



West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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SOMALIA Giampaolo Forti, I2FGP, has his plans set for a return to Somalia and more activity from the 601FG callsign. He will be in Somalia for a month and though moving about in the back country, will operate from any stop where local situations allow it.

He will be using a SSB crystal-controlled rig, efforts to get a split-frequency rig have not worked out. There is limited c.w. possibilities with this rig and he will not have break-in facility, the receiver filter is a 2.5kHz type.

Giampaolo will be in Somalia doing some work on communications systems. He is not on a DXpedition and his operating times will be dependent on available time, he expects to be on most days from 1500Z. Friday is a local holiday in the country and it may be the best day to look for him.

Frequencies are crystal-controlled and look for him at.....

14025kHz....or 14051kHz as a refuge when QRM gets too rough.

14205kHz....or 14282kHz when things get bad.

In case of persistent QRM, he will shift modes.....SSB to c.w. or c.w. to SSB. It might be kept in mind that those following the direct path of calling on frequency persistently may be covering up 601FG. He will be using a Net Control most days in efforts to avoid the QRM and the sometimes impatient calling of the hopeful. Lists will only be taken while he is on frequency, good for the day only generally and he is not encouraging anyone to wait endless hours. He wants short, fast and quick QSOs and adherence to the instructions from the Net Control.

QSLs should be sent to IØDUD.....Giuseppe D'Aurelio
Via Antonio Fogazzaro 87
00137 Roma, Italy

This is a change from the QSL route in his first effort from Somalia. Then the cards went to I2MQP but should any go that route, they will end up with I2FGP. QSLs sent to I2FGP's home QTH will also be answered but the preferred route is via the QSL Manager.

What else is there to note? One thing that is for sure that identifiable QRMers will be avoided and this will include those who fail to follow instructions from either 601FG or the Net Control. Duplicated contacts would be something to avoid, Giampaolo feeling that a duplicate QSO means that perhaps someone who needs Somalia for DXCC will miss his chance. Generally, he would also like to avoid questions about his signal, what he had for breakfast and where he will be tomorrow night. Also, he will not be needing comparison reports between how his signal is today compared to what it was yesterday.

What does all this mean? Only that I2FGP wants to work as many as possible of those needing 601FG for DXCC counters and he wants to work them quick and painlessly. Pure DX.....all the way. Or, as they say in downtown Milano....."Nonorate l'altissimo DXer"

LOUVET If you listen most afternoons you will hear someone calling....blindly....for 3Y1VC. This usually around 14030kHz, or within a kc or so. And usually sometime after 2300Z. If you persist you will suddenly be dazzled to hear 3Y1VC respond and the evening activity is off and running.

The signal definitely is improved, the station is showing frequently and the location on the band is fairly set. Generally after the initial burst 3Y1VC goes to a split operation and will operate until about 0030Z. That usually finishes up the days activity and you can listen for him the following day.

It does work and a good number are working the c.w. activity. Patience is needed but often rewarded. 3Y1VC QSLs to LA1VC.

SOUTH SANDWICH Look for LU3ZY on most Sunday evenings, actually 0100Z Mondays, and listen for LU2AFH making a list. Ron compiles the list waiting for LU3ZY to show and when he does, he passes the list and the joy is unbounded. 14220kHz is the alert area.

The present crew at the base on Thule in the South Sandwich group expect to be there for about the rest of the year and are planning to try c.w. in a month or so. Some of the pressure is off this one but those who still need it are hardly ready to agree that it is not needed. Listen for LU2AFH.....Ron often the marker to watch for.....

SUNSPOT LOUIE It is rather difficult to keep getting any attention by shouting that things are good and going to get better. "Better than what?" you'll soon be asked, "after all last week I worked Bouvet, South Sandwich and Iraq. What else do you have coming that is good?"

Son of a Gun! What does one say? For as Albert would often say, all things are relative, some more so. And when there is DX oozing out of every kilocycle, how does one expand the superlative? Certainly one of the Eternal Enigmas.

