

# WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

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**AFGHANISTAN** Masood Kahn, OZ1CRH, has reportedly received operating permission for YA-Afghanistan, and has been assigned the callsign YA2MI.

The permission came through and if everything holds together, you might be hearing Afghanistan for the first time in several years come April or May.

Masood (Sudi) will be in the Middle East during April and May. He will first go to Pakistan where he will be signing AP2LJ. During his time in the area he plans to be in Afghanistan for about three weeks.

Sudi has family relations in both countries and is anxious to make the trip. More will be coming on this possibility which looks better as time goes and QSLs will be handled by his current QSL Manager, William Poissant, WABAJG, who is also the QSL Manager for Sudi's OZ1CRH activities.

**LORD HOWE** On Wednesdays you have a good chance of catching VK2AGT in a list operation that starts at or about 0630Z at 14255kHz. Look for W3HXO running a list at this time and frequency.

At this time VK2AGT is looking for the Deserving W/VEs. Sometimes they will run in other areas if the demand is light. VE2AGT also often is on the P29JS action and this one often is a good bet for the European DXers.

QSLs are handled by VK2AGT's XYL and she is a stamp collector. If you want to catch her eye, don't worry about your gaudy QSL card, it is the stamps that are on the envelope that gets her attention. Send the QSL to:

Dick Hoffman VK2AGT  
Lord Howe Island  
New South Wales, Australia 2898

Usually they check the propagation first. If the band is open, the list is taken and the action run. No advance listings, no carry-over. Everyday is a new and pristine listing.

**NORFOLK ISLAND** Al Egli, HB9AAA, will be on Norfolk Island for the CQ WW WPX Test the March 24/25th weekend. He will be signing VK9N and will show for a week, mostly prior to the test.

Primarily SSB will be used and Al says to watch for him at.....

14195kHz and listening up around 14205kHz for stateside  
listening 14180kHz and down for the rest of the world

Every hour he will try 14180kHz on a transceive operation for ten minutes

21245kHz and listening up from 21255kHz  
He will try 21235 transceive

28595kHz and listening 28610kHz and up  
28585kHz transceive

QSL to his home QTH.....Al Egli, HB9AAA, Box 17, CH-2500 Bienne 4, Switzerland. Sase or Sae/IRC will be needed. The plans are pretty well fixed, he will be on Norfolk Island for about a week and you should look for Al some days prior to the WPX Test.

**GUINEA** 3X1IX continues to show on c.w. and the feeling is that this one is for real. He keeps giving his name as Vlad, QSLs go to Box 477, Conakry and it appears that he may be either Russian or a Czech....or maybe even something else.

He has often shown on the low portion of the twenty meter band, works some snappy c.w. and by districts, areas, countries or whatever is appropriate. Does not get flustered by those who insist in calling out of turn, he just ignores them. The c.w. is fast, the station looks good. At this point, don't argue.

**SOUTH GEORGIA** VP8SU has been showing from South Georgia but a recent note said that his rig popped open and he may not be heard for a couple of weeks.

This is Phil, often showing around 14275kHz around 1900Z and he will be there in the Antarctic island group for a couple of years. He has been heard on a list operation handled by G3KJ. He has indicated that he would be looking for stateside stations after 0000Z when everything is in place. He may also be showing on c.w. With two years to go, the prospects are good....after he untops his transmitter.

**G3LQP** As this one often shows as the QSL Manager for a large number of DX stations, you might want to note a change of address. Roger Brown now goes to.....32, Albert Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4RX, England. He does have a number of stations for whom he handles cards but notes that the most active right now is C5ABK. He also handles C5AAR and C5AAJ.

**PITCAIRN** VR6HI will open up about March 23rd and will be operated by ZL1ADI and ZL1AMO. They are getting transportation to the island on an inter-island trading ship, how they will get off has not been worked out yet and they may be there for some months. They will be concentrating mostly on c.w. and low-band operations. There will be more information in the next week.

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**SUNSPOT LOUIE** In spite of the tumult that may rage elsewhere, here with the solar reports it is always serene. The winter may hold its grip elsewhere but, truly, where the sunspots are it is always May 8th.

What can one say? Only what the immortal poets have written for DXers all down the long span of the years!

The World's great age begins anew,  
The golden years return....

It is hard to keep a vagrant tear from showing in one's eyes when such joy is contained in so few lines. We asked W6RQ about the joy he felt when he viewed the sunspots. Guess what he said!

"Did you know that I have seven and a half hours lighter-than-air time in my log?" Al says and we had to wonder.

It is true that many DX types are noted for their hot-air routines but we were not aware that some had taken to recording it as a separate item in their logs. We probably did not show as being impressed as Al hastened to expound a bit further.

"It was with Squadron Three of the Pacific Fleet Airship Headquarters," he elaborated. "That was a long time ago when me and Nimitz and Spruance and Halsey and a few others were active."

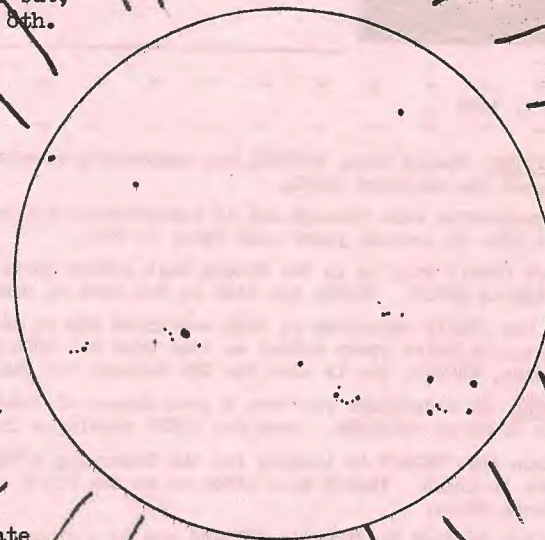
Now the more astute DXer will recognize all of that as history and what was is past, it is what will come down the pike that is interesting and Ted says to watch for:

March 7th Above Normal	Mar 12th Above Normal
8th Above Normal	13th Above Normal
9th Above Normal	14th High Normal
10th High Normal	15th Above Normal
11th High/Low Normal	16th Above Normal

Zurich is anticipating that the February SSN will be in the low 130s. This will be the highest observed count since 1959. The 90-day mean for the solar flux is just under the 200 mark and DX will go on forever! Just like the true loves of Spring.

Just skip all of that, Ev tells us, and lets get down to the flux of things. And K6EC says that it was:

Solar Flux Ap Index	Solar/Ap Index
Feb 19th 243 16	Feb 23rd 201 24
20th 238 4	24th 187 13
21st 230 36	25th 170 10
22st 230 26	



No. 1574	7 spots
N18° W85°	470 millionths
1578	5 spots
S26° W64°	90 millionths
1581	2 spots
S25° W19°	140 millionths
1585	1 spot
S26° W84°	50 millionths
1586	5 spots
N36° E02°	150 millionths
1588	15 spots
S19° W28°	50 millionths
1591	3 spots
S21° E48°	80 millionths
1593	18 spots
S33° W11°	80 millionths
1594	1 spot
S12° W44°	10 millionths
1595	1 spot
S24° E72°	30 millionths

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DESECHEO If all the changing plans finally fell into place, KP4AM should have shown on c.w. during the last weekend and was aiming to run five days to about 2200Z on March 7th.

