w	9X5QM 14025/1525/Dec 27w
J28AG 14032/1420/Dec 28m	3D6AX 14023/1630/Dec 27w#	7X4AN 14016/0020/Dec 26e	9J2DI 21006/1940/Dec 25m

ASIA CW

ALXHI 14029/1535/Dec 27w	HZ4QT 14029/2220/Dec 28m	UJ8AG 14027/0315/Dec 29w
EP2DZ 21003/1340/Dec 25m	JA7JT/JD1 14022/0430 29w	VU2GE 14031/1225/Dec 29e
EP2BQ 14026/1240/Dec 29e	LA7CM/OD5 21010/1415 25e	VU2LB 14020/1250/Dec 25e#
HM1DH 14028/2340/Dec 28e	UI8GAJ 21007/1305/Dec 26e	VU2RQ 14027/0315/Dec 29w
HS1ABD 14032/0120/Dec 30w	UI8TAA 14007/1330/Dec 27m	9M2FK 14026/0130/Dec 28m#
HZ4PD 14026/2205/Dec 26e	UK8AAK 14028/1150/Dec 27e	

AFRICA SSB

C5ABD 14119/0025/Dec 28m	S8FXT 21260/2000/Dec 27e	XT2AT 21350/1750/Dec 28m	5Z4NH 14225/1535/Dec 28m
C5ABK 14239/2325/Dec 28e	WB5AJE/SU 14225/1835 29e	ZD7SD 14210/2045/Dec 29e	5Z4RT 14214/1445/Dec 28m
CN8AK 14225/1550/Jan 1w#	ST2SA 14210/1520/Dec 31w	ZD7JW 21355/2035/Dec 27e	9G1FF 14215/0245/Dec 27m
D68AD 21282/1815/Dec 21e	ST0RK 14250/1545/Dec 29m	ZE6JL 21355/2005/Dec 29m	9G1LG 21319/2200/Dec 30w
D4CBS 14214/0740/Dec 30w	TU2IF 14244/2135/Dec 29e	ZS3AG 21309/2020/Dec 27w	9J2JN 14238/0345/Dec 26e
FH8CL 14240/1525/Dec 30w#	F6DXE/TU 14225/2305/ 27w	ZS3KC 14234/2015/Dec 29e	9L1SL/C 14251/0100/De 25w
FR7BE 14201/1500/Dec 30w	TT8HV 14237/1500/Dec 25w	ZS6RM 14332/2045/Dec 27e	9X5FP 14151/1525/Dec 31w#
TU2DJ 14203/0120/Dec 28w	XT2AV 14202/1605/Jan 1w	WB5WIC/3D6 14255/0140 26e	

ASIA SSB

AP2ZR 14203/1250/Dec 27e#	JY9VK 14225/1500/Jan 1w#	YI1BGD 14225/1615/Dec 29w	5B4HD 14210/0100/Dec 28w
AP2UR 14203/1250/Dec 29e	JY9DK 14236/1535/Dec 30w	YI1BGD 14235/1545/Dec 31w	9K2EW 14193/1500/Dec 26e
A6XB 14225/1505/Dec 30m	JY9OD 14226/1455/Dec 26w#	YK1AA 14225/1510/Dec 25w#	9K2BE 14212/1320/Dec 27m
EP2NC 14205/1510/Dec 27w#	UK6GAA 14272/1545/Dec 27w#	LS7JD 14219/1300/Dec 30e	9V1OI 14243/1555/Dec 30w
EP2LI 14226/1450/Jan 1w#	VU2UGI 14232/1300/Dec 25e	VE3BWK/4U 14220/1520 30w#	9V1TF 14202/0025/Dec 29m
EP2VH 14268/1500/Dec 26w#	VU2ARC 14209/1225/Dec 29e	LX4JU 14210/1450/Dec 28m	9N1MM 14224/0120/Dec 28e
HL9TJ 14225/2310/Dec 28m	VS6AK 14203/1215/Dec 29e	LZ4RV 14208/1415/Dec 27m	
HS1WR 14214/1440/Jan 2w#	YI1BGD 14224/1510/Dec 24w#	5B4DI 14205/2310/Dec 29e	
HZ1MJ 14250/1600/Dec 26w	YI1BGD 14213/1350/Dec 26e	DL7SU/5B4 14252/1530, 26w	
JY3ZH 14212/1330/Dec 27m	YI1BGD 14304/1600/Dec 27w	9K2DJ 14250/0455/Dec 31e	

MORE RED EYED LOUIE

Across the margin of the world I called,
And troubled the gold gateways of the stars,
Smiting for DX on their clanged bars.....

