

# West Coast DX Bulletin



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**DESECHEO** It is reported that a permit has been issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an operation on the island, the permit good for thirty days from February 15th and studded with a multitude of restrictions.

The permit names four persons who will be permitted to land and operate on Desecheo. These include David Novoa, KP4AM, Pedro Piza, KP4RF, John Ackley, KV4CH and William Kerber, KP4DSD.

The permit to operate contains a number of provisions, these including:

- Only daylight operating
- No generators on the island
- No man-made structures
- No molestation of the birds or wildlife on the island
- No guns
- All QSOs to begin and end with the information that the operation is authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Service, from Desecheo Island, in the township of Aquadia and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- All QSL cards to carry the same information.
- Three day advice to be given to the Fish and Wildlife Service prior to any operating,
- Any activity to be in the area between the beach and helicopter pad.

There were a number of other provisions but this should cover the major ones. The information was received via telephone and is believed to be accurate.

Inasmuch as the permit will have but three weeks to run by the time you get this bulletin, you can look for action prior to the middle of March. This one would appear to meet all the requirements of the ARRL's Award Committee, the specific need for an operating permit and landing permission apparently will be met.

Some of the names would indicate possibly that the Fish and Wildlife Service attempted to clean up everything in one big bag by naming those who have sought permission or been involved in some of the preliminary activity. It is believed that KP4DSD was one of the original ones involved in the plans for an operation a year back but may possibly be no longer in the Puerto Rico area. Some of the other names are interesting.

Some of the provisions are also interesting. Some speculation has it that the Fish and Wildlife Service has the idea that this is some sort of a broadcast activity. Maybe something like "The Big Broadcast of 1979". Anyhow, hold on and something more definite may be showing soon.

**PETER ISLAND** Willy de Roos got to Peter Island last week, just about on schedule. However, the on-site survey of the island was not promising and apparently no suitable anchorage for the vessel could be located.

The high winds, the stormy weather and a totally inadequate anchorage finally brought the decision to abandon the effort. Pack ice was still heavy in the vicinity of the island and the prospects for a long stay through the winter in those latitudes was not good.

The operation has been scrubbed and Willy is reported as heading east towards the Drake Passage and a transit to the Atlantic. He may visit some of the VP8s but do not get too hopeful that he will be doing anything except looking for a rapid trip past Cape Horn and some nothing to get away from the approaching winter.

**TUVALU** T2T should be on for another week, look for the station on c.w. at 8kHz and 25kHz inside the band, on SSB it is 14220kHz/14265kHz/21350kHz and on ten meters, 58510 and 28525kHz. On c.w. you will find the station listening up about three or more kcs.

QSL to Raymond Stone, Box 416, Anna, Texas 75003. Sase or Sae/IRC needed. No support is being solicited though none is refused. Any help goes towards providing items of gear, such as antennas, for stations in some of the rarer spots in the Pacific Basin.

**MARION ISLAND** Some are reporting finding the station around 14135kHz on week days. The station is usually found on SSB but will shift to and answer a c.w. call. No times are given but mention has been made of long-path to the western reaches which would indicate a time around 1400Z, one way or another.

**SOMALIA** Giampaolo Porti, I2FGP, was delayed in his departure from Italy but was expecting to be in Somalia signing 601FG over this last weekend. IQDUD says that you will be hearing him on the previously announced frequencies during this week.

**SUNSPOT LOUIE** W6RQ took a look at the chart and all the little spots he was charting and all Al could do was chortle: "Look at them pouring over the east limb. There are good days ahead!"

It might be hard to turn the corners of your smile down when you consider that K6EC came up with a solid week of the flux being over the 200 mark. And 'Frozen-Toe' Ted there on the south bank of the Potomac is reported to have smashed all the snow shovels and stomped downstairs to the radio shack, flinging a challenge to all who might be listening that as long as the snow is outside and he is inside, the heck with it! He's going to work DX!! All of it!!!

What can we say? It is not even a bit necessary to nudge the Palos Verdes Sundancers out of their lethargy. All they keep mumbling is "....we've got it made in the shade. We brought back Cycle 21". And with this the delirious years of DXing for the Deserving DXers, let's take a quick run through the figures before heading back to the rig to find if 3Y1VC is still transmitting around 14030kHz and listening up between 14050kHz and 14060kHz.

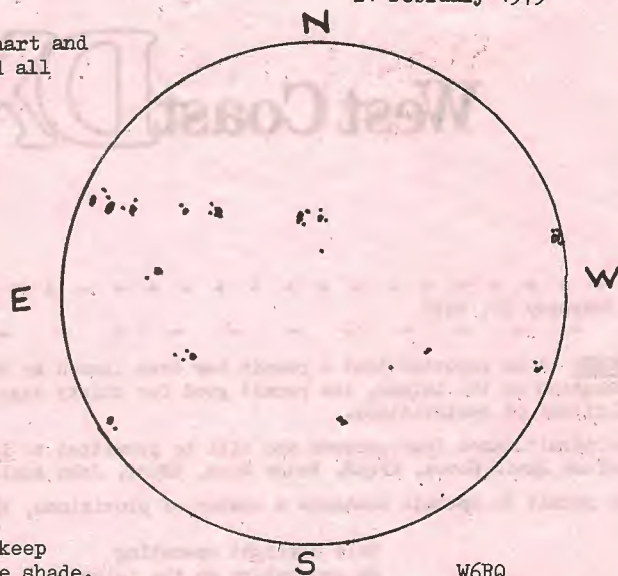
And looking down the span of the weeks into Spring and the warm time of the year, N4XX says that if you got past the holiday weekend, you are going to slide into March with ANs and HN's everywhere. March will come in like the DX lion and you should be there and waiting!