It might help to get things into a bit of perspective to note that Cycle 19 which peaked in 1958 was the highest peak ever recorded, it being up around the 200 SSN. Cycle 5 is the lowest ever observed, it being down around the 50 mark. The present cycle is expected to peak around the 150 mark and that should bring enough to keep most DXers happy. The last cycle, Cycle 20, peaked at 110 SSN.

You've probably noted that we no longer attempt to identify the active areas right on the chart, the work by W6RQ is much more detailed and exact and if you wish, you can figure most of them easily by using the coordinates from WWV.

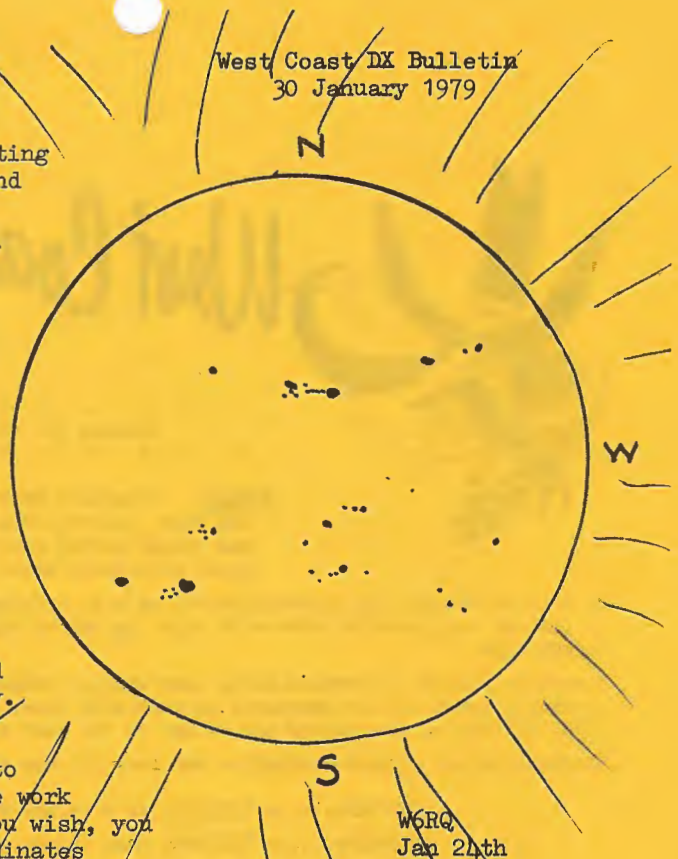
Back on the south bank of the Potomac N4XX continues to look for the blue crocus in the snow to announce the coming Spring but mostly just finding some sleepy groundhogs checking things out. But though the snow is cold and the wind sharp, Ted has the glow of DX and says that no matter what the TV weatherman says, life for DXers is turning into a lot of highs, some even higher than high. And as we scan the chart, from west to east, from north to south, there will be noted a multitude of HNs and some ANs but not very many LNs or EVs. But, whether you like the HNs better than the LNs, you're going to have to take what comes and Ted says that it will be....

January 30th Low Normal
31st Low/Below Normal
February 1st Low Normal
2nd High/Low Normal
3rd High/Low Normal
4th Above Normal
5th High/Low Normal
6th Above Normal
7th Above Normal
8th Above Normal
9th Above Normal....

And as we dodge the wide flourish with which Ted ended his performance, we run quickly to K6EC to see how Ev is tending the flux.

Solar Flux Ap Index		
Jan 15th	203	10
16th	198	8
17th	179	4
18th	182	12

Solar Flux Ap Ind.		
Jan 19th	194	15
20th	204	12
21st	217	6



No. 1514	3 spots
N10° W50°	120 millionths/area
No. 1519	30 spots
N18° W06°	550 millionths
No. 1520	10 spots
S14° W02°	150 millionths
No. 1522	8 spots
S12° E18°	200 millionths
No. 1523	9 spots
S22° W45°	250 millionths
No. 1525	25 spots
N13° E32°	230 millionths
No. 1526	10 spots
S26° E23°	50 millionths
No. 1527	8 spots
N10° E35°	60 millionths
No. 1528	11 spots
N20° E53°	300 millionths
No. 1529	12 spots
S34° W10°	40 millionths
No. 1532	10 spots
S13° E66°	60 millionths
No. 1533	1 spot
S25° E74°	180 millionths

WILLY De ROOS Last week Willy was at Greenwich Island in the South Shetland Group and waiting things out a bit. After crossing the Drake Passage between Cape Horn and the islands at the tip of the Palmer Peninsula, Willy will be there for a week before heading further south to Peter Island. It would seem that the middle of February will be the earliest you might expect some action from the spot in the Bellinghausen Sea.