EUROPE CW

CT2OQ 14026/2120/Dec 26w	GJ5CIA 14028/1315/Dec 30w	TF3DC 14008/1705/Dec 28w	UR2AWA 14030/1250/Dec 30m
CT2CB 14030/2015/Dec 28e	GM3SJO 14003/1304/Dec 30w	UK1TAB 21037/1425/Dec 28e	UY5MV 21020/1455/Dec 28e
EA6DD 14003/1645/Dec 27w	GU5CIA 21029/1810/Dec 26m	UK1APA 21045/1415/Dec 28e	
EU2BA 14031/0205/Dec 28w#	OH2BDA 21036/1425/Dec 28e	UK2PCR 14025/0025/Dec 29e	
EU2WAF 14025/0000/Dec 29w	SP6EXU 21020/1450/Dec 28e	UO5OGV 21011/1550/Dec 28e	
EU2DU 14025/1425/Dec 29w	SY3F 14045/1150/Dec 28e??	UP2BAO 14032/0010/Dec 29e	

EUROPE SSB

CT2SH 21280/1830/Dec 27w	LX1TL 14242/0820/Dec 30w	ON5YR 14263/1550/Dec 31w#	ZB2DW 21296/1730/Dec 25e
EU2ABC 14227/0745/Dec 30w	LX1SI 14246/1545/Dec 27w#	OZ4M 14225/1520/Jan 2w#	3A2HB 14240/1300/Dec 26e
HB7AIJ 14220/1540/Jan 1w#	LZ2SC 14216/1500/Jan 1w#	UC2AFA 14202/1400/Dec 27m	F9UW/3A 14210/1525/Dec 2w#
HB9ALX 14210/1530/Jan 1w#	OE2REL 14228/1540/Jan 1w#	UK6LAZ 14224/1410/Dec 27m#	9H4M 14202/1530/Dec 28w
IT9YRE 14209/1455/Dec 29w	OK1AMI 14214/1540/Jan 2w#	UK5MAF 14208/1415/Dec 28m	9H4L 14227/1610/Dec w6w#
LA6JG 21308/1445/Dec 28e	ON4UN 14222/1825/Dec 25w	UW6DO 14203/1500/Dec 30w#	

ELSEWHERE CW

CO2PY 14028/0220/Dec 31w	K0AX/DU2 14020/2320/ 25e#	OX3MD 21013/1715/Dec 29w	VP2VDU 14013/0255/Dec 29e
CO5DM 14022/0150/Dec 26e	HI8LC 14040/0245/Dec 31e	TG9ML 14028/1435/Dec 30w	YB1KW 14032/2330/Dec 25e#
FP0EA 14034/0105/Dec 27e	HI8MOG 21017/1925/Dec 29w	TG2AF 14027/1645/Dec 28w	ZF2AD 14007/1300/Dec 30w
FP0ED 14028/0220/Dec 31w	J3AAG 14029/0150/Dec 29e	VE8RCS 14005/0015/Dec 29e	5W1BZ 14008/0435/Dec 28w
FY7YE 14050/1245/Dec 29w	KG4CC 14022/0140/Dec 29w	VP8AI 14030/0245/Dec 28e	9Y4VU 14019/0000/Dec 30w
HD5EE/4 21027/1835/Dec 26e	KV4AA 14030/1745/Dec 28w	VP2SZ 14028/1250/Dec 28e	

ELSEWHERE SSB

A35RB 14256/1540/Dec 26w	HK0QA 14222/1515/Dec 25w	P29JS 14221/2220/Dec 26e#	VP8QV 14203/0130/Dec 26m
FK8CR 21354/1945/Dec 26m	HK0BKX 14194/1500/Jan 1w	PZ2AC 14210/0120/Dec 27m	VP8CU 14204/0225/Dec 28w
FP8DX 14225/2225/Dec 26e	HR1HC 21310/2120/Dec 30w	VK7AE 14216/1545/Dec 27m	VR3AR 14203/0100/Dec 26e
FY7AE 21355/2035/Dec 27e	J3AO 21300/2030/Dec 29e	VK9XW 14205/0000/Dec 26e	VR6TC 21353/1715/Dec 29w
WA7UWE/C6A 14225/1645 28m	KC4AAC 14314/0335/Dec 27m	VP2MH 14240/1305/Dec 26e	5W1AX 14254/0435/Dec 23w
HD5EA 14228/1245/Dec 29e	OX3BA 14211/0135/Dec 28m	VP2AK 21322/1925/Dec 26m	6Y5RL 21355/2035/Dec 27e
HC8GI 14205/0515/Dec 30m	PY2BU 14229/0405/Dec 27e	VP2IGL 14250/1250/Dec 29w	8P6JH 14245/0025/Dec 29e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches all times in gmt # = long path)
(?? = Slim.....often on c.w. In the middle of every big pile-up....)