After the initial permission was granted, this one loaded with restrictions, further discussions with the Fish and Wildlife Service saw many of the stipulations lifted until there were few if any left.

The group did get permission to use a helicopter to lift personnel and gear onto the island. If you caught them you probably noticed other changes.

KP4DSD, William Kerber, is still in the Puerto Rico area and was possibly a part of the effort. QSLs go to the Northern California DX Foundation, Box 717, Oakland, Calif. 94604. W6WX is also given as a route. This is also good if you use a current call-book. However, this call was held by the Foundation in memoriam of Dave Baker who was a long time leader in the DX activity with the Northern California group. However, with the changes by the FCC on club and such calls, W6WX was not renewed when its term was up. The FCC turning down the renewal.

VATICAN CITY Ken Palmer, K2FJ, who has been operating from Gibraltar, was making plans to operate from HV3SJ this weekend. Perhaps he will show up but there has been some changes at the station.

Brother Ed, the long time operator at HV3SJ, was transferred early in February by his religious order to Cali, Colombia. There has been some sporadic operation by IØQP but mostly the station has been QRT and future possibilities are not known.

W6KNH has handled the QSLs for the WAs and possible strays for HV3SJ for some years. IØQP usually takes care of the European demand. There have been problems with some activity back in November, this on November 11 and 12th when DJØYD operated the station. The log pages for those dates are not at the station and the presumption is that DJØYD took both the original and carbon-copy with him. Many have not had success in getting a QSL for these dates but W6KNH can do nothing about it, not having the log sheets to verify contacts. Clyde has been trying to get copies of the logs and will QSL only if he can verify the contact. Without the log sheets he cannot. The instructions for these two days were to QSL to DJØYD and that seems to be the key. For any other days, QSLs are answered the same day as received.

SILENT KEY Tom Gentry, W5RG, a well-known DX in the Dalls area, passed away in the last week in February. Tom had been hospitalized for a long period in 1978, his XYL passing away while he was in the hospital, but he was able to return home some months back and had been heard again on the air.

An avid DXer, Tom often was a traveler to DX meetings, showing at the Fresno International a number of times. He and his XYL were often at other amateur conventions.

SWAZILAND ZS6BQI/3D6 is being heard and Jeff is the new operator at a broadcast station. He expects a license soon and will be showing on c.w. when it is in hand. He is about 400' distant from the QTH of 3D6BP and has been found on fifteen SSB...21310kHz from 2100Z

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**SHORTLY NOTED** The 3Y1VC operation should be ending this week but the effects may be noticeable for some time. And this is the bitterness that is being displayed against some big-signal, big-power stations for their daily effort to monopolize the station, calling during the short openings even though they knew they had a verified solid contacts.

While the urge to display one's cleverness and big signal has always been noticeable, the belligerency of some of the lower-powered stations who were trampled over is at a level somewhat higher than ever noted before. A number of instances have been noted where the station who was proud of working 3Y1VC, three, four, five, possibly more times, has been dealt a stinging letter castigating them for their boorish tactics. "Sir!! You are a cad!!"

If you finally were able to work 3Y1VC, you may be a bit more philosophical about the encounter sessions. However, if you missed, and there are a large number of these it would seem, there is some steaming.

Elsewhere we had some notes about HV3SJ at Vatican City. There is a report that HV2VO (Carlo) is on the air but is running his signal into a dipole. ZS2MI on Marion Is. will have a new operator in May. This one will not be the island's radio operator but a radio technician. He will bring his own gear and promises to be very active with the ZS2MI callsign.

Though there was widespread disappointment that the Bangalore Radio Club was not able to get VU4ARC on the air from the Laccadives in January, the club has not given up in their planning. They are doing a lot of leg work to line things up and if they do not show in March, they will be looking at later this year. On the Andamans, VE3FXT did send word that he would be there in mid-February but nothing further developed. P29JS was going to go on leave and was planning to stop at New Delhi to see about matters while enroute to Europe. Indian sources indicate they've heard nothing on these plans. It is understood that a VU-license is a prerequisite and this may take some time to line up. Anyhow, hold on and both the Laccadives and the Andamans will show one of these days. Perhaps not always as plans go but there are some who believe that if one plan does not work, let's try another.

W7PHO has been under the weather but should be back on the Family Hour before long. The reports say that Bill is coming along very well. Next week we will have the full information on the up-coming IS1DX-Sprattly operation. All the frequencies, etc.

4U1UN will be on the Afrikaner Net this Wednesday, March 8th. There is a postal strike in Greece which does not seem to be affecting things. There is a mail embargo on Ireland due to a postal strike there. There has been a mail embargo to Iran since January with no signs of it being lifted.

Those working on the YASME QSLing ask that follow-up queries not be sent. They say it slows up things instead of speeding them. SV9JI is reported on Crete....we are possibly repeating that as someone always seems to be looking for Crete. Probably always will.

KJ6DN QSLs to....Duncan S Lamb WB6YIQ, 8139 Franciscan Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95829. The Six-landers heading for The Gambia will be in Dakar on March 13th. They hope to be on the air the following day....and next week we will have all the frequencies on this one.

Often we get a query from some on why don't we use the large type as we used to do. We type all the bulletin on the same typewriter. It's when we line up the big vertical camera to make the printing plates that things change. The windier we get, the smaller the type gets. Such as here.....

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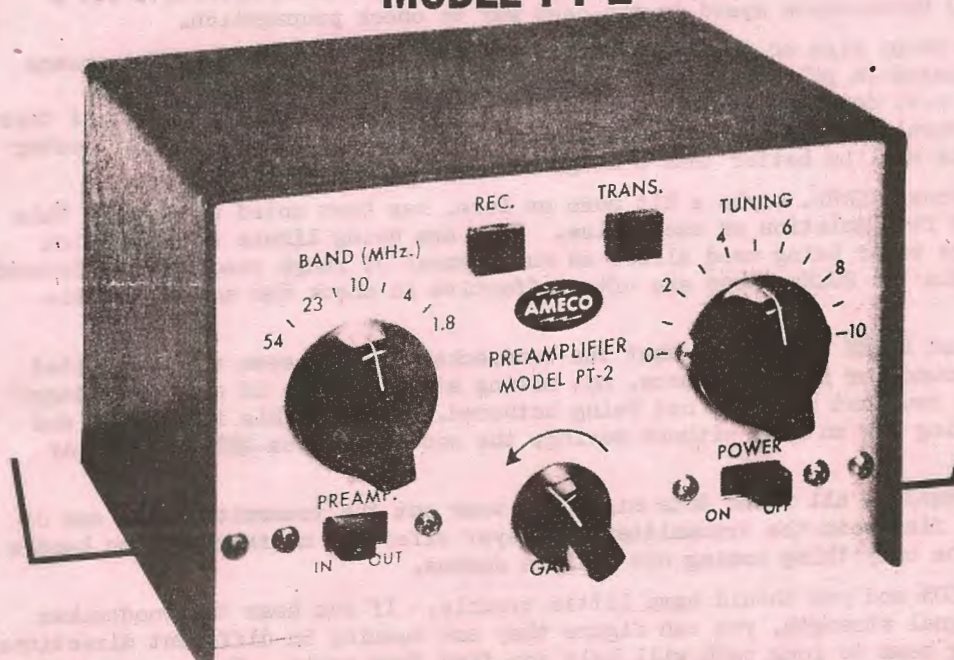
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**THE RUSSIAN WOODPECKER** One fun-loving DXer has advised us that H5HHH QSLs go to Box 88.