Feb 21st	Low/Below	Feb 27th	Above Normal
22nd	High/Low	28th	Above Normal
23rd	High/Low	Mar 1st	Above Normal
24th	Above	2nd	High/Above
25th	High/Above		
26th	High/Above		

Down in the border country, Ev says that the situation is wet, rainfall being high above normal and you know how wet it usually is in the desert country there beside the Pacific. Not only is the rainfall up but the flux is up! A full week of over the 200 mark! Let's take a look at what K6EC has wrought.

Solar Flux Ap Index		Solar Flux Ap Index	
Feb 5th	203	12	Feb 9th
6th	212	15	10th
7th	209	9	11th
8th	216	9	210

Last week it slipped down a bit, it may show up by edging just below 200 but not for long. It will be back! And if you don't think that the Palos Verdes Sundancers brought back the Great Days of DXing, just stop and think whether or not you were concerned about the solar flux and the Ap Index back in Cycle 20. Things have changed.



W6RQ  
14 February 79

No. 1555	9 spots
S21° W38°	30 millionths
1556	50 spots
N15° W40°	550 millionths
1559	18 spots
S20° W25°	200 millionths
1560	23 spots
S16° E10°	160 millionths
1561	11 spots
S35° E25°	150 millionths
1562	1 spot
N11° E37°	30 millionths
1563	6 spots
S22° E31°	20 millionths
1564	1 spot
N17° E47°	10 millionths
1565	3 spots
S16° W41°	30 millionths
1566	3 spots
S13° E08°	10 millionths
1567	4 spots
S10° E32°	10 millionths
1568	4 spots
N19° E78°	120 millionths

KH6BZF  
12 Feb 79

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BEATA ISLAND The HI1RCD operation from Beata Island was a successful effort, fifty-two hours of operating brought more than 3000 QSOs and 53 countries.

QSLs for this one have brought questions. The official route is to:

Beata Operation  
P.O. Box 2191  
Santo Domingo, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

You can also go via the HI8-QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 1157, Santo Domingo. The cards are expected about this time and should be showing in the mails soon.

The Dominican Republic Postal Service issued a special postage stamp to mark the Beata Island operation, the stamp carrying the information on the amateur radio operation. The reproduction of the first-day cover on the right is taken from the art work on the stamp itself.

If you are interested, HI8MFP says that those who contacted the station on January 25th to send a sae and three IRCs and they will supply you the postage stamp on a first-day cover.



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DE RADIOAFICIONADOS A ISLA BEATA

FIRST DAY COVER

BILL RINDONE You may not have heard any activity by Bill since his ST0-South Sudan operation which eventually brought this one into the DXCC list as a new country, and his Geyser Reef operation which was the last operation from that DXCC country before it was sunk by deletion, but Bill will be heading out again this summer and his tentative plans are for East Africa and the Indian Ocean.

Bill says that the specifics will be given later. He does say that he believes he has a new one blocked out and has not made a decision whether to try it this time out or not. He will be in Africa in late July and plans at least two operations, possibly more.

SHORTLY NOTED Need IRCs? Ferne at the WA6AHF QSL Factory says that they have a batch on hand and will part with them at 30¢ apiece in batches of 10 or multiples thereof, include a sase with remittance.

K1RAW is getting QSLs for HR1LP...and knows nothing about this one. He cannot help. The same goes for all those EI8H/something or another. Slim for sure. Work them if you have to but don't wait at the mailbox for the QSL. FM7WO QSLs to JH3XCU for anything after December 31, 1978. Before that they must go direct to FM7WO at..Morduan Laurent, P.O. Box 287, Fort-de-France Cedex, Martinique, French West Indies. From January 1st this year to J.H. Kambayashi, 3-33 Nishiki-machi, Hikone-city, Shiga, 522 JAPAN. Sae/IRC needed.

3V8AA expects to return to Tunisia again in a couple of months, possibly in April or May. He will again be active when this work takes him back to Africa again. Six Meter openings are coming from the western reaches to Hawaii with increasing frequency, this usually coming around noon, local time. Before the turn into 1979 WA7RTA in the Portland area worked WB4WXP in Florida. A week or so back the Portland area heard WB2RLK/VE1 in Nova Scotia, this station often working into the west coast in recent weeks. If you are looking for right-now six meter information you might monitor 28885kHz where news is passed and schedules made. This Cycle 21 is producing 50mHz DX via the F-layer almost daily.

PY2YP has shifted QTHs....Cesar Rodrigues now goes to Box 14251, 0.1000 Sao Paulo, SP, Brasil. A PY-YL net meets on Wednesdays at 14248kHz from 1900Z. If you are looking for YLs to work or points for the BRYLA Award, the PY-YLs would like you to drop in. PT2TF is the manager for the award. 9V1TE now QSLs to WA0TKJ, and Dean at WA0TKJ is looking for more QSL chores.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

One thing I remember  
Spring came on forever ....