DX-Ten Years Back

January 7, 1969 ZL1DS and ZL1AFZ were being heard from Chatham Island. W4WS and W6BPO were aiming for a February operation from Norfolk. CE3ZN was trying to get things untangled for a San Felix effort. 5BDXCC was in its first week of existence and everything was DX....absolutely!

K6TXR was receiving congratulations from the whole Pacific Slope after working YK1AA. Slim had been heard in December from 'ZAP', 200 miles north of Spratly and signing IZ9AY. CR8AI was on from Timor and VS5TJ was Slim again. CR9AK on from Macao. KW8AX was visiting in the states and VQ8CC was aiming for an early St Brandon/Rodriguez operation. Some of the Deserving even then were waiting patiently for PYO-cards. Then it was PY0SP and PY0DX, this being a previous November trip to St Peter and Paul Rocks. The cards came through in quick order. The USCG SOUTHWIND was headed for a March stop at Heard Island. There was even then a persistent inside rumor that Clipperton would show in mid-January. XZ-Burma was still in the quiet period, from which it never recovered, and rumors of BY-operations could be found. XZ2AB was to show in mid-January.....proving even then that all you had to do was mention a country being not on the air and Slim would immediately rush to correct things. Good Ol' Slim!!

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SERRANA BANK The group has run into some transportation problems and the schedule will have to be slipped back some weeks and now looks like a February possibility.

The plans had been based on using a PBV amphibian plane based in San Andres to fly the group out to Serrana Bank. Last week the pilot for the company owning the plane split the scene, all this raising a few problems.

A new pilot is being hired by the company but until things straighten out and are back to normal, the operation is marking time. A new plan will be prepared, this based in part on the availability of the crew and their absence from their normal work. Right now they are hoping for February, it may be as late as March but they are firm in aiming for a Serrana Bank operation as soon as they can reorganize things.

HEARD ISLAND Some of the VK/ZL DX Types have been looking over the possibility of a Heard Island revival and there are indications that things may be moving for something this year.

One of those active has advised his stateside contact that permission has been granted to land on the island, that transportation will be available and a callsign....VKØHI has been issued.

Firm details are not yet available but there was mention that it would be during the summer season there at Heard. As that is right now the premise could be that it may come rather quickly, or it may come a year from now.

There is hope. The VK/ZLs are industriously working to get this one back on the air, it has not been heard since VKØHM was there in 1970.

SOUTH SANDWICH There are indications that activity from South Sandwich will pick up again in mid-January, some changes in the Argentina base on Thule coming about then.

LU3ZY should be heard both on c.w. and SSB.....Isidoro being the new operator on c.w., Annibal being the new operator on SSE. The advice was to start listening for them starting about January 15th and especially in the 14205kHz area, this in evening hours.

LU2AFH has been noting that the activity from the South Sandwich group would come again and the DXers in Argentina who were instrumental in getting activity from the islands are working to keep it going. If you need LU3ZY, start listening next week.

SOUTH SHETLANDS There are a couple of new Argentine operators being heard from the South Shetlands, these being on two different islands in the group.

LU1ZS is on Media Luna (Half-Moon) Island in the South Shetlands, this one being at 62°S. The operator there is Danael. On Deception Island is LU1ZC, George, this one being at 59°S. Both should be active but the usual operating frequencies are not yet noted.

JUAN DE NOVA FR7ZL is presently on Juan de Nova, his tour there scheduled to start on January 1st. Guy should be there for two months and the amateur activity will be on twenty meters only. FR7BE says that Guy is active and 14101kHz the frequency that you should check.

BARBADOS W1RED will scoot out of frozen Boston next week and head for his favorite thawing-out spot, the Barbados. He will be on the air for a couple of weeks starting January 22nd and he hopes to be again issued his old call of 8P6EZ.

