



WEST COAST **DX** BULLETIN

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ABU AIL There is more confirmation on things moving on an Abu Ail operation from the Red Sea area and the indicators are that things may happen within a matter of weeks.

As noted last week, two groups are looking at possible operations within the next couple of weeks. One group is Jack, F6BBJ, and F6BDS. There was a report that they were looking at mid-April but the transportation problem was the stickler. Transportation is a bit difficult to line up in the lower Red Sea area.

Another group apparently has their transportation nailed down and will be in Djibouti on April 28th ready to embark for Abu Ail. Their plans call for being enroute or on the Red Sea islands by May 1st.

Details are fragmentary and probably more will be coming. However, the dates do seem to be firm. A TS820 with outboard VFO is mentioned as the gear and a tri-bander for the antenna.

This is less than two weeks off and as the plans have held up for some time, you might start expecting an operation then. The number of operators involved have fluctuated, sometimes as many as five being mentioned, other times down to two. WA3HUP has been mentioned as the QSL route.

SPRATLY 1S1DX secured the operation at 0300Z on April 12th and were expected back in Brunei this last weekend. As soon as things could be straightened out, the group expected to be on their way back to their home territory.

Over 12K QSOs are reported to have been made by the three operators. Those going out on the second run were Harry Mead, VK2BJL, Bill Poellnitz, K1MM, and Stewart Woodward, K4SMX.

The group maintained the desire for single QSOs per mode per band through the operation to the extent possible. There were indications that they were recognizing repeaters and more than once the word was passed as to their desires. Once they got started, they maintained a high rate of QSOs and persistent operations. An early worry about fuel supplies for the generators apparently was worked out and the operation ran longer than the hoped for period.

There often has been mentioned the belief that some of the DX exploits call for recording and preservation. Certainly this Spratly operation of 1979 should be detailed so that in future years the effort, the persistence and the dangers can be recalled and noted. The operators who persisted when they first had to back off from a situation fraught with danger must be acknowledged for their effort.

In the final balance, Spratly 1979 looks to be a memorable operation put on by DXers who were stubborn in the face of hazards, dedicated to the finishing of a job they had started and skilled operators when everything fell into place....finally.

There should be more information coming on the Spratly operation in future weeks. Some will have the opportunity to hear from those who participated. The story should be interesting and one to remember. This was a tough one but they pulled it off.

QSLs go Harry Mead, VK2BJL, Box 85, Round Corner, New South Wales, 2158 Australia. If you want to include some support with your QSL, Harry will not object very loudly.

The U.S. contingent ran into a lot of unexpected expenses with the initial rebuff and the extended stay in the South China Sea area. If you want to show them a bit of help, the South Jersey DX Assn will be a route you can use. Send to Erich Schmidt, K2TJ, 33 Shore Drive, Manahakin, New Jersey 08050. If you are so inclined, the Northern California DX Foundation can be used as a route for any large donations. The Foundation did heavily support the Spratly effort and can be used as a vehicle for routing additional help.

BANGLADESH A station continues to be reported, this being S2BTF showing on twenty SSB....14226 at 1530Z, gives the name as 'Peter' and says to QSL to Box 108, Dacca, Bangladesh. This one has been worked in the Western Reaches, the advice being to look for the station on weekends, from 1300Z on Saturdays, from 1200Z on Sundays. A Bangladesh station has also been reported on the SEAsia Net at 14320kHz from 1200Z.

ALBANIA Some months back there was mention of a Swedish group looking for a summer operation from Albania. Though the report persists in turning up again, no late word has been received on this one. A call sign of ZA5T has been heard mentioned. All of this keeps one alert and hoping that something is developing though past experience always keeps caution in the forefront. As one DXer has been known to say..."The situation in Tirana has not been clear since King Zog left". And you know how long ago that was!

SUNSPOT LOUIE We ran into one of the Palos Verdes Sundancers last week and this one was troubled. "It's my empathy," he explained, "I feel for all the C.B types who have moved up into amateur radio. It will be hard for them, that's for sure".

He had us there for we have noted that more than one from the CB country have jumped into DXing with a vengeance and are racking up the countries. We had to know more.

"It's this way," the Sundancer explained, "they have come in with the cycle headed up and have a hard time believing what is going on. But they think it will go on forever. What they don't realize is that one of these days we will pass the peak and things will be on the back-curve and DX will be a bit harder to find".