TEN METERS LIVES!

DK8IT 28018/1815/Feb 6w	J3AAG 28033/1455/Feb 10e	UA0KBC 28034/2325/Feb 5e	3Y1VC 28034/2325/Feb 5e
EA6FD 28031/1535/Feb 11w	LA8WQ 28028/1640/Feb 10w	UB5UAQ 28033/1645/Feb 10w	VE3BWK/4U 28005/1540 11w
GULCUS 28029/1615/Feb 10w	OH2BR 28018/2110/Feb 6w	UD6DFO 28052/1325/Feb 10e	5R8EA 28050/1900/Feb 10m
HB9HT 28018/1530/Feb 10w	SV0WTT 28025/1700/Feb 11w	UF6FEF 28005/1245/Feb 10e	9K2DR 28049/1540/Feb 11w
HZ1HZ 28035/1420/Feb 7e	UA2FAL 28042/1715/Feb 11w	UR2RWA 28030/1700/Feb 11w	
I2FQP 28001/1615/Feb 10w	UA9QBT 28024/1300/Feb 11e	YO2IS 28011/1635/Feb 11w	
ALXGW 28790/1900/Feb 8e	JH1LBR 28509/2330/Feb 8e	TR8GDC 28515/1215/Feb 6e	VR1AW 28502/2345/Feb 6e
A2CBX 28539/1235/Feb 10m	JT1AN 28590/0315/Feb 6w	T2T 28502/2130/Feb 8e	VQ9MR 28530/1230/Feb 8m
AP2KZ 28505/0305/Feb 12w	JY5ZM 28593/1510/Feb 6e	UG6GAR 28550/1300/Feb 8m#	VS5DX 28599/0320/Feb 12w
C5AAB 28546/1520/Feb 6e	KA1IW 28550/2220/Feb 9m	UI8IAN 28505/1445/Feb 7e	VS5CE 28643/0405/Feb 9w
C5AAP 28691/1905/Feb 11m	KC6MJ 28586/2230/Feb 10m	UI8LAF 28510/1250/Feb 7e	VS5XU 28632/0355/Feb 9w
CT1DY 28617/1520/Feb 6e	KC6NF 28586/2240/Feb 10m	UJ8JCT 28546/1425/Feb 9m	VS6DG 28515/0130/Feb 9w
DU1MEL 28550/0000/Feb 9e	LA7KW 28529/0015/Feb 11m	UK9HAD 28590/0250/Feb 9w	YO3DZ 28505/1620/Feb 7e
DU9RG 28529/2330/Feb 8m	M1C 28581/1550/Feb 5w	UK9ADY 28561/1425/Feb 10m	ZS6BQI/3D6 28504/1245 10m
EA8SK 28512/1900/Feb 7e	OD5MC 28507/1300/Feb 8e	UL7PAN 28527/1430/Feb 11m	YB7ACZ 28553/0215/Feb 10w
EP2FB 28550/1505/Feb 1m	P29NKV 28502/2100/Feb 8w	UL7OAO 28513/1410/Feb 20m	5W1AX 28510/0130/Feb 10w
FG7TD 28610/1510/Feb 8m	RJ8JCU 28596/0315/Feb 9w	UK9YAZ 28515/1330/Feb 9m	8P6GG 28515/1305/Feb 11m
FG0AR/FS7 28550/1615 11m	RL7PGV 28596/0315/Feb 9w	UO5OBE 28503/1535/Feb 5w	7X2CW 28550/1720/Feb 6w
GU5CIA 28531/1300/Feb 10m	SV1DP 28515/1510/Feb 6m	VK2VG/VK9 28544/0330 10w	9K2FX 28700/1400/Feb 10m
GW5YI 28738/1520/Feb 6w	VE6BGU/SU 28517/1200 9e	VK6NAY 28512/2235/Feb 10m	9V1OI 28543/0100/Feb 9m
HS1ABD 28514/0155/Feb 11m	SU1DP 28515/1525/Feb 6e	VP2SE 28543.1920/Feb 8e	
IS0QDU 28616/1450/Feb 10w	SV1DX 28507/1710/Feb 7e	VP5DM 28532/2130/Feb 8w	