Look for him around 14280kHz from 1200Z most days.....when he goes to c.w. he usually is found around 14038kHz. Patrick works all bands except One-Sixty and would be happy to have any of the Deserving drop in on him. QSLs go to his home QTH, Patrick Gleason, W1RED, 189 Prospect Avenue, Northampton, Mass 01060.

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SHORTLY NOTED Some weeks back we noted that OJØBW and OH5BW were probably Slim. Those sent via the Finnish Radio League are being bounced back with the official word.

KV4AA, however, is for real and his final QSO total for 1978 was somewhere over 48K. WA6TLA worked him on December 28th and he was well over the 47K total. 5U7AG, often on twenty SSB around 14210kHz after 2130Z, will be leaving Niger in March but will take the station apart in mid-February. VK9XW on Christmas Island has been found on a list operation around 14230kHz after 2330Z. The station was there on 20th of December.

The EA8CR operation in the CQ CW Test ran up something like 17million net points in a multi-multi effort. The totals ran....

160mtrs	123 QSOs	31 countries	9 Zones
80	567	55	14
40	1039	64	19
20	2930	111	36
15	2694	109	34
10	2418	93	31
	9771	463	143

This figures out to 17,800,000 points. Those involved in the effort were EA8CR/EA2OP/EA7ALG/EA7TL/EA9EO/OH2BAD/OH2MM/OH3XZ/OH5DX as operators and OH3XZ and OH8QD as the station/antenna team.

QSLs? EA8CR operated in a solo effort in the SSB test; in the CW team signed EAØCR. The contest activity by EA8CR in the phone test (Oct 28/29th, and by EAØCR in the CW Test (Nov 25/26) all go to to Miika Heikinheimo, OH2BAD, Lökkalantie 16 A 19, SF-00330, Helsinki 33, Finland. Mikka says that the QSLing for the 1977 EA8CR effort have all been cleared.

The Potomac Valley Radio Club's PJ9JR effort in CQ DX Test ran up 29,668,500 points, they having

160mtrs	37 QSOs	14 countries	5 zones
80	758	68	17
40	1226	84	23
20	3918	135	35
15	4075	125	35
10	4616	111	32
	14,630	537	147

QSLs should be available this month. N4MM will be at the Tropical Hamboree on Jan 26/27th and if you want to get your incoming cards from the W4/K4/N4 sector of the four-land QSL bureau, drop him a note and check the QSL Bureau booth at the meeting.

On the KZØDX QSLs, Jim Miller, KZ5JM, is shipping the logs and QSL cards to K7SFN who will start the processing chore.

K7SFN is Frank Dziurda, 225 West Coyote Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701. If your callbook is prior to 1979, you will have trouble unless you use the above address.

VE3FXT advises K2UFM that his H5FXT license has been renewed and he will show about next Monday from Bophuthatswana. He has the tower up and looks for a good signal on 160 to 10 meters. QSLs go to VE3DPB, B C Dekat, P.O Bx 137, Lynden LOR 1T0, Ontario, Canada.

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The Bangalore Radio Club and VU1ARC in mid-month
Almost here....January 18th to 21st
ZLs saying they have authorization and transportation...this year.
FR7ZL there for two months....thru February. Twenty meters only
W1RED for two weeks from January 22nd. Looking to sign 8P6EZ...
VP8PL sometimes at 14025kHz after 0100Z....but not every day
Two new stations active.....LU12C and LU12S.
LUs say action to pick up in mid-January. New operators
Jacky reported as planning for mid-March
I2FGP going in a matter of weeks....maybe several
HIs with special prefix.....HI1RCD and January 25th
Possible VK/ZL effort this year.....before the monsoon
W0SH and K0XD for a week from February 13th
Plans going for something this Spring.....around April/May
VR6BJ in late April for a brief run.
Something might be developing. P29JS says he looking.....
Baruch should announce soon. He had been aiming for Wallis....
Maybe February. Willy enroute.....
George, H5FXT on all bands from January 21st
Downtown Gent.....February 10th. The ON-DX group wants you there!!
Downtown Norfolk, Virginia....K4JNM for the roadmaps
This weekend....January 13/14th
January 26/28th
January 27/28th
January 27/28th
February 24/25th
March 3/4th....only chance to get in the ARRL Phone Test in 1979
March 17/18th..only chance to get in the ARRL CW Test in 1979
March 24/25th
May 26/27th
The BIG DX MEETING!! Always. At the Hilton in downtown Fresno
....April 7th and 8th.