We are skeptical of that, the list of callsigns for the Soviet as listed in the back of the Handbook does not list any such callsign assignment.

Anyhow, some have tried calling H5HHH and some have been surprised at the results. For those who are interested in the technical aspects, you can figure to be enlightened if you read all of this.

Some have noted that the signal might change, it sending at a 50wpm rate rather than the usual 25wpm rate. What does it mean?

This generally indicates they are scanning a range of 7500km and are 'painting' a target twice to enhance its detectability. CW dots at any speed are often effective but a close match to the Woodpeckers speed is the best way to check propagation.

Some have noted a raspy sign on the woodpecker and asked what that means. This means that a noise-modulated fm pulse is being used so that decorrelated signals can be better rejected. c.w. dots are still effective in checking band conditions but if there is a spread of several stations across a 10kHz area and straddling the spectral center of the signal, this will be better than a single station acting by itself.

A flat spectrum across 10kHz, maybe a bit more or less, has been noted at times. This is an indicator of fm modulation on each pulse. They are using linear fm modulation and the 'chirp' type radar being used allows an enhancement of range resolution. Several c.w. stations within the 20kHz sweep are often effective in check the action on this one.

Some who have called H5HHH have noted that the woodpecker did not seem to be affected but would stick around for a hour or more, not moving at all. This is a 'laying doggo' tactic to convince you that they are not being bothered. Usually this is a bluff and recently after trying for an hour without moving, the woodpecker was QRT the rest of the night.

One even asked if sending all those dots might not wear out the transmitter and one of these days he will find both the transmitter and keyer affected, neither able to handle dots any longer, the only thing coming out will be dashes.

Cut your power by 50% and you should have little trouble. If you hear the woodpecker suddenly change signal strength, you can figure they are beaming in different directions. Often swinging your beam to long path will help you find them again. Or you can just swing the beam until the signal is loudest.

What does all of this indicate? That a study of signal propagation and radar responses can be fascinating. Those who once would consider the Woodpecker an unbearable nuisance are now learning not only a good deal more about propagation on long-haul paths but are able to recognize many identifiable peculiarities of various radar signals. All this is part of the amateur's continuing enhancement of technical ability.

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Follows the last in the series of needed lists from the WIAM's Great DX Computer. Divided into four areas, the lists should give some idea of what is needed in various parts of the world, the evidence should be that DX is a relative thing.

In the various areas, the SouthEast Asia listing is mostly returns from JAs though there are other areas represented. The returns from Europe are mainly northern Europe, Brazil was the heavy return area for South America. In Canada every province was represented in the poll.

If you check with the DXCC scores for the W/K/A/Ns you will note that the averages for Asia, Europe and South America run around 280 DXCC countries but the VE average is lower and possibly not completely representative of the Canadian DXers. The 253 DXCC average for the VEs comes with some strange variations. VKØ-Heard is rare but five out of twelve VEs say they have worked it. The problem may be a rather small sampling and while the rankings are interesting, they may not be an indication of a VE consensus with two few responding. One or two QSOs, some possibly of years back, could make a big difference in the rankings. In cases where there was a heavy response, such as the W/K lists, there is a strong feeling that the listings are based on solid statistics. With a small sampling there must be some question.

Anyhow, here is the results of the poll and, as such polls always do, they inform but do not always answer all the questions.

Art Westneat W1AM

Rank	East Asia (17)	Rank	Europe (24)	Rank	South America (11)	Rank	Canada (12)								
1	Albania 94%	46	7J1-Okino 29%	1	Bouvet 91%	46	S2-Banglsh37%	1	Albania 100%	46	ZS2-Marn36%	1	Bouvet 100%	46	TL-CentAfr 50%
2	BY-China 94	47	3C-Equat G29	2	BY-China 83	47	3B6-Agaleg37	2	BY-China 90	47	Maldives36	2	8Z-Neut. 91	47	San Felix 50
3	Bouvet 88	48	5B-Malagasy29	3	XZ-Burma 79	48	Franz Josef37	3	VS9-Kamrn 90	48	Malpeo 36	3	XZ-Burma 91	48	A6-UnitedA.50
4	VS9-Kamrn 88	49	VB-Sable 29	4	VK0-Heard75	49	Formosa 37	4	8Z-Neutrl 81	49	SoSudan 36	4	Laccadives91	49	EA9-Rio De 50
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6	VK0-Heard 82	51	ZD0-Tristn23	6	ZK-Manihk70	51	TI9-Cocos 37	6	VS9-SoYemen81	51	TI9-Coco36	6	VS9-Kamrn 83	51	XL-U.Volta 50
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25	Franz Jose58	70	Pitcarin 17	25	FR7-Gloro50	70	5U1-United33	25	FR7-Tromel 54	70	Pitcairn27	25	7J1-Okino 66	70	VE-Sable 41
26	Spraty 52	71	5N-Nigeria17	26	McQuarrie50	71	ZL-Kermec 29	26	ZK-Manihiki54	71	4U1-U.N 27	26	9U5-Burundi66	71	3C-EquatG 33
27	TN-Congo 62	72	So Sudan	27	VE-Sable 50	72	8Q-Maldive29	27	VK9X-Xmas 54	72	SoSandw18	27	3B6-Agalega66	72	ZS2-Marn 33
28	Afghanistn52	73	Cambodia 11	28	HK0-Bajo 50	73	3B9-Rodrz 29	28	9N-Nepal 54	73	F08-Clip18	28	Monaco 66	73	TZ-Mali 33
29	SoOrkneys 52	74	Agalega 11	29	9Q5-Zaire50	74	7Q7-Malawi29	29	S2-Banglash45	74	Kermecdec18	29	FR7-Tromln 66	74	FB8X-Kerg 33
30	Geyser 47	75	VK0MacQ 11	30	TN-Congo 45	75	KC6-Saipn 29	30	D6-Comoro 45	75	3C-Equat18	30	SV-Crete 66	75	ZD9-Tris 33
31	CR3-PortG 47	76	VK-Wallis 11	31	A51-Bhuthn45	76	TR-Chad 25	31	Mt Athos 45	76	5A-Libya18	31	ZK-Manihiki66	76	CE0Z-JuanF 33
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33	XF4-Revill41	78	U88-Turko 11	33	Andamans 45	78	FB8X-Kerg 25	33	San Felix 45	78	FB8Z-Ams18	33	Andamans 66	78	Al-Oman 33
34	JX-JanMaynl1	79	Kure 11	34	5A-Libya 45	79	A6-United 25	34	Kingman 45	79	Formosa 18	34	VK0-Heard 58	79	So Orkneys 33
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37	SoSandwch 35	82	VE-StPaul 11	37	TY-Benin 45	82	3V-Tunis 25	37	FranzJosef 45	82	LordHowe18	37	5A-Libya 58	82	San Marino 33
38	TI-Chad 35	83	5B-Tanzan 11	38	Kure 45	83	JD1-Minani26	38	5R8-Malagasy15	83	ZM7-Tokel18	38	YV0-Aves 58	83	FW8-Wallis 33
39	Mt Athos 35	84	Gibraltar 11	39	FR7-Gloro41	84	XW8-Laos 25	39	Rodriguez 45	84	J29-Djib18	39	So Sudan 58	84	FY0Trindade33
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41	FR7-Juan 35	86	5U-Niger 11	41	ZL-Campbl41	86	KC-Niue 25	41	Iraq 36	86	Kure 18	41	CR3-PortG. 58	86	TA-Turkey 25
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45	A7-Qatar 29	90	Andamans 5	45	A7-Qatar 37	90	FW8-Wallis25	45	3B6-Agalega36	90	JT1-OutM18	45	TI-Chad 50	90	J29-Djibti 25