LOW BAND LOUIE

4U1ITU 1827/0525/Feb 12w	HC1NJW 3805/0440/Feb 11w	VK6HD 3517/1225/Feb 5w	9V1TE 3800/1135/Feb 6w
C6AEY 3798/0500/Feb 6w	HH2MC 3796/0400/Feb 6w	VP1WS 3795/0510/Feb 5e	
D4CBS 3790/0815/Feb 7w	HR3JJR 3800/0435/Feb 11w	VS5DX 3797/1520/Feb 11w	
K0AX/DU2 3795/1515 9w	JY9DI 3790/0425/Feb 7e	ZE6JL 3798/0400/Feb 11w	
EA8CR 3795/0715/Feb 11w	OK1JKL 3779/0510/Feb 9e	ZS6DW 3775/0330/Feb 11w	
GW3ARS 3794/0750/Feb 8e	PZ1AJ 3508/0410/Feb 11w	VE3BWK/4U 3798/1415/0ft	
GULKFT 3794/0735/Feb 8e	TI2EWL 3800/1150/Feb 7w	9V1SR 3798/1420/Feb 4w	
DM2FJL 7019/0540/Feb 8e	HB7EP 7032/0420/Feb 7e	P6AT 7002/0350/Feb 10m	UI8ADQ 7002/0105/Feb 9e
CB0AE 7003/0345/Feb 7m	HR0QL 7005/0250/Feb 12m	PA3AAI 7004/0705/Feb 7m	UP2BEI 7032/0345/Feb 7e
EA8RF 7016/0635/Feb 8m	LX1BJ 7002/0855/Feb 9e	T2T 7005/1200/Feb 9e	UP2BBF 7019/0015/Feb 8e
EA8QO 7006/0805/Feb 6m	LU7KAT 7005/0335/Feb 6m	TF3TF 7086/0855/Feb 9e	UQ2GIY 7005/0925/Feb 9e
FP8AN 7024/0320/Feb 10m	LZ1UA 7011/2210/Feb 7e	UA6FAL 7032/0335/Feb 7e	VP2SZ 7027/0100/Feb 8e
FG7AS 7005/0800/Feb 7m	OH6YX 7032/0435/Feb 7e	UA2FCB 7032/0430/Feb 7e	UR2RKS 7032/0345/Feb 7e
GI3OQR 7006/0745/Feb 10m	ON6XB 7014/2155/Feb 7e	UA0ZCN 7025/1255/Feb 10m	YO8BPK 7032/0425/Feb 7e
GU5CIA 7001/0750/Feb 10m	ON6HW 7004/0540/Feb 10m	UB5BAH 7025/0325/Feb 10m	ZS6BR 7012/0405/Feb 10m
GM3JDR 7003/0810/Feb 7m	OK1WV 7032/0315/Feb 7e	UB5UCH 7032/0315/Feb 7e	ZL4DX 7032/0410/Feb 7e
HA4KXG 7025/2215/Feb 7e	OY7ML 7004/0815/Feb 6m	UD6DHC 7003/0300/Feb 8m	8R1AN 7014/0340/Feb 10m

AFRICA CW

EA8QE 14037/0030/Feb 8e	FR7BN 14017/1510/Feb 9w	W6FAY/SU 14024/1530 9w#	3B8DA 14040/0320/Feb 10w
EA8QP 14001/0135/Feb 9w	J28AG 14031/0435/Feb 11e	ZS2LW 14027/0545/Feb 7w	5Z4CW 14010/0255/Feb 12w
EA8CR 14030/0020/Feb 10e	J28AY 21054/1930/Feb 8e	ZE1CB 14003/1655/Feb 7w	5H3GK 14020/2130/Feb 11e
FR7BP 14004/1500/Feb 9w#	WA7JRL/SU 14039/0645 12w	3B8CF 14031/0345/Feb 9e	

AFRICA SSB

CN8CX 14224/2115/Feb 6w	H5AC 14228/0610/Feb 8w	VE7BGU/SU 14215/1530 10w	3D6BK 14221/1630/Feb 11w
CN8AK 14223/0350/Feb 12w	TR8AC 21298/2050/Feb 6e	S79MC 14225/1850/Feb 8w	5T5ZR 21355/1905/Feb 9w
CN8CW 14226/2310/Feb 11w	TR8GDC 21361/2050/Feb 7e	VQ9MR 21275/1800/Feb 10m	7X2LF 14212/0030/Feb 9e
C5AEK 14204/2350/Feb 9w	TR8GDC 14255/0635/Feb 9e	ZE8JW 14320/1505/Feb 8w	7X2LS 14210/0800/Feb 8w
D4CBS 14210/0640/Feb 8e	ST2SA 14250/0630/Feb 9e	ZS1OU 14292/0000/Feb 9e	7X5DM 14213/0155/Feb 8e
EL2BS 14240/2230/Feb 11w	ST0RK 14225/1530/Feb 10w#	ZS3AG 21355/2025/Feb 7w	9J2BO 14225/1510/Feb 10w#
EL2AF 14215/0120/Feb 12w	ST0HF 21268/2240/Feb 10w	ZE1AA 14216/1545/Feb 10w#	9G1KB 14220/2315/Feb 11w
FB8XV 14217/1540/Feb 10w	SU1DP 14208/2300/Feb 6w	3D6BP 14223/0230/Feb 9e	9X5PM 14240/1505/Feb 11w#

MORE REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Rich in saving common sense  
And, as the greatest DXers are,  
In his simplicity sublime,  
He worked Bouvet but a single time.....