On that Flanders DX Meeting, it is at Gent. We got some flak from some that it was being misspelled. First of all, that is how the Flanders DX Club spells it. Rand McNally spells it that way....and!!!!....if you look up Ghent in the the index, they refer you to 'Gent' If it is good enough for Rand-McNally, it is good enough for us. It is at 51.03N and 3.43E.

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Bev Cavender, W4ZD, Southeastern Vice-Director, found the press of business commitments too much and has resigned his position. Frank Butler, W4RE, has been appointed to complete the term of office.

FCC had 353,162 amateur licenses in their great computer at the end of November. Novice....61K....Techs68K....General 118K.....Advanced 82K and Extra 22K. There was only a small gain of 325 during November, the gain for the year through November is 26,404.

A FCC Administrative Law Judge has revoked the licenses of John Sheller, W8MZ and Joh Galucci, WB8AKU and WB8CPL, for bribing the FCC employee for preferential license callsigns. The FCC Review Board has scheduled oral arguments in the case for later in January.

K8TMK has filed a petition asking amendment of Part 97 of the rules so that contacts of less than one minute will not require an amateur station to identify the station with which it has established contact. This is RM-3281.

TNX to K1AA, W1DA, W1GL, W1GNC, W1MV, W1VV, WA1WTP, W1XS, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, W2GHV, W2HAZ, W2NC, K2OF, N2OO, WA2SON, K2UO, W3BTX, W3CDL, WB4EDD, N4MM, W4HU, K4IIF, W4KA, W4LCL, AA4T, W4UF, N4WX, N4XX, W4ZR, K5AQ, W5AQ, W5CPI, K5DB, K5DUT, W5IMJ, W5JW, K5LIL, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5VVD, W5YH, K6AXC, N6EM, W6JD, K6KA, W6KPC, K6LAE, N6LK, W6MUS, N6OB, N6OC, W6PYV, WA6TLA, K6UFT, W6TSQ, W6VQD, WB6VTE, K6WR, K7ABV, N7MW, K7SE, K7SFN, N7UT, K8CSG/5, WB8EUN, K8FU, K8IA, W8JXM, K8RD, W8UVZ, K9DID, WD9DEE, W9SC, W9SS, W9TC, W9TKV, K9XJ, W0BW, W0PT, N0RF, KH6BZF.

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 coming with the inevitable question. "I read somewhere," the QRPer tells us, "that older persons tend to smile and laugh less than do the younger ones. Why is that?" Our initial reaction was to ask why the QRPer had to come all the way up through the woods to ask questions like that but, turning down Saint Saens Opus 31, we quieted. "Maybe it is because they've worked all the DX around," we suggested and the QRPer shook his head. "That can't be it," he declared, "there is always DX around and there always will be new DX. Even you have said that." We had to scratch our old grey head on that one for he did have us there. "Maybe it is because they've heard all the jokes," we brightly suggested and again the QRPer was not buying. "Joy is an inward thing," the QRPer carefully noted, "and if you feel it, you will express it." It was obvious that we were getting no place with this QRPer and we figured we had better stop and do some thinking. We thought of the last time we had been out to the Marin Old Gaffers luncheon and heard the joyful litany of ailments and impairments. And that traffic net bulletin that faithfully reported every month the list of those going to the hospital, those coming from the hospital and those who were not quite making it. "But what is Joy?" we asked the QRPer and he shook his head. "I asked first," he was quick to point out and we had to admit he was right on that point. And perhaps it was a case of his being more right than we might want to acknowledge. For we had been noting more than one of the matured DX types whose smile turned down at the corners rather than up. But we had to tell the QRPer something. "Perhaps joy and laughter is something that needs practice," we ventured. "Like running and jumping and things like that. Maybe we get out of practice." We were speaking from experience here for we well recalled the New Years Day effort to leap in the air and click our heels as we would once do. The QRPer was ready to agree to this. "You're probably right," he said, "but I got to wondering when a lot of the younger club members were referring to the 'Di-Gel Generation'. Maybe you have, too." Son of a Gun, no matter what we thought we could not acquiesce to allowing such a blot on the image of some of the worthiest of the Deserving. But we thought that maybe we'd better check our smile first. We suspect, perhaps, that we are again groping our way into one of the Eternal Enigmas and after thinking it over a bit, we decided to forget it. Just bring a lot of new DX and we will smile! Always!! And if you want to know how to get your Di-Gel Smile going again, drop a line and we will tell you our Di-Gel rates. They move..... For, as one has noted, "If I don't work Bouvet, what is there to smile about?"

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