The NEEDED LIST We ran the areas needed lists down to No. 96 and at that point we were down to where one or two were providing the need, things getting a bit thin. Art Westneat, W1AM, would have liked more in returns but you work with what you have.

UF6 was incorrectly identified in the list sent out and there is a question on this one whether the response was for the prefix or the country. Some apparently confused the International Telecommunications Union station 4U1ITU with the United Nation's station 4U1UN.

All of this gives some information though the feeling persists that after you get below the 50% mark the base for the statistics is tending to get small and the figures susceptible to wide changes by the shift of just one or two needs, or lack of needs. In the Asia poll for example, two additions would have moved a country from 5% area up to around the 40% ranking, from the bottom to above the middle area. Possibly if another were to be run immediately, and allowing even for those which have shown in the interim since this poll was made, there would be significant changes in the lower portions of the ranking, the upper levels probably would be less affected.

If you dig out the previous W/K poll, the 1 to 8 poll and compare the rankings with this issue's listing, you will again be confronted with the fact that DX rarity is a geographical factor and a needed list is only even reasonably accurate as it applies to an area. The upper levels of any list have a large degree of commonality, get down a bit and the variations are startlingly apparent.

W1AM spent a lot of time reviewing the figures, programming the Great DX Computer and feeding the information. He started the New Hampshire winter with a big woodpile and a big statistical information pile. In the intervening months he has managed to work both piles down to manageable levels. Considering the long hours of work that went into the compilation of the needed lists, a lot of credit must go to W1AM.

REDONDA Some weeks back we had an item on Redonda, an island offshore from Antigua, and the possibility that here will come another country. This one has a crowned head, listed in Burke's Peerage, and it has moved to issue it's own stamps.

A philately service in Lawrence, New York is offering first-day items for Redonda. These are Antigua stamps, overprinted for 'Redonda' and it is reported that they are acceptable in Antigua and good for international mail service.

The stamp company notes that in a number of instances, and some are recent happenings, that a newly independent country has overprinted stamps of a neighboring country (island) for their own first issue. This includes Tuvalu in 1976, Anguilla in 1967, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey, Cocos, Christmas and Tristan da Cunha.

Somewhere along the line Redonda will burst on the scene as a new DXCC country. This will not, if all the previous information is correct, just being a matter of a separate and distinct administration. This is a sovereign nation!

Well, it does seem so. Just you wait and some enterprising DXer will be heard from Redonda!!

SHORTLY NOTED A week back we had a good lead on the address for TR8RG. DA1IA was a neighbor of DA1CZ there in Germany. One eager W9 rushed off a QSL card and asked for the address to which TR8RG's QSL could be sent. He got a fast answer back from the one in the French military forces in Germany. Send your QSL to B.P 177, Libreville, Gabon. Hardly what we expected. Anyhow the N9 is trying again and maybe one of these days we will come up with DA1CZ's address....which we have not as yet.

W6NZX got a bit concerned recently about what is a valid counter for DXCC....just what does the QSL have to show. He wrote to the ARRL DXCC Desk and they advised:

A valid contact, no matter how it is established, is a contact between two identifying stations who have established two way communications with each other. Fcc regulations require that you identify the station you are working as well as your own.

It might be noted that there is no mention of signal reports.....only that you establish two-way communications with each other. This has come up in other years, the advice has been the same and the understanding has been that as long as the QSL shows the date, callsign and confirms that a two-way QSO was held, it will be accepted. There may be more but it does appear that the need for signal reports is not paramount.

GB2RN will be heard from 0800Z on April 13th and will run to 1700Z on April 22nd. This will be the RNARS annual activity aboard the HMS Belfast moored in the River Thames between the Tower Bridge and the London Bridge. TRIO/KENWOOD has donated a complete station for installation aboard the ship. The plan is to work both c.w and SSB from One-sixty to ten meters. Visitors during this period will be welcomed. QSLs will be acknowledged, include an IRC for direct reply, otherwise they will go via the bureaus. G3BZU is the headquarters for the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society (RNARS), HMS Mercury, East Meon, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 1HE, England.

Every year the CQ WW DX Test draws more participants and it also draws a lot making excursions to DX spots to put a new or slightly used prefix on the air. If you are planning any DX traveling for either portion of the CQ WW DX Tests this fall, John Attaway, K4IIF, DX Editor of CQ Magazine would like to know you plans by July 1st so he can advertise the efforts in CQ Magazine. Just send the information to K4IIF at Box 205, Winter Haven, Florida 33880



REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Much that I sought, I could not find;  
Much that I found, I could not bind;  
Much that I bound, they would not see;  
Much that I sent, returned to me.....

TEN METERS.....THE ACTION BAND!!