ASIA CW

A51PN	14065/1240/Feb	7e	TA2IA	14009/1610/Feb	12w#	UI8TAV	14028/0245/Feb	7e	UK7PAZ	14012/1610/Feb	8w#
HM1JJ	14027/1440/Feb	7e	UF6HK	14017/0240/Feb	7e	UK7GAA	14023/0345/Feb	9e	UM8MBA	14017/0240/Feb	9e
HS1ABD	14017/1640/Feb	11w	UF6DZ	14018/0255/Feb	7e	UK8FAA	14029/0330/Feb	10w	UM8BU	14033/0345/Feb	8w
HZ1HZ	21035/1420/Feb	7e	UH8HCE	14003/0335/Feb	7w	UK8FAA	21012/0355/Feb	9w	UV0EN	14031/1150/Feb	8e
UA0RT	14010/1445/Feb	7e	UH8BU	14034/0425/Feb	8e	UK8LAA	14049/0440/Feb	8w	VU2BEL	14016/1315/Feb	8e
UA9YAQ	14002/1605/Feb	6w	UH8HCL	14017/0240/Feb	7e	UK9SAB	14012/0550/Feb	7w	VU2WA	14011/0115/Feb	10e
UD6GB	14005/1520/Feb	10w#	UH8EAA	14046/0440/Feb	8e	UK9OAD	14052/0325/Feb	8w	VU2VIN	14028/0120/Feb	10e
UF6FAV	14037/0450/Feb	7w	UH8MBA	14026/0040/Feb	9e	UK9CAA	14039/1450/Feb	8e	VU2BK	14028/1340/Feb	7e

ASIA SSB

ALXHW	14210/1515/Feb	9w	HM5FG	14211/1310/Feb	7e	UF6DZ	14256/0500/Feb	10w	VU2RAK	14226/1250/Feb	8e
ALXFE	14225/1650/Feb	8w	HS1ABD	14193/1515/Feb	7w	UF6QAX	14216/0445/Feb	6w	VU2LQA	21315/1535/Feb	7e
A9XBD	14151/0515/Feb	8w	JY3ZH	14233/0610/Feb	10w	UH8BI	14204/1250/Feb	8m	ZCLJG	21355/2000/Feb	6m
AP2UR	14204/1300/Feb	8e	JY5RBM	14212/1535/Feb	9w	UI8FFB	14216/0300/Feb	11w	4S7EA	14209/2350/Feb	8e
AP2TN	14230/1300/Feb	8e	JY9VK	14225/1535/Feb	9w	UK8IAA	14205/1220/Feb	8e	5BL4EP	14239/1505/Feb	6w
AP2AU	14213/0500/Feb	10m	KA1NC	21321/0020/Feb	9e	UK8BI	14204/1245/Feb	8e	5BL4DI	14225/1410/Feb	9e
AP5HQ	14202/1320/Feb	10e	OD5MC	14297/0700/Feb	8w	UL7FAJ	14216/0400/Feb	9m	7Z2AP	14231/1430/Feb	9m
EP2LI	14205/1310/Feb	10e	UA0QDH	21267/0100/Feb	10e	UM8MZ	14216/0400/Feb	10w	8Q7AG	14195/0200/Feb	10e
EP2FB	14210/0500/Feb	8w	UF6HV	14224/0500/Feb	10m	VS6BS	14210/1340/Feb	7e	8Q7AF	14208/1230/Feb	10e
EP2LJ	14219/1500/Feb	8w	UF6QAG	14214/0445/Feb	6w	VS6AK	14213/1300/Feb	9e	9K2DX	14237/1325/Feb	10e

EUROPE CW

CT4UQ	14026/0020/Feb	8w	LB2RA	14004/0500/Feb	9w	UA4CIX	14033/1230/Feb	6e	UR2ZN	14029/0340/Feb	9w
EA6DI	14028/2220/Feb	6e	M1C	14030/0040/Feb	9e	UA3MCF	14004/0600/Feb	7e	Y02BWK	14011/1455/Feb	8w#
GU4CHY	14026/0010/Feb	11m	M1BS	14042/0305/Feb	9e	UB5UDG	14023/1830/Feb	8e	YU3BC	14014/1615/Feb	6w#
HA3KMK	14009/1610/Feb	6w#	LZ2MK	21005/1500/Feb	10e	UK2PCR	14030/0335/Feb	10w	YU3TKM	14008/1815/Feb	8e
HA7MC	21025/1435/Feb	8w	OZ1ERC	14009/0330/Feb	9w	UK5FAD	14041/1515/Feb	10w#	ZB2EG	14029/0005/Feb	10e
HB7G	14013/1630/Feb	11w#	SP9RJ	14007/1505/Feb	9w#	UK3YAB	14023/1830/Feb	8e			
I8ECL	21032/1205/Feb	9e	TF3YH	21004/0150/Feb	9w	U050EQ	14018/1400/Feb	6m			

EUROPE SSB

CT2BB	14205/1550/Feb	11w	GW4NJ	14233/0900/Feb	8w	SV1DH	14208/0835/Feb	8w	3A2HB	14237/2040/Feb	6e
EA3JE	14208/1550/Feb	11w	HB9AYY	14227/1550/Feb	10w#	SV9JI	21300/2045/Feb	6e	F9UW/3A	14225/1535/Feb	6w
EA7EM	14235/0920/Feb	8w	HV2VO	14284/0720/Feb	8w	UK5IRM	14211/0505/Feb	7w	9H1EV	14221/1545/Feb	10w#
EI2DJ	21355/1855/Feb	7w	IS9QDV	14228/0745/Feb	8w	YU2RQX	14214/0730/Feb	9e			
GDLHO	21355/1945/Feb	6m	ON2INI	14216/1550/Feb	10w#	Y29MG	14224/1510/Feb	6m			