FW8/TT-BARUCH Baruch showed on schedule and last week was working a number of frequencies from FW8-Wallis Island. He was being reported at 14180kHz around 0400Z....at 14270kHz at 0700Z and a couple of other spots. He should be there for another week or so.

QSLs go to him at.....Baruch Sheinberg, P.O. Box 22572, Tel Aviv, Israel. Baruch will QSL on his return home, this may not come for a couple months. He asks a self-addressed envelope and \$1 to cover the postage, IRCs give him a lot of problems and he would just as soon not get them. He should be heard from other stops in the Pacific in the coming month.

CARIBBEAN Chod Harris, WA1SQB, will be making a number of Caribbean stops starting next week. He says to look for him at.....

8P6-Barbados	February 1st and 2nd....then again on Feb 10th
VP2SE-St Vincent	February 2nd to 10th
HC8-Galapagos	February 28th to March 7th. .

The latter stop will take him across the ARRL DX Phone Test and he will be signing WA1SQB/HC8 during the stop in the Galapagos. All the actions QSL to his home QTH, Chod Harris, 32 Walker Lane, Bloomfield, Conn 06002. Sase or Sae/IRC requested.

3V8AA This one continues to show, some have speculated that it might be the same station as ISØLYN who takes the list but others have noted the list being passed and it definitely being two different stations.

3V8AA says that he is located 35km from Tunis and is running 10 watts into a trapped vertical. The license is only a temporary one, the handle is Mashil and QSLs go to ISØLYN.....Mario Lumbau, Via Sardegna 16, 07001 Sassari, Sardinia, Italy.

BHUTAN You may watch for this one at 14065kHz at about 1300Z....or slightly before..... on Wednesdays and Saturdays. A list is usually taken a bit before, sometime after 1230Z and the frequency for the action may slide up or down some kcs. On Jan 13th the station was at 14054kHz at 1330Z. He has also be found down around 14020kHz so slip around if you are thirsting for an A51 contact.

A51PN is sometimes found on the SEAsia Net.....14320kHz at 1200Z and sticks around there for awhile. He has been reported working SSB as late as 1400Z on this frequency, Saturdays seem to be the good time to watch for him on the SEAnet.

TOGO DK3LF/5V7 at 14240kHz after 2330Z. Handle is Helm, QSLs to DL2LK and says he is north of Lome there in Togo. He should be showing around this time on some days and it is the good hunting area.

FRANZ JOSEF Some of the operators at UK9AAN have been mentioning to UW3HY that Franz Josef may show on c.w. only and twenty and forty meters in a matter of days. No definite dates but the word passed to K5OVC is to watch for UK1PAA to show.

On the November operation that was supposedly from Franz Josef, this was Slim...as some suspected.

IWO/OGASAWARA KA1IW shows most days on ten meters, usually after 2330Z or thereabouts. The station also shows on forty meters most nights around 1000Z and on seventy-five at 3797kHz, usually between 1100Z and 1200Z, sometimes as late as 1400Z.

JA7JT/JD1 is also being found on ten meter c.w., the frequency usually around 28032kHz after 2300Z.

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SHORTLY NOTED The January-February issue of OCEANS magazine has articles which touch on Canton Island in the Pacific, the Auckland Islands and Palau. Usually not a widely circulated magazine, you probably can find it, however, in most large libraries.

You know the antenna system of OH8OS.....most everyone has heard about it. W6KPC is putting a Sky Needle on top of a 100' tower. Frank has 12 elements on twenty at the 135' level. Using 30 watts he says that he and OH8OS had 'S9' signals both ways. And if you think that height does not help, a hundred years ago Professor Loomis out of the Potomac country was reporting the theory that at certain elevations there is a natural electric current which allows the dispensing with of wires for telegraphy. The professor reported that telegraphy was being received at distances of 11 miles when kites were flown with popper wires at both ends, the signals ceasing when one of the kites were lowered. Ever since then DXers have been looking for that 'natural electric current'. Usually a high tower and a big beam will help find it. No true-blue DXer will dispute that.