EA9EX 28005/1150/Feb 18e	LA7GM/OD5 28101/1425 18e	UA0KBC 28052/0000/Feb 20e	9K2DR 28054/1510/Feb 19e
EA9FR 28045/1325/Feb 20e	OK3IF 28033/1715/Feb 17w	UA0GF 28047/2345/Feb 19e	
EA3TC 28036/1905/Feb 24w	OK3KNO 28038/1750/Feb 19w#	UC2WBP 28024/1700/Feb 17w	
FR7BT 28015/1400/Feb 22e	OX3RA 28002/1635/Feb 25w	UC2OBZ 28030/1300/Feb 18e	
GD3FTN 28020/1945/Feb 18e	OX3WO 28021/1605/Feb 25w	UL7TA 28044/0305/Feb 18w	
GD4BEG 28027/1935/Feb 20w	OS5SP 28025/1500/Feb 18e	U05WB 28053/1840/Feb 18e	
GI4DQO 28018/1905/Feb 19e	OY9K 28049/1720/Feb 20e	VU2GO 28017/1700/Feb 18e	
GU3MBS 28044/1720/Feb 24w	PA2JBD 28022/1725/Feb 19w	VU2LHO 28043/1445/Feb 18e	
HK0BKX 28014/1745/Feb 19w	SV0WTT 28029/1845/Feb 18e	VO2CW 28020/2155/Feb 18e	
HZ1HZ 28005/1715/Feb 24w	WA7JRL/SU 28038/1430/Often	VR0M 28002/2310/Feb 19e	
I7LMP 28011/1845/Feb 24w	UA2FCB 28013/1610/Feb 24w	VR3AH 28034/1905/Feb 16e	
J3AAG 28033/1820/Feb 18w	UA4CDL 28012/1450/Feb 18e	YI1BGD 28047/1740/Feb 17m	
KJ6BZ 28033/2330/Feb 18e	UA9UAO 28043/0235/Feb 19w	YU3TCN 28033/1755/Feb 17w	
LX1ML 28021/1530/Feb 18e	UA9YCN 28044/0300/Feb 18w	3Y1VC 28100/1435/Feb 18e.	
ALXHR 28593/1850/Feb 19e	HH2MC 28510/2145/Feb 23w	P29NYL 28576/2350/Feb 23e	VK2AGT/LH 28580/0130 21m
AP2KS 28506/1345/Feb 16e	HL9KE 28540/2300/Feb 17m	RH8EAA 28627/0320/Feb 20w	VP2MCH 28520/1545/Feb 18e
AP2MQ 28550/1400/Feb 17m	HM1NX 28575/0215/Feb 20m	S79MC 28527/1815/Feb 21m	VR1AW 28502/2000/Feb 19e
CE0AE 28539/2250/Feb 21e	HS1AHD 28516/0050/Feb 18m	WD5AJE/SU 28600/1300 21m	VR1BD 28502/2300/Feb 21e
DA1AK 28616/1615/Feb 18e	JT1BG 28526/0215/Feb 14w	SP9CTY 28505/1620/Feb 17e	YA2CX 28515/1600/Feb 17e!!
DL4CBS 28585/1635/Feb 17e	JY5ZM 28600/1550/Feb 20m	T2T 28502/2005/Feb 19e	YU1ABJ 28508/1655/Feb 21m
DU9RG 28529/0000/Feb 18m	KA1IW 28553/0020/Feb 18e	UA9CBO 28510/1300/Feb 18w	YB7ACZ 28550/0200/Feb 18m
EA6ES 28576/1650/Feb 28w	KA6ED 28507/0305/Feb 21w	UA9FCW 28697/1505/Feb 17e	ZF1SV 28503/2000/Feb 23m
EA8SK 28717/2025/Feb 22m	KA6JJ 28520/2320/Feb 16e	UA0FDG 28618/0010/Feb 18m	3D2BM 28782/0040/Feb 18w
EL1I 28502/1745/Feb 18w	KC6GF 28613/0030/Feb 20e	UF6DZ 28535/1330/Feb 18e	4Z4UW 28616/1615/Feb 18e
EL2AK 28596/1750/Feb 22e	KG6JBE 28517/2310/Feb 16e	UK2BAS 28578/1340/Feb 18e	7X2BK 28557/1420/Feb 22e
CT2CP 28535/2000/Feb 19e	LX2LX 28580/1340/Feb 19m	UI8LBC 28522/1350/Feb 17w	9G1KB 28523/1350/Feb 22m
FC2CH 28552/1700/Feb 24m	JXL4CM 28503/1505/Feb 17e	UI80AA 28505/0310/Feb 16w	9K2FX 28516/1810/Feb 23e
FO8DO 28531/1815/Feb 18m	OE3FKC 28553/1900/Feb 19m	UK5IBG 28562/1555/Feb 20m	9H1L 28580/1510/Feb 16m
FW8AC 28582/0240/Feb 23w	OD5EP 28520/1600/Feb 20m	UK0CHE 28576/0140/Feb 16e	9N1MM 28625/1510/Feb 16m
GI3IVJ 28503/1655/Feb 21m	RB5VCU 28555/1405/Feb 18e	UL7FAN 28505/0300/Feb 18w	
ZB2BL 50.004/1315/Feb 18e			



LOW BAND LOUIE

KZ5GXT 1827/0320/Feb 20e			
CT2SH 3795/0730/Feb 21w	GL1MN 3795/0730/Feb 21w	UK2GKW 3501/1500/Feb 21w#	5T5JD 3509/0225/Feb 14e
DJ1NY 3797/0630/Feb 25w	K7CA/HC1 3505/0515 27w	K4FW/VP2K 3510/0445 27w	5W1BZ 3798/0700/Feb 22w
EI8H 3795/0730/Feb 21w	HK4BKX 3799/0430/Feb 18w	YS9RVB 3796/0645/Feb 23e	9L1CA 3783/0605/Feb 19w
EI9CR 3795/0730/Feb 21w	IS0OMH 3515/0440/Feb 17m	ZB2G 3794/0655/Feb 27w	
FY0CGP 3797/0610/Feb 25w	KA1NC 3795/1215/Feb 18m	ZL2BT 3790/0825/Feb 18m	
FY7BC 3797/0640/Feb 15w	TI2PZ 3504/0450/Feb 27w	VE3BWK/LU 3780/1500/oft	
CT1UE 7085/0755/Feb 17m	HC1NOK 7009/0310/Feb 12m	T2T 7006/0630/Feb 22m	VP8AI 7006/0215/Feb 21m
DL4CBS 7047/2325/Feb 19e	HI3PC 7002/0920/Feb 19w	UA9CM 7024/0050/Feb 22e	XE1RK 7099/0725/Feb 23e
DF7QD 7093/0710/Feb 23e	HK0BKX 7006/0110/Feb 18w	UA9CMH 7018/0100/Feb 22e	Y09AEL 7006/2315/Feb 17e
DK4LH 7087/0715/Feb 23e	I2MAU 7086/0620/Feb 23e	UK0ZCO 7006/0930/Feb 19w	ZF2CL 7006/0450/Feb 19w
EA8CR 7089/0810/Feb 18m	I6FLD 7100/0700/Feb 18m	UI8OK 7009/0200/Feb 22e	ZS1XR 7006/2315/Feb 17e
EI8H 7090/0720/Feb 24w	J28AL 7004/0345/Feb 16m	U05ODN 7018/0450/Feb 22e	ZS5LB 7008/0435/Feb 18w
GW3AX 7089/0720/Feb 23e	OH1JX 7005/0745/Feb 26w	UR2RKS 7007/0300/Feb 21m	3Y1VC 7003/0250/Feb 17m
GU5CIA 7002/0000/Feb 18e	OE6MKG 7010/0500/Feb 19w	VO2CW 7008/0215/Feb 17e	9H4L 7019/0500/Feb 22e