All of this was true, inevitably what goes up usually inevitably comes down. But the Days of Desolation were not expected for a couple of years, maybe even more. "When will all this start to happen?" we asked and the Sundancer was the picture of gloom.

"Probably around 1982 or 1983," he said, "maybe a year or so later. But down it will come. It always has and then where will those CBers be. It will be a disaster!"

Son of a Gun! What does one do who rather than luxuriating right now in the Great Days of DXing, has to borrow trouble from the future? The solution to the problem is simple.....just drop them off your list. Save your lists, Christmas or otherwise, for the optimistic Deserving types. You'll find enough trouble without sending for it.

Area 1661 which is quite noticeable on this chart and which has been active during recent weeks, finally turned the corner on the western limb and is gone. W6RQ has indicated the easily-visible penumbra that was visible around Region 1661 while it was with us. 1661 is gone but jumping 1638 has returned. There will be no end of DX and N4XX, grappling with the problems of Spring in the Potomac Valley, says to look for.....

April 18th	Below/Disturbed
19th	High/Low Normal
20th	High Normal
21st	High/Low Normal
22nd	Low Normal
23rd	Low/Below Normal

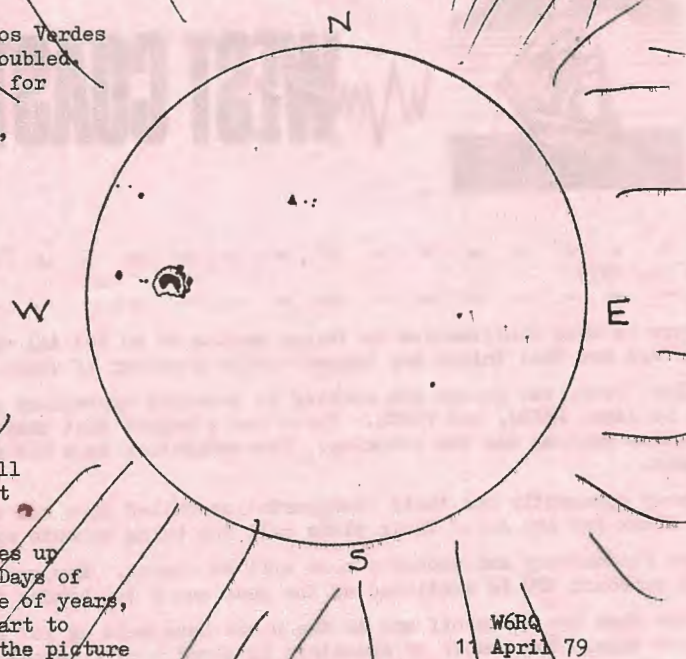
April 24th	Below Normal
25th	Disturbed
26th	Low Normal
27th	High Normal.....

All of this will not last forever, DX is good, will be better and the long memories down the years may even have it better than it really was. Those things do happen. But down in the border country K6EC says that nothing happens, just about, that he does not note and record for the chart-makers and Ev says that the figures go something like.....

	Solar Flux	Ap Index
April 2nd	206	25
3rd	199	18
4th	186	22
5th	182	35

	Solar Flux	Ap Index
April 6th	175	11
7th	168	10
8th	173	14

Ev says not to worry about the flux getting down into the high-sixties, it will go up again. He now has a long lever and this one will pry the flux well over the 200 mark, high enough to keep it up there for a long time. And when he gets it well up there, he plans to swat the Ap index right between the eyes with the big lever and drive it down for the long count. Stick around! The spectacular days of DXing are being programmed. And all the Deserving will be singing their chorus of: "More!".



No. 1661	13 spots
S24° W87°	863 millionths
1675	2 spots
S30° W85°	20 millionths
1677	8 spots
S27° E28°	70 millionths
1681	15 spots
N19° E49°	140 millionths
1682	14 spots
S12° W40°	80 millionths

KH6BZF
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BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS W5HF, Fred Spies, and Woody Charlton, K5GOE, will be in the British Virgin Islands two weeks from this Friday and going with the intention of testing all the bands from ten through one-sixty.

They will be there on May 4th and will operate until May 9th. Two rigs will be put on the air, one on c.w. and the other on SSB. They have a tribander beam, a 3-element ten-meter beam, a 14AVQ plus assorted inverted-Vees. They are going prepared. Last week they were studying the question of split-frequency operation, feeling that it might be an advantage though they were confident they could handle the business with the gear they had.