VK0PK is currently on Mcquarrie Island and being heard. The weekly International Island DX Net meets on Friday at 0300Z on 14280kHz. This is operated by the Whidbey Island DX Club.

On the Honduran operation coming late in February one of the participants will be WB9VVK/HR1, Jack Mason, the Executive Vice-president of the Casino Royal Hotel there in Tegucigalpa. This will be a mostly c.w. operation, starting on February 25th and running to March 10th across the ARRL DX Phone Test.....during which the operation will switch to mostly SSB.....naturally.

Others in on the operation will be Rollie Crider, K9VCM, Curt Van de Water, WA9RXP, Bill Eiler, K9OIW will be the rest of the crew. K9VCM will be recalled as one of the H5IND operators during the Independence activity back in 1977.

Some efforts are going on in ZS-land to try to raise the level of activity from Marion Island.....it being rather low right now. The current operator may come up with a QSL Manager but you can also try ZS1TD.

Maurice Caplan, often heard from VS5MC, is back in England. VS5RCS which was a call of a DXpedition out of Malaysia back in 1968 and signed by Jack Cooper, 9M2XX and Dennis Bowden, 9M2NF. Jack Cooper is now retired from the Royal Signals and currently is G3DPS in Hants.

7XL4AN from December 1st QSLs to DJ2BW.....Hermann Samson, Tannenweg 2, D-5501 Osburg, West Germany. KVL4KV says that he will not even look in the direction of Desecheo until there is a decision out of Newington. Something may show during the Board Meeting this last weekend, we have some material ready to run but have been holding it. Don't faint in suppressed emotion should they again 'review' the whole matter of country status and possibly come with the ultimate solution. Anyhow, KVL4KV is letting it slow his action, a week or so back he was signing VP2LGA on twenty SSB.

Some big bets are starting to be listed with the South Florida DXers on who will be the first to gain a 5BWAZ. A lot of pizza.....(the edible ones, naturally)....are being wagered on the race. The winner will be entitled to use the title 'The Big Florida Pizza' on his QSL cards.

It is also reported.....with emphasis....that Guy has not gone to Tromelin....yet. The trip is tentatively set for mid-summer and it may include a short stop at Europa. But that is a couple months off. FR7ZO is reported as currently in the Juan de Nova group but only working the French stations.

W7OK says he is getting cards for a TC2AB but knows nothing about this one. TF3CW will probably go to OY-Faroes for the CW portion of the CQ WPX Test. Later in the year, in July, he will be in the U.S. for a months visit. F9UW/3A has been showing on Tuesday mornings on the W7PHO Family Hour.

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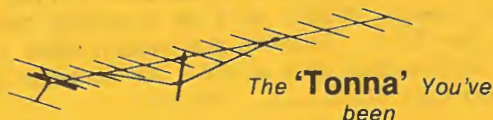
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CLUB NOTES Once it did seem to us that DX Clubs were veiled mysteries, seldom heard of and hard to identify. In recent years more are passing in review and we have come up with a few more of the lists of the DX leaders.

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SOUTH JERSEY DX ASSN N200 is rounding up the South Jersey DX types for the first meeting of the South Jersey DX Association.

Jimmie's Restaurant on Route 72, Manahawkin, New Jersey will be the site and it will be at high noon on Sunday, February 11th.

Bob Schenck, N200, 212 Oak Leaf Drive, Tuckerton, New Jersey, 08087, will be counting the DX types at the door. Even if you cannot make it but may be interested, Bob would like to hear from you. Deserving DXers.....Unite!!

SHIP ISLAND The Magnolia DX Group will operate WN5IJZ from Ship Island during the coming CQ WW WPX Test over the weekend of March 24/25th. They will be multi/single on eighty through ten. A special commemorative QSL card will be sent to mark the operation. N5FG, Floyd Gerald, 4706 Washington Ave, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 will handle the QSLs.