AFRICA SSB

CN8CW 21258/2320/Feb 19m	PH8OM 14211/1500/Feb 25w	TR8LE 21273/2045/Feb 19w	5U7AG 14250/2100/Monday
CN8GY 14221/2200/Feb 22e	PH8YL 14262/1400/Feb 22e	TR8RG 14205/0530/Feb 23m	5H3JF 21382/1915/Feb 22e
CN8CX 14215/2200/Feb 21e	FR7BE 21278/1700/Feb 24w	XT2AT 21355/2250/Feb 20e	5A3AD 14209/0245/Feb 19e?
EA8QL 21355/2010/Feb 25w	FR7ZL/T 14217/1510/Feb 24w#	ZD7SD 14210/2030/Feb 20e	5Z4NH 14225/1640/Feb 26w#
EA8JP 14214/1815/Feb 21e	J28AZ 14224/0315/Feb 21m	ZD9GH 14250/2100/Mondays	5Z4GX 14211/1505/Feb 25w#
EA9GU 14225/2200/Feb 21e	VE1WF/SU 14218/2135 19m	ZS3AG 21355/2000/Feb 26w	7P8BH 14225/1600/Feb 24w#
EA9GD 14256/2215/Feb 21e	SU1AL 14250/2030/Feb 19e	ZS6N 21355/1815/Feb 26w	9G1HZ 14215/0745/Feb 22e
EL9A 14209/2210/Feb 21e	S8AAI 14225/1645/Feb 21w	3D6BS 14225/1540/Feb 22w	9J2BO 14225/1640/Feb 26w
FB8XV 14213/1545/Feb 25w	S8AAP 14204/1700/Feb 24w	3D6AT 14225/1610/Feb 22w	9X5PM 14214/1550/Feb 25w#



MORE RED EYED LOUIE'S REPORTS

The world's great age begins anew,  
The golden years return....

AFRICA CW

CR3A 14019/0315/Feb 26w	FR7ZL/T 14023/0400 23m	ZS3LK 14011/1720/Feb 21w	7P8BH 14042/0445/Feb 20e
EA8CR 14025/0055/Feb 21m	J28AG 14028/0245/Feb 20e	3B8DA 14040/0250/Feb 21w	9J2BO 14025/1600/Feb 20w#
EA8FU 14025/0245/Feb 23m	J28AY 14048/0205/Feb 20m	3B8CF 14029/0320/Feb 23m	9X5OM 14025/0230/Feb 22m
EA9GK 14027/0110/Feb 23e	SU1MI 14045/0315/Feb 21e	3X1IX 14010/0050/Feb 25e	
FR7BP 14025/1440/Feb 24w	ZE1FS 14022/1555/Feb 20w#	5Z4CW 21025/1855/Feb 22m	

ASIA CW

BY1AC 14025/1535/Feb 23w??	UA0UEW 14058/1225/Feb 21m	UJ8BQ 14039/0325/Feb 25e	UK9AAN 21017/1900/Feb 21e
HM0T 14068/1500/Feb 22m	UA0AAK 14043/0300/Feb 22e	UI8ADM 14053/1710/Feb 23w	UM8MBA 14008/0255/Feb 21e
HS1ABD 14018/1625/Feb 23w	UD6DU 14016/0400/Feb 23m	UI8ADQ 14039/0300/Feb 21m	UW9VH 14018/1620/Feb 23w#
HS1ABD 21030/2205/Feb 20e	UD6DHC 21018/1840/Feb 21e	UI8FAR 14043/0420/Feb 21m	VU2KIT 14050/1240/Feb 21m
JR1EEB/JD1 21018/0050 20e	UD6DFK 14047/0400/Feb 25e	UK7NAG 14029/0300/Feb 21m	VU2RQ 14041/0140/Feb 20e
JA7JT/JD1 14047/0700 18kh	UF6FDS 14027/0400/Feb 20e	UK8FAA 14010/0300/Feb 22w	VU2KMK 14028/0130/Feb 20w#
JT1KAA 14025/0250/Feb 21m	UF6HK 14010/0125/Feb 23e	UK8JAA 14024/0745/Feb 23w	4S7NE 14030/0205/Feb 24w
JY6TC 21010/1905/Feb 20e	UG6GAE 14012/1430/Feb 17w	UL7DG 14022/0430/Feb 22w	4Z4UW 14015/0320/Feb 24w
UA9OAZ 14027/1230/Feb 20e	UH8HBR 14033/0405/Feb 20e	UL7TBO 14023/0210/Feb 23m	9M2FR 14026/2320/Feb 24e
UA9YAA 14052/1700/Feb 23w	UH8HAI 14047/0420/Feb 20e	UL7GBZ 14022/0300/Feb 23m	9M2FK 14028/2335/Feb 24e
UA9YAD 14004/0140/Feb 25e	UJ8AGT 14028/0255/Feb 23m	UL7GAP 14006/0340/Feb 20e	

ASIA SSB

A7XAH 14225/1515/Feb 26w#	HS1WR 14210/1640/Feb 22w	UI8FFF 14224/1720/Feb 25w	4S7JD 14210/1220/Feb 23e
A9XCS 14225/1350/Feb 19m	JT1AO 14208/0245/Feb 23m	UJ8JCQ 14220/1300/Feb 22e	4Z4UX 14265/0610/Feb 23e
AP2HJ 14203/1950/Feb 20e	JT1AN 21320/0125/Feb 20w	UM8MAW 14206/0205/Feb 21m	VE3BWK/4U 14210/1620 20m
AP2HQ 14204/1630/Feb 25w	JT1BF 14203/1600/Feb 25w	VU2YY 14221/1325/Feb 23e#	7Z2AP 14210/1530/Feb 23w
AP2M 14201/1320/Feb 22e	JY5ZM 14210/1520/Feb 24w#	VU2JNA 14020/1245/Feb 20m	9K2DX 14225/1300/Feb 22e#
AP2KS 14215/0225/Feb 23m	JY9DK 14225/1515/Feb 24w#	VS6AK 14201/1530/Feb 24w	9K2FK 21331/1905/Feb 22e
HL9UW 14224/1615/Feb 25m	JY9OD 14226/1450/Feb 20w	ZCLMT 14238/2320/Feb 22e	9N1MM 14222/0110/Feb 19w
HO9930 14240/1315/Feb 21m	KA1NC 14205/0800/Feb 25w	4S7JA 14202/1245/Feb 20m	9V1TF 14205/1315/Feb 20m#

EUROPE CW

CT2CB 14036/0215/Feb 20m	IT9JDH 14043/1610/Feb 25w	OS6VL 14029/0000/Feb 23w	UA1COB 14043/1545/Feb 24w
CT1MQ 14013/0020/Feb 22e	IX1ZZQ 14030/1455/Feb 20w	SP9DOW 14012/1620/Feb 20w#	UP2BFE 14020/0310/Feb 25w
GD4BEQ 14027/0645/Feb 23m	IS0VSG 14077/2310/Feb 21e	SP5AGU 14024/0745/Feb 23w	YO3BEM 14028/2125/Feb 22m
GU5CIA 14029/2145/Feb 21e	LZ1WR 14010/1545/Feb 22w	TF5TP 21057/1920/Feb 22m	Y08CF 14009/0710/Feb 20w
HA0MM 21018/1840/Feb 23w	LZ2LO 14020/1520/Feb 24w#	UA2DS 14016/0510/Feb 19w	YU10TA 21029/1710/Feb 21w
HA7KLC 21024/1610/Feb 23w	OH2BAD 14045/0325/Feb 24w	UK1PAB 14020/0320/Feb 21e	ZB2B 14018/2330/Feb 22m
HB9AAD 14017/0710/Feb 23w	OK1TA 14048/0715/Feb 22w	UK2BAS 21032/1905/Feb 23w	ZB2EO 14020/0010/Feb 19m
HW1CC 14032/0705/Feb 20kh	KG3KCF 21008/1715/Feb 26w	UK2BAS 14008/1715/Feb 23e	9H1ED 14018/1550/Feb 24w#
I1VTI 21018/1835/Feb 23w	ON4DY 14040/1550/Feb 25w	UA1ZAJ 14005/0330/Feb 25w	