On c.w. look for them 15kHz above the lower sub-band edge. This should be kept in mind as it does involve the sub-bands for the various classes. For example they mention examples such as 14015kHz, 14040kHz, 14215kHz, 14290kHz to guide you and they also mention the usual DX frequencies of 3583kHz/7085kHz/14125kHz/14185kHz/21235kHz plus the various DX Net frequencies. One-Sixty will be 1827kHz listening down and they say to watch for them at 2245Z on May 5th and 7th and at 0045Z/0645Z/0945Z on May 6th and 8th.

Last year they signed VP2VEN and hope that it will be the same callsign this year. QSLs to either W5HF or W5GOE. W5GOE is currently /W6 so you may need the home address.....525 Curtis Street, Albany, California 95706.

MADAGASCAR 5R8AN is being heard, this one showing around 21400kHz. He was found there at 0300Z early in the month, then later was at the same frequency at 2100Z.

QSLs should go to K4IE. The handle of 5R8AN is 'Shelley' and the report is that he previously was in 5R8 some years back, his home QTH being Battle Creek, Michigan. You might lurk in wait for him at 14343kHz at 1900Z on Monday and Thursdays when he is reported in schedule with some of the Deserving back in Michigan.

PACIFIC PREFIXES It may be that eventually we will recognize KH1 as Canton Island.... or is it Enderbury, but it does seem to have been easier when it was KB6.

K8VIO/KH4 has been reported.....14208kHz at 0500Z on April 5th. This is Midway. KH6GB/KH1 has also been noted at 14315kHz on April 5th and again on the International Island DX Net on April 6th and 7th from 0500Z. This one QSLs to KH6JUO. Last week this possibility was mentioned and it is believed that Harv has left Canton by now.

To end some of the confusion, we will run through the Pacific Prefixes again....we need to.....

KH1	Baker, Canton, Enderbury and Howland Islands	KH6	Hawaii
KH2	Guam	KH7	Kure
KH3	Johnston Island	KH8	American Samoa
KH4	Midway	KH9	Wake, Wilkes, Peale Islands
KH5	Kingman with a 'K' suffix Palmyra and Jarvis with no 'K' suffix	KH0	Northern Marianas

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WALLIS Wayne Warden, W9GW, has been concerned over the lack of sustained amateur action from FW8-Wallis and is prepared to do something about it. And especially the need of the Deserving c.w. DXer types.

Wayne will be in FK8-New Caledonia in May and plans to go Wallis, probably around the first week in June. He will take a lightweight rig with him and plans to fill out a lot of the low spots in the need for FW8-Wallis QSOs.

We will have more exact dates in the future but the trip is rather solid. Look for Wayne in about six weeks. He has operated from a number of DX stops before, we may have missed something but believe that Wayne along with Joe Goggin, K9KNW, were the last operation from San Felix—CEØ.

SOUTH SHETLANDS CE9AT is reported showing on Tuesdays and Thursdays in a list operation at 14278kHz from 0100Z. QSLs to CE2BIO

SHORTLY NOTED On the hospital report, 9V1OI is reported down with a broken foot, broken wrist and fractured vertebrae. The report give no indication of what the cause was but it sounds like a tower accident. K6EVR, Ron Camp, who had a fall from his tower, is reported as convalescing well and hoping to leave the hospital soon. He will still have a long ways to go and may be using a wheelchair for awhile.

VKØOK is on from Mcquarrie Island and this one QSLs to VK3OT. He was at 14233kHz at 1030Z a week back. N1DX/CEØ and KØBJ/CEØ were heard from Easter Island on April 6th. This would put the YANKEE TRADER ahead of schedule, the printed release had them due there on April 12th. If they kept up the advance on the schedule, they should have been at Pitcairn over this last weekend where KØBJ was planning to try some RTTY and c.w. on his VR6RJ callsign.

YI4SG has been heard..... On WD8QGQ/KH7 on Kure, WB6FBN reports that this is the true-blue Kure type and that he, WB6FBN, has been running lists for WD8QGQ on a Monday thru Saturday schedule.....the list being taken at 14340kHz at 0425Z. The Kure station shows about 0500Z, the list being run at 14310kHz.