ELSEWHERE CW

FP8EE	14023/0335/Feb	9e	KG6AJK	14031/0455/Feb	6w	VP2SZ	14029/0115/Feb	8e	VK0BA	14005/1525/Feb	6w
FP8FJ	14005/0010/Feb	6w	KG6JAR	14031/1425/Feb	7e	VP2MCW	14029/2315/Feb	6e	WL7ALP	21115/0015/Feb	8e
HI3PC	14023/1140/Feb	8w	KJ6RZ	14050/0550/Feb	8w	VP8QE	14000/0240/Feb	10w	ZF2CL	14003/0320/Feb	7e
HR0QL	14025/0140/Feb	12m	OX3OB	14008/0235/Feb	7e	VP9BY	14008/0140/Feb	9w			
J3AJ	14006/1950/Feb	8e	T2T	21025/0155/Feb	8e	VR3AH	21030/1905/Feb	7w			

ELSEWHERE SSB

CE0AE	14265/0700/Feb	9e	KC6MJ	21346/0015/Feb	10w	VP2DAD	14214/0330/Feb	11w	VS5AA	14219/1520/Feb	7w
CE0AE	21340/2350/Feb	8e	KG6SW	21302/0110/Feb	10e	VP2DAY	14231/0455/Feb	9e	VY1AR	14188/0600/Feb	8w
DU9RG	14206/1500/Feb	7w	PZ2AC	14210/0605/Feb	8w	VP2SZ	21355/1845/Feb	7w	4H1UN	21355/1900/Feb	7w
FK8CR	21355/1920/Feb	7w	TI2LGV	14230/1640/Feb	11w	VP8QJ	14223/0100/Feb	9w	5W1AX	21355/1910/Feb	9w
FW8AC	14225/1625/Feb	6w#	TI0IR	14205/0120/Feb	6w	VP8QC	14201/0335/Feb	6w	6Y5MC	21355/1830/Feb	7w
FY7AN	21355/1900/Feb	7w	T2T	21355/2045/Feb	7e	VP8SO	14205/0030/Feb	9e	8P6KN	14281/0640/Feb	8e
HL4CF	14210/1625/Feb	8w	VP2KT	14207/0300/Feb	7m	VP5DM	21298/0140/Feb	10e	8P6KN	21355/1815/Feb	7w
IH2V	14221/0100/Feb	9w	VP2LFT	14205/0120/Feb	9m	VR3AR	14206/0440/Feb	12w	9M8HG	21321/0040/Feb	9e
HR0QL	14201/2150/Feb	11m	VP2SK	14204/0350/Feb	7e	VS5TX	14202/1730/Feb	11w			

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches etc. all times in gmt # = long path)



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DX Advisory Committee Report to the January meeting of the  
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The Board of Directors  
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Gentlemen:

The second half of 1978 was a relative quiet period for the DXAC with votes taken on only a few items.

- 1.) A new vote was taken on the status of Desecheo Island and of Water Island, as reference in my last report to the Board. The results were the same. Desecheo was voted for DXCC country status while Water Island failed to carry. Because the Committee's vote caused controversy in some quarters, doubtless due to a lack of complete information, I shall explain the logic of the Committee's vote.

Desecheo Island lies a short distance west of Puerto Rico. It was demonstrated to the Committee that Desecheo is administered by the U.S Department of the Interior, as are the American Virgin Islands which lie a short distance east of Puerto Rico.

It was further demonstrated that Desecheo is not considered a part of nor administered by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In turn, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an entity "....freely associated with the United States" by virtue of plebiscite. On the other hand, the U.S Virgin Islands are owned outright by the United States, having been purchased from Denmark.

Because Puerto Rico, a separate DXCC country from the U.S. Virgin Islands, lie squarely between Desecheo and the U.S Virgin Islands, Desecheo qualifies as a separate DXCC Country by virtue of Criterion #3, separation by foreign land.

Had Desecheo been in the harbor of Charlotte Amalie, U.S. Virgin Islands, as Water Island is, it would have failed to receive a positive vote for country status. Water Island failed, lacking sufficient distinctive administration to qualify for country status.

Mr. George Hart, then Communications Manager, accepted the DXAC recommendations on Water Island and on Desecheo.

Unfortunately, it appears that the controversy is not over. As is doubtless widely known, an operation was undertaken from Desecheo. Questions have been raised whether or not the group involved in the operation were legally entitled to land. Failure to demonstrate that the landings were legal would result in disqualification of the operation. This is a matter for the Headquarters Awards Committee to decide, after appropriate documents are submitted to them.

However, as part of the controversy surrounding this operation, a letter was received from an employee of the U.S. Department of the Interior challenging the contention that Desecheo is not a part of Puerto Rico. Should this be confirmed to be true, Desecheo would clearly not meet the DXCC Criteria and the DX Advisory Committee would have little choice but to vote to annul Desecheo's country status.

Mr. David Novoa, KP4AM, a member of the group that made the original presentation for country status for Desecheo, has received a copy of this letter and has indicated he will submit further documentation demonstrating Desecheo's independence from Puerto Rico. Whether or not another vote on the matter will be required will be indicated by this presentation.

- 2.) After extended discussion, the Committee has completed action on several matters relating to the DXCC country criteria.

- A. Shall Criterion #1 be changed by eliminating the "Distinctive Separate Administration" clause so that Criterion #1 would read: "1. Government. An area which by reason of government constitutes a separate entity." Of course, reference to the "Distinctive Separate Administration" clause in Criterion #2 and #3 would also be deleted.