EUROPE SSB

CT1GG 14336/0130/Feb 26w	GJ2LU 14219/1600/Feb 25w	LZ2RF 14244/1540/Feb 25w	TF3YH 21355/1800/Feb 21w
CT2CP 14195/0230/Feb 23m	GI5SJ 21320/1700/Feb 22m	SV1CT 14210/0045/Feb 22e	U05DN 14198/0500/Feb 24e
EA6BC 14204/0040/Feb 23e	GULBON 21280/1750/Feb 19w	SV1AE 14204/1530/Feb 24w#	U5ARTEK 14258/1445/Feb 20w#
EI0CY 21355/1910/Feb 22e	GW3VHW 21280/1650/Feb 22w	SV9JI 14224/1445/Feb 19w	Y02BB 14225/0000/Feb 20m
EA6AA 14205/2340/Feb 19w	HB9ARE 14206/2315/Feb 21m	SV0AE 21354/1910/Feb 19w	ZB2Q 14214/0115/Feb 24e
FC9UC 14209/1545/Feb 25w#	HB9ARE 21280/1635/Feb 23w	TAMMD 14250/1820/Feb 20e	F9UW/3A 14225/1505/Feb 20w#

ELSEWHERE CW

FG7XC 14067/0330/Feb 17kh	FM7WO 14005/2355/Feb 21m	LU3ZY 14024/0215/Feb 23m	VY1EM 14050/0530/Feb 20kh
FO8FN 14008/0350/Feb 23m	FG0AYO/FS 14015/0300 23w	VP2MFO 14014/0130/Feb 25w	VR1ED 14030/0700/Feb 23w
FO8AK 14025/0545/Feb 23m	HI3FC 14039/0025/Feb 23e	KLFW/VP2K 14026/0000 20m	ZK1ED 14029/0550/Feb 21e
FK8CZ 14065/0740/Feb 22w	KG6SW 21297/0110/Feb 24m	VK0JC 14023/1405/Feb 23w	ZP5NW 14033/0140/Feb 21m
FO8DT 14083/0820/Feb 20e	OX3OB 14028/1830/Feb 22e	VP9GG 14007/0530/Feb 17kh	5W1AB 14024/0750/Feb 20e
FP8EE 14024/0150/Feb 23m	P29NX 14026/1315/Feb 20e	VR3AH 14023/0600/Feb 23m	

ELSEWHERE SSB

CE9AT 14218/0200/Feb 22m	HH2A 14209/0245/Feb 23m	KV4GD 14268/1310/Feb 23e	VP8RC 14203/0020/Feb 22e
CE0AE 14225/1600/Feb 24w#	HH2V 14205/0450/Feb 22m	OX5AF 21294/0250/Feb 21e	VS5XU 14230/1545/Feb 24w
DU9RG 14207/1320/Feb 22e	J6LFT 14210/0045/Feb 23e	P29RA 14210/0820/Feb 25w	VR1ED 14210/0515/Feb 21w
K0W1Q/DU2 14216/1310 22e	J6LFD 14218/2215/Feb 22e	P29EJ 14255/1235/Feb 22e	WHLAAA 21355/1915/Feb 21w
FG0AYO 14195/0100/Feb 20m	J6LFD 14220/0115/Feb 23m	VK7AE 14205/1335/Feb 18e	ZF1SV 14205/0040/Feb 20w
FP8DX 21355/1910/Feb 26w	J6LPB 14210/0530/Feb 23m	VK9XW 14214/1600/Feb 24e	3D2EM 14225/1300/Feb 23e
FY7AN 21355/1840/Feb 26w	J6LW 14245/0440/Feb 22e	VP2SK 21299/1750/Feb 22e	4U1UN 21355/1815/Feb 21w
HL4TP 14215/1325/Feb 22e	KC6GF 14201/1150/Feb 21e	VP2KT 14203/2310/Feb 21m	5W1AU 14228/0630/Feb 21w
HI8KW 14203/0435/Feb 22w	KV4KV 21280/1955/Feb 21m	VP8SU 14275/2030/Feb 20e	9M8HG 21320/0050/Feb 21e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc. all times in gmt)  
(# = long path !! = hmmm...is it or isn't it ?? = undoubtedly the true-blue Slim)



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CALENDAR

DESECHEO	Should have started over the weekend. Until midweek
SOMALIA	601FG active. Most of this month
SPRATLY	Plans getting solid. Looking good for March 29th or thereabouts
GUINEA	3X1IX looking for real. On often....
AVES	Next month.....about April 28th and YV0AA
GIBRALTAR	ZB2G there until the middle of this week.....K2FJ effort
VATICAN CITY	K2FT there this Saturday.....expecting to operate. Some changes there
LACCADIVES	Bangalore Radio Club still ready.....looking for the handle.
LIECHTENSTEIN	Wiesbaden Radio Club aiming for operation May 26th to June 3rd...HB0XAA
SOUTH GEORGIA	VP8SU active.....there for a couple of years.
LORD HOWE	VK2AGT on list operation at 0630Z.....14255kHz
UNITED NATIONS	Usually active on Wednesdays...on the Afrikenet Net March 7th....4U1UN.
CRETE	SV9JI reported on twenty SSB
THE ZAMBIA	Next week....Six land group figuring about March 14th
NORFOLK ISLAND	HB9AAA there for the WPX Test.....VK9N from just before March 24th
PITCAIRN	The YANKEE TRADER there in about a month...c.w and RTTY about April 19th
BERMUDA	W30GY will be there for the ARRL CW Test.....Mar 17/18th
TURKS & CAICOS	VP5 will be visited by WA1SQB for the WPX Test.....March 24/25th
MONTSERRAT	VP2MS in late April by K7ISX.
ST LUCIA	J6 the new prefix.....being heard from a number of stations
SHIP ISLAND	WN5LJZ in the WPX Test
ARRL DX CW TEST	Next weekend.....March 17/18th. The single-shot version this year
CQ WW WPX TEST	All filled with action.....March 24/25th. A couple of weeks to go
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL	All the DXers primed to go.....at the Hilton in Fresno. April 7/8th

SOME QUICK FINAL NOTES The reciprocal agreement with Greece apparently has wended it's way through to become a reality. SV0WTT says that he will be signing SV0AA as soon as all the papers are signed and certified.