Ship Island is in the Gulf of Mexico, about 13 miles south of Biloxi and about in between Mobile and New Orleans. Fort Massachusetts built during the Civil War still stands on the island, this known as Fort 'Twiggs' at one time, named after its commander.

Occupied by Union Forces in September 1861, the island was considered a strategic point controlling both the Mississippi River mouths and Mobile Bay. The Magnolia DX Groups have not yet raised the question of separate administration.

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PITCAIRN ISLAND There will be a bit of activity from Pitcairn around April 19th when three visiting types come ashore from the YANKEE TRADER on another circumnavigation of the world. We have been noting that VR6BJ will be showing and this call has been issued to Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, of Colby, Kansas. Also on the YANKEE TRADER will be K5UC, John Papp, and John Carson, N1DX. Some of these may have applied for licenses though this is not definite, each one so far has made individual arrangements and will meet for the first time aboard the boat.

KØBJ has definite plans for operation from Pitcairn, RTTY, CW and maybe some SSB. The length of the operation will depend on whether their is a trip to Henderson Island by the vessel to pick up a load of wood for the locals there on Pitcairn. If this develops, there may be three or four days of operating by the visitors.

Bruce says he will start with RTTY, this being about 90kHz up from the lower band edge, then to c.w. which will be around 25kHz up. On forty meters the RTTY will be around 7040kHz. The main intent will be to give Pitcairn on some of the modes not usually available.

VR6TC does not operate on forty and eighty but if things jell, they will toss up dipoles and try those frequencies.

WØFAH will handle the QSLs for KØBJ at his various stops. There will be a good amount of c.w. from Pitcairn and QSOs will be mostly contest style. Other stops where RTTY will be heard include CEØ-Easter Island around April 12th, 3D2-Fiji Islands around May 25th, KH8 (KS6), Samoa about May 16th and the Maldives, 8Q6 about August 25th. There will be a lot of others in between. These dates are the scheduled arrival times of the YANKEE TRADER at these stops and may vary a bit but not much.

SPRATLY Who owns the islands has never been exactly clear, or cleared up, and there are a number who are vigorously pushing their claims. These include Mainland China, Viet Nam, Taiwan and the Philippines. For a long time no one paid much attention to the small islands in the South China Sea until oil exploration efforts started to turn up something interesting, then every one around was ready to defend the ancestral homelands.

In 1974 battles were found over some of the China Sea islands by South Viet Nam and Mainland China. North Viet Nam occupied some of the islands in 1975. Mainland China say they own the Spratlys, also Pratas Reef, Macclesfield Bank and the Paracels. When China makes these claims, they are disputed by Viet Nam, the Philippines and Taiwan. And even Malaysia has some claims which they are not voicing right now.

In the Spratlys, late reports indicate that Viet Nam occupies six islands in the group, the Philippines are on seven and China holds most if not all of the rest. Taiwan claims all the islands in the South China Sea, Mainland China claims all the islands in the South China Sea, Hanoi says they are ready to negotiate with Manila on sovereignty and oil exploration goes on. Manila a month or so back said that a Swedish-Filipino consortium, this also including AMOCO, has struck oil in the area.

All this pointing up the problems getting in the way of DX.

WARC The ARRL is getting increasingly concerned over the threat to high-frequency amateur needs, these being contained in the FCC's recent Report and Order but threatened by a move for International Broadcasting.

The FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the Department of Commerce have recommended adoption of the proposals contained in the FCC document.

Until recently, Glen O Robinson, WARC Delegation Chairman, was supporting the views contained in the FCC document but information is emerging that the State Department, through the action of some who are higher in rank than Robinson, are putting pressure to make additional accommodations for international broadcasting. The main source for this pressure apparently comes from the Congressionally-funded Board for International Broadcasting which operates Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

ARRL has moved to stem this move, gathering the data and facts to bolster the contention that accommodation to international broadcasting at the expense of other services must be unthinkable at this state in the WARC preparations. Telegrams were sent to the White House, to the Defense Department, the Commerce Department and members of the House Communications Subcommittee, the Senate Commerce Committee, Ambassador Robinson and his immediate superior, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Last week the end result of all of this was not known but it is felt that there may be a delay in getting the U.S. proposals to Geneva.