This motion passed and recommendation is made to the Communications Manager.

The effect of this change would be to reduce the number of new countries and to require more stringent distinction. For example, Kingman Reef, Sable Island and hence St Paul islands would fail to qualify as countries. There were controversial at the time of their addition to the DXCC countries list. Further, clear guidelines of what, for DXCC purposes, constitute 'distinctive separate administration' were lacking, and indeed probably impossible to define. Because of this, and because of the apparent precedents of Kingman Reef and Sable Island, the Committee has reviewed applications for country status for Wild Life Preserves, National Parks, Free Trade Zones and was anticipating probably submission of a National Cemetery, all on the basis of ".....distinctive separate administration".

Regarding, however, the status of Kingman Reef, Sable and St Paul islands and other DXCC countries on the list by virtue of "...distinctive separate administration", it is the Committee's wish not to delete these countries on the basis of the revised criteria.

- B. A new criteria to be added to the DXCC country criteria was proposed to read:

Country Criteria #5 An area which is classified as a Demilitarized Zone, Neutral Zone or Buffer Zone will not be eligible for consideration as a separate entity.

- b. Embassies, Consulates and Extra-territorial Monuments will not be eligible for consideration as a separate entity from the host country.

The vote on this proposed criteria was favorable and recommendation is made to the Communications Manager.

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In conjunction with the above, the Committee considered: "Should the proposed Criteria #5, if approved, be applied to the present DXCC list with those countries which meet its provisions deleted as of December 1, 1978". This motion failed to pass.

The proposed new Criteria #5 is not considered to be breaking new ground, but rather more sharply defining what constitutes, and what does not constitute a country.

A considerable portion of the Committee's effort in the past months has been in the sub-committees on operating ethics and on non-competitive aspects of DXing. Because the work is not complete, I will refrain from exploring the matters in depth. However, progress is being made, and complete reports on both subjects will be forthcoming in the coming months.

While this concludes the activities report of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to address the Board with a few remarks on DXing.

1978 was an outstanding year for the DX fraternity. Improved conditions were coupled with some exceptional DX becoming available, these including Clipperton Island, Iraq, the Arabian/Iraqi Neutral Zone, the South Sandwich Islands, Bouvet and Mellish Reef.

As always in such operations, a few misguided operators have sought to discredit the DX Community by boorish operating, intentional interference and manners best described as excessively selfish. Also at times, hundreds of stations in hot pursuit of a rare DX station have caused unintentional QRM to others not interested in DX.

This leads, inevitably to howls of rage, often aimed at you, the Director. At the same time, others call to question expenditures for the DXCC program and hint at economies by eliminating, trimming or watering down the DXCC program.

The questions asked are indeed legitimate. Is the DXCC program a positive facet of the League and of Amateur Radio?

I believe the answer is an unequivocal "Yes!". DXing is one of the most natural aspects of Amateur Radio - how far will my signal go -- who will hear it? - that I need not comment on the thrill of contact with a foreign land. Indeed, the thrill of DX is the keystone of the League's efforts to solicit potential amateurs - "Tune in the World with Ham Radio", the League's entrance publication or the widely circulated bumper sticker, "We Talk to the World".

Invariably, the test of any transmitter, receiver or antenna is a QSO with someone as far away as possible, be it on 160 meters, twenty meters or 10GHz.

Couple that, if you will, to a logical extension of DX - first the Worked All Continents Award - then an award for working a number of different countries. If the League did not offer the DXCC awards, someone else would. Indeed, such awards exist now but they are greatly overshadowed by the League's complete program of awards.

Offering these DXCC programs gives the League great prestige and influence in the DX fraternity - it is no accident that virtually 100% of the American and Canadian DXers are League members.

In turn, the prestige of the DXCC program gives the League a substantial voice in matters DX. QSLs correspond to DXCC requirements. DXpeditions are careful to secure landing permits and licenses, knowing that their operations will be invalid for DXCC without.

The Five-Band DXCC greatly encouraged operation on the forty and eighty meter bands. The CW DXCC has greatly increased c.w. DXing and the c.w. activity in general, while interest in the mixed and phone awards remains high.

The biggest problem facing the DX fraternity now is the vast numbers of new operators entering the fray. These are the very people the publications and bumper stickers have drawn to Amateur Radio. They, too, want to "...talk to the world".

While they are more than welcomed to the chase, we must understand that some have not yet learned some of the refinements of operating. They will learn - indeed, they have already proven that they are willing to learn by becoming licensed, and by upgrading to the DX bands. They are putting strains on the available frequencies and on the DXCC program. But isn't that what we want? We must accommodate them, help them, teach them, as others have helped us.

The League and League publications help a great deal but the more experienced DXer must be willing to be patient and to help too. After all, the newcomer might just be the fellow that puts Heard Island on the air!