KA1IW QSLs to K8DYZ. A51PN QSLs to W1JF, Mike Samarco. FM7AV QSLs to F6BFH and not to W1JR. Looking a few months ahead, the Wiesbaden Radio Club will again operate from the Duchy of Liechtenstein from May 26th to June 3rd. Eighty through ten meters and they will sign HB0XAA. VR0M has been showing again, saying he is on Malden Island. Some have reported that recent landings on Malden did not turn up any inhabitants on the island. But VR0M is still being heard. Slim for sure. CT2ARA in the ARRL test this last week end was CT2SH. You will hear him again next month in the WPX signing CT8SH.

ZD9GH shows every Monday, just about, at 14250kHz from 2100Z and on Saturdays at the same stand from 2000Z. You might also catch 5U7AG there at the same time. 5U7AG will be leaving Niger in a matter of weeks and the outlook for continued 5U7-activity is not good. Catch them while you can.

Some China stations are showing.....BY1AC was at 14026kHz at 1530Z on February 23rd. Peking Slim!! A commemorative certificate is available....for \$3.00....to those who worked one VP2L in the 24 hours prior to independence and two J6L stations after the big event. The St Lucia Radio Club at Box 309, Catries, St Lucia is issuing the paper.

601FG (I2FGP) has been active from Somalia for a week or so now. Enroute he stopped at Jedda in HZ-land and at Sana in North Yemen. Giampaolo has a QSL Manager but says he would be pleased to hear from anyone who might want to drop him a line about the operation and would like to hear any comments. Keeping in mind that Giampaolo at times is in some rough and primitive areas, drop him a line if you want to encourage one who has opened up a rare one for the Deserving.



ARRL As of a week back no documentation had come through for that QSL card comes through for that one, months back. With no documentation, no credit is being given when a QSL card comes through for that one.

AMSAT is ten years old. OSCAR reached its tenth anniversary on February 22nd.

COMORO The authorities have dropped the lid on amateur radio in the Comoros and D68AD, Robin, has had his license canceled. Robin has dismantled his station, taken down the antennas and figures that he will be reassigned to a new locale in the coming months. In the meanwhile, don't look for him, he won't be there.

NATIONAL CONTEST JOURNAL If you are a Contest type, you probably have caught up with the NCJ by now. It's published six times a year and costs \$5.00 in the U.S., \$6.00 in Canada and \$7.00 for DX areas. The January/February issue recently mailed contains a lot of information plus a look at KPLRF's tower, 155' on top a young Puerto Rican mountain. They also included a cross-reference of callsigns so you can figure out what happened to whodoyoucallem who used to be on fifteen but has not been heard from since he upgraded or something. National Contest Journal.....Box 3762, Glendale, Calif. 91201.

TNX to W1AM, W1DA, K1ER, W1JR, W1MV, W1SD, WA1SQB, K1TZQ, K1VSK, W1VV, WA1YTC, W2AG, W2FP, W2HAZ, W2NC, K2OF, W3HXO, W3ODJ, N200, AA1A, N1BDB, W1LEDD, W1LFOU, W1HU, W1KA, W1LCL, W1UF, N1WX, N1XX, W5AQ, K5AQ, W5CPI, W5DD, K5DB, K5DUT, W5FL, W5JW, K5OVC, W5VVD/6, K5VNI/2, K6ARE, WA6BJS, W6CAE, WA6CPP, K6EC, WA6FIT, W6JD, N6JM, K6KA, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6MUS, N6OB, W6PYV, K6SX, WA6TFZ, WA6TLA, WA6TOO, W6TEQ, AE6U, K6UFT, N6UW, W6VD, N6VR, WB6VTE, K6WR, K6YK, K7ABV, K7NO, WA7OBH, K7UT, N7UT, W8GKM, K8IA, K8IP, W8JXM, W8LZV, W8MAW, K8MN, W8PBO, W8UVZ, W9DRL, N9DX, W9LOF, W9SC, W9SS, W9TC, W9EW, N9RF, W9ULU, KH6BZF, KH6JWK, KH6DL, HB9AAA, 601FG.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Sooner or later most everyone comes to Marin and last week we had a true-blue QRPer thawing out here from the eastern cold. This one came west with a message, not an unusual occurrence. "What you fellows need is sensitivity training," the QRPer advised us. "I've taken courses in it and it sure helps. I think sensitivity would be a big asset in DXing, don't you?" This one had our attention immediately for a bit of sensitivity in a receiver is always an asset. "Tell us more," we urged and the message was turned loose. "It's the problems we DXers have when rare ones show. Take the 3Y1VC operation as a recent example. Everytime they were on there would be those everlasting ding-a-lings calling right on his frequency and he listening 30kc up the band. Things like that could be avoided if DXers had sensitivity training." We were glad that this one was a bit long-winded, often a noted trait in a DXer, for it gave us a chance to fall back and regroup our thinking. The visiting QRPer roared on. "If all DXers were sensitive to the needs of other DXers and considerate of those needs, wouldn't it be a grand experience for all of us? Now tell me, don't you agree?" It was easy to agree for now our thinking was on track. "I get it," we said in quick reply, "if those east coast types were sensitivity trained and realized how difficult it was for us to work Mt Athos and Abu Ail a couple of years back, and even 601FG right now, they would very courteously stand aside and let the Suffering Sixes and Sevens through. Right?" We may have been thinking we were right but the look on the QRPer's face indicated that something was wrong. "Well," he said, maybe a bit slowly, "the way I was looking at it is that we eastern DXers are the ones with problems and it is sometimes difficult to work out to the Pacific. We were thinking that if the Sixes and Sevens were sensitive that they would realize that Spratly and Kingman and a couple of others have been difficult for those in the east. With a lot of the Ones and Twos and Threes and Fours needing those rare ones, wouldn't it be great if the West Coast types were sensitive enough to stand aside and let the easterners through, maybe like when the 1S1DX shows later this month. Don't you get the idea?" We were getting something but wondering if it was just what we needed. "Wait a minute!" we burst right back, "how about those fellows we both know about that worked 3Y1VC every day it showed, or were in there trying. And they did the same with LU3ZY and Y11BGD. And they are doing it right now with 601FG! How about them?" At this point we were getting steamed up as things started coming out of our memory bank. "And how about you, Buster!" we roared on, "seems that we heard you calling 3Y1VC most everyday even after it was confirmed that you were in the 3Y5DQ log. How about that and how does that jibe with your sensitivity spiel?" The visiting QRPer was indignant. "I should have realized that anything like sensitivity might be a hard thing to explain out here," he said, "and just what do you expect me to do when those rare stations are on and I've worked them. Am I just to sit there and listen because I've worked them once. Maybe you'd better wise up to what DX really is?" That did it! Sensitivity was mangled right there. For, as in a lot of other areas, there are times when DXers need understanding. And mostly understanding that self-rationalization is a potent force when you have the big signal and a rare station is available. But a sensitive explanation of our current subscription rates will come if you ask.... You might develop a few or more sensitive spots along the way, a true-blue QRPer usually does.....

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