DX-Ten Years Back

January 28, 1969 Malpelo was being planned by the Radioaficionados de Colombia. VP8KO was just opening from the South Orkneys. Slim was in Burma signing XZ2AB and saying to QSL to the CBA. AC4AE was showing from Tibet on twenty c.w. 8X8AA was being heard occasionally from Cray Island. This was the true-blue Slim. That was the handle! VKØRJ was on from

Macquarrie Island and W4WS and W6BPO were aiming to open from Norfolk Island about February 12th. K6KA was going to show from FO8-Tahiti and KH6GLU was ready to open from Wallis Island. Even then there were Clipperton rumors, they were never in short supply. This one was very definite....the French Government had not authorized any Clipperton operation. CE3ZN was working on a San Felix operation. On this one, we have often thought of Joaquin who was active then but has not been heard in recent years. Not since political problems became a big factor in the country. CE3ZN is still listed in the call book, however. W7PHO was going to operate from Dominica for a couple of days at the end of January, Bill finishing up an operation from Trinidad. KVLAM and K7TMK were also warming up VP2D-Dominica in early February afterwards heading for Saba and a PJ8 operation. TI9-Cocos was in the planning. 5X5FS was back in Uganda but only working the home folks. Gus Browning was all lined up to be the guest speaker at the annual Great Fresno International DX Meeting.

30 January 1979

MORE SHORTLY NOTED TR8AC is trying to give out 2000 QSOs a month and aim especially at the Deserving W/Ks. Look for him most days at 14222kHz from 2000Z. On January 26th St Lucia will change the prefix to 8L2 from VP2L.

On Johnston Island, KH6JWK says there is still life there. Actually there are two amateurs on the island, KH3AA noted last week who is the Chief Electronic Technician for the installation there and he shows on the bands about once a week. KJ6BJ is on frequently around 14056kHz from about 0600Z but can only hear Europe and Africa....these being the ones he wants to work. It makes things a bit difficult. WH3AAA is also reported as on the island and studying to upgrade.

Bob and Ellen White are now living in Naranja, Florida, this being not far from Miami. They still remember their friends among the amateurs and wanted to be remembered to them. Currently they are sort of coasting, mulling some new possible avenues of employment. The stress is being made is that they, neither one of them, did take retirement but just decided on it being a good time to change.

LU2AFH has been showing with LU3ZY around 14220kHz at 2300Z on Sundays. Also, it does show at other times and you have to be alert. 3D6AC is another usually showing on Sundays. Look for this one at or about 21314kHz around 2015Z....give or take a bit.

W30DJ shows that he has figured things out. Dick says: "I Am, Therefore DX Is"....or was it, "DX Is, Therefore I Am!". Anyhow, he is getting close and it is heartening to know that someone out there understands. It probably has been noted previously but PY0RO QSLs to W1DA. YV9AA is still being sought by some for the January 1973 operation. This call is held by the Radio Club Venezolano and goes to Box 2285, Caracas. Some wonder if this is a different operator....it may be but it is the same club activity.

Bill Grenfell, W4GF, writing in a publication recently, questioned the use by the National Weather Service of the use of amateurs to report bad storms in areas not covered by the Weather Service's facilities. He points out that 'non-amateur' services, such as the National Weather Service, are not eligible to hold an amateur station license and that they should seek expansion of their needs where they belong....via government wire and radio equipment operating on government frequencies by government employees.

Grenfell also noted that some so-called non-profit or religious organizations have taken advantage of the Amateur Service for their communication needs, particularly where units of a given organization are located in different countries. It was noted that beside their ineligibility for an amateur license and, therefore, for the use of individual amateur licensee's stations, their organizational communications are in violation of the restrictions on international communications on behalf of third parties. Grenfell noted that the Peoples Temple communications between stations in California and Guyana are examples which incurred FCC violation notices.