I will close by thanking you, the Board of Directors, for your continued support of the DXCC program, and of the DX Advisory Committee. I would like to thank Don Search for the outstanding job he has done. I would like to thank the members of the DX Advisory Committee for their support, I know they will continue to support my successor Mr. Tony Berg, who takes over the Chairmanship of the DX Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ R C Locher W9KNI

Chairman, DX Advisory Committee

601FG delayed a week....should have showed last weekend.  
T2T for another week or so  
Too many problems.....scrubbed  
Only another week for this season.....  
Eight land group from February 27th across the ARRL Phone Test  
HR0QL by the Colvins now going on  
8Q7AG and 8Q7AF for a couple more days...to late this week  
Early April around the Easter period  
VE3FXT passed the word he would be there about not..no late word  
Still the last part of March. No change in basic planning  
WA1SQB late this month across the ARRL Phone Test  
VR6BJ for a couple days around April 19th....c.w. and RTTY  
FR7ZL should be there about now...  
From about March 13th for a couple weeks  
K1CO showing from PJ-next Wednesday, February 28th  
Endurance run....from May to September when KZ5 evaporates  
K1XX going to VP9 for the ARRL Phone Test...W30GY for the CW Test  
WN5LJZ in the CQ WW WPX Test in March  
Mud Dobbers return to West Texas...May 12/13th  
This weekend....February 24/25th  
March 3/4th  
March 17/18th  
March 24/25th  
The Big DX Meeting!! Downtown Fresno at the Hilton./..April 7/8th

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ISLE OF MAN MILLENIUM GD3TNS is the Awards Manager for the special GT-observatinn which comes at the end of June to mark the 1000th anniversary of the establishment of the Isle of Man Parliament. Work four GDs and one GT during 1979 and with 12 IRCs you will receive the award.

Visitors from a number of countries are expected to beam on to the air during the period that the special GT-prefix is in force. Already mentioned are amateurs from England, Ireland, Germany, the states and other areas. More will come on these plans for the observance starting the end of June.

ARRL The FCC has assigned RM 3314 to the ARRL petition to allow certain novice privileges in the 220MHz band. You will find more details on this in the March QST. On the ARRL proposal that standard FM emissions be allowed in the frequency range 52.0 to 52.5MHz, the FCC has assigned RM-3313 to this petition. This would allow the use of 16F3 emission across the entire six meter repeater subband.

THE COLVINS The Colvins are currently signing HR/QL and are showing on most bands. Following this stop it is expected that they will return to the states for the spring conventions, aiming to make the Dayton scene again.

QSLs go to YASME, Box 2025, Castro Valley, Calif. 94546. They are reporting making over 6000 QSO during the stop in Costa Rica, about equally divided between c.w and SSB. They were also on the air for the CQ WW One-Sixty test.

TNX to W1DA, WB1DQC, W1MV, W1KSZ, K1TZQ, W1VV, W2FP, W2HAZ, WA2IKO, WA2ORX, WA2SON, K2TQC, AA4A, W4HU, W4KA, N4NW, N4XX, N4WW, W4ZR, K5AQ, W5AQ, K5DB, W5DUI, K5DUT, W5IMJ, W5JW, K5OVC, K5VNI/2, N6AN, WA6BJS, WA6CPP, K6EC, K6DT, WA6FIT, N6OB, N6OC, W6JD, K6KA, W6KPC, K6LAE, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, AE6U, K6UFT, W6VD, WB6VTE, K6WR, K6XP, K6YK, WB6ZUC, K6RV, K6DC, N7MW, N7UT, K7UT, WD8IXV, W8JXM, WB8OFG, K8RD, W8UVZ, K9MM, W9SS, W9TC, K9XJ, W0BW, K0BJ, WA0TKJ, KH6BZF, EI2BB, FY2YP.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Last week we had some warm days and the QRPers were out blinking in the warm sunshine. One of them found his way up the hill and we sat and talked about most everything. This QRPPer told how he had been checking with W1AB back on Crosstrees Hill and Horace reporting the temperature below zero. "I tried to tell Horace that better days were coming," the QRPPer advised us, "but he said that he wanted them now. That this was the moment! What do you think he meant by that?" Here we had been planning to explore some weighty and introspective topics with this QRPPer, such as why do seagulls tend to congregate inland and sit around in big flocks just before a storm. And we get a question like that! "Horace was telling you that he could not enjoy the warmth that will come with April," we pointed out, "he wanted it 'right now' because that was the moment". We were not getting through. The QRPPer thought things over and then shook his head. "I don't get it," he said, "and I do remember that back in high school I used to take this girl to the school dances. Always on the way home she would be singing that song called 'This Is The Moment'. Do you remember it? Maybe she and Horace were talking about the same thing. It is difficult to understand these things." Son of a Gun! What could we say to this? For though DXers may tend to warm themselves in anticipation of DX that is going to come down the pike, the true-blue types know that the only DX they can work is the real-time DX that is now. But we had this QRPPer and his questions on our hands and we had to tell him something. We tried. "Usually you would expect to understand these things as you get older and wiser," we carefully pointed out, "and you certainly have gotten older. Somewhere you must realize that some things may be difficult to understand and you must just believe. Be a Believer!" The QRPPer smiled. "Oh, I've been believing for years," he said, "and I know there are things that maybe I will never understand. So I just ask 'Why?' and figure that someone will explain everything sometime. I just ask 'Why?'". There we were! Trapped in the revolving door of QRPPer questions again. For there are those times of then and was and yesterday and tomorrow. And each are real in our minds, maybe, but the DX is now. Sometimes more confusing than others, sometimes not understandable at all. But just you come with banners flying and horns blowing and cry: "I am deserving!" and we will slip you the subscription rates, each slip bearing the crest and seal of Red Eyed Louie!! Ask!!

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