VK6RU is the QSL route for VK9XW and has been for years. This one is often heard Mondays/Wednesday/Fridays in a list operation around 14262kHz after 2300Z. The list is often taken by a K2 type. The New Jersey DX Club is supplying some volunteer manpower to try to cut down the waiting time on the 4U1UN QSLs. They are moving but it never seems quite fast enough when you are waiting.

HP2LI is planning to be in Fresno for the annual gathering of the DX types at the Hilton on April 7/8th. This is Mike Snedal. Those who are daily looking for Bouvet will appreciate W7PHO's comments on Gus Brownings operation there a decade or two back. Bill has been reported telling that during the long periods when there was no business for Gus, they would pass the time by reading the daily papers over the air to Gus to keep him occupied.

K6KA, who devotes a lot of his time to tracking down Intruders, says that a harmonic of a broadcast station at 7120kHz has been widely reported as being heard at 14240kHz. They have been trying to run the Intruder down and the indications are that it is in Africa and probably the 100KW station at N'Djamena. Bearings from the States, Australia and Asia converge in this area and during 1978 Region I Intruder Watch identified the station as being in Chad.

A week or so back VP8PU was saying he had not heard VP8PL on South Georgia for some weeks and figures that he has probably been more than busy there during the short summer season. When we first mentioned the Flanders DX Meeting coming up in a couple of weeks there in Belgium, we got some corrections on the spelling of the city.....Gent or Ghent. With the bi-lingual problems spreading to road signs, the road signs leading to the city may come with three variations.....Gand in Flemish, Ghent in French.....and Gent. The postmark on letters shows 'Gent'. All the same place and the Flanders DX Club will welcome any visitors confused by the road signs to their DX Meeting on February 10th. ON5TO will help figure out the signs and the Clipperton effort will be recounted by some who fought off the land-crabs while rolling up the QSOs.

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VE3FXT says he will be there in mid-February.
WB1ZNH and XYL both on from 8Q6 from about Feb 10th..HB9TL in March
FP0DI for a couple of weeks from this Thursday, Feb 1st
YV0AA again in April....about April 7th to 14th
Nine-Landers from February 25th to March 10th..across ARRL Test
OZ1CRH hoping for April action.....optimistic!
HZ1AB by WB5VIH for a month from mid-February.
Moving.....group cautiously hopeful, cautiously optimistic. March...
Possible this summer
8P6EZ should be there now, WA1SQB as 8P6 this Thurs/Fri & Feb 10th
VP2SE by WA1SQB Feb 2-10th
WA2SQB/HC8 February 28-March 7th across ARRL Test
W0SH and K0XD set.....from February 13th.
About April 19th for RTTY and c.w. activity.
601FG for about a month from February 10th
Willy still heading south. Maybe in February
D4CBS mentioning a Marc h possibility at S9
Apparently not yet. Maybe this summer
Some Deserving Sixers planning early March activity
Baruch should be on right now.....SSB only.
K1CO from February 28th
DK7LF/5V7 currently active on twenty SSB
W8UVZ and some W8-heavy duty contesters from Feb 27th across the
ARRL DX Test....VP2DXA/VP2DXB/VP2DXC and VP2DXD.
WN5IJZ in the CQ WPX Text weekend.....March 24/25th
UK9s saying that UK1PAA should show on 20/40 c.w. any time now....
Follow the roads signs....downtown Gent on February 10th
Downtown Norfolk, Virginia. February 19th. K4JNM for info.
February 24/25th
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March 17/18th
March 24/25th
Mud Dobbers welcomed home to West Texas on May 12/13th
Downtown Fresno at the Hilton.....April 7th and 8th

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ARRL CB Magazine is asking the FCC for forty additional CB channels, the new channels to be for SSB only. The new channels to be in the 17.54-28.0MHz slot. There is a report that the National Radio Astronomy Observatory has told its attorney to ask for a thirty day extension in the time to file comments in the Quiet Zone Docket, 78-352, this to allow more time for the matter to be discussed with amateurs.

ARRL is petitioning for novice privileges on the 220MHz band, this being ordered by Minute 51 of the last July Board meeting. Also moving has been the ARRL's response to Docket 78-316 which concerns a future fee schedule for the FCC. The League is also petitioning for standard fm emissions in the 52.0-52.5MHz band, this again being from the last Board meeting, Minute 69.

February QST will feature a story on 'Incons', these being devices which combine inductance and capacitance into one component. The ARRL is pushing a news release on these, also canvassing the House and Senate Subcommittees on Communications, ARRL feeling that 'icons' are useful in the reduction of radio frequency interference.

CHAD TTYKP has been heard on twenty SSB, usually around 14230kHz and after 1400Z. This one QSLs to F9KP and is reported to be a police officer on duty in Chad.

TNX to W1DA, K1ER/4, W1JR, W1MV, W1SD, WA1SQB, K1TZQ, K1VSK, W1VV, WA1WTP, W2FP, W2HAZ, N2MM, W2NC, K2OF, N200, K2TQC, K2UO, N3ED, W3RX, K4DSE, WA4FOT, K4FXP, W4HU, W4KA, W4LCL, W4UF, N4WW, N4XX, W4ZR, K5AQ, W5AQ, W5CPI, K5DB, K5DUT, W5FAZ, K5IH, W5IMJ, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5RU, K5VT/3, WA6BJS, W6BL, W6CAE, K6DT, K6EC, N6EM, W6JD, N6JM, K6KA, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6OB (ow only), N6OC, N6OZ, W6PN, W6PT, W6PYN, W6RQ, W6TSQ, K6UFT, AD6V, W6VD, K6WR, K6XP, K6YK, W6YO, K7ABV, W7BPK, K7NO, W7OK, N7UT, W8GT, K8IP, W8JXM, W8MAW, K8RD, W8UVZ, WD9DEE, K9MM, K9RD, W9RN, W9SC, W9SS, W9TC, W9TKV, K9XJ, W9EW, W9PT, K0KES, K0BJ, KH6BZF, KH6JWK, KP4RK, KP4AM, JE2BB, HI8MFF, I2FGP, JA3KWJ/9J2, DJ2BW.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. The days are getting longer and though blizzards still whip through many states, here in Marin we are on the verge of Spring. Last week one of the local QRPer types was up the hill, this one coming through the woods, following the road across the hillside. We were having the startling visibility that often comes just after a weather front has passed through and we sat in the sunshine, to watch the ships plow the bay, passing up and down under the Richmond Bridge. We talked of many things but mostly the Good Days....any kind of the Good Days. "Years back," the QRPer reminisced, "another fellow and I came over the crest of the Sierra from the east, coming in over Piute Pass at about twelve thousand feet. We dropped down to the timberline to make a camp alongside a small creek in the bottom of a great, granite canyon. A whole day was spent there, just sitting around and watching the waterfalls on the sides of the canyon and hooking the golden trout of the stream for our supper. Later we used to talk about it being a great camp and the great day we had spent there." This was sounding good to us and a pleasure to hear on a warm Spring day, it being a time to agree to most anything. But the QRPer was not finished. "A couple of years later I passed that way again but this time it was with a couple of other fellows. I found the old campsite along the creek, even some of the charcoal remaining from our cooking fires. I recalled the good day we had had there but when I tried to explain things to the other fellows, it was obvious that they cared little about what I was telling. I've often remembered and wondered why. Why can't you share the joy of the good days with those who were not there?" We were silent for a bit, thinking of how difficult it is to explain the joy of DXing to one who does not even know amateur radio at all. For remembrances are always vivid to those who experience, but not to those to whom they are told. The joy of recall belongs to those who do rather than those who watch or listen. Most every DXer knows these things and perhaps this is why DXers are different. They are the doers. "Perhaps it is because they did not live the experience," we told the QRPer, "and not having lived, they do not know." The QRPer was silent for awhile, finally speaking again. "You know something," he said, "everyone should live their experiences to the utmost. For one is young but once and old but once. The the day that might have been a one of golden memory will never come again. Never." We had to agree with all of this, this being an easy thing to do on a bright Spring day. DXers always learn the things that others often miss. And before we miss saying it, the subscription rates are a moveable feast and you will have to make a discreet inquiry. Come with a good memory of the good days and we may be able to tell you of some Great Days of DXing to come....Maybe even next week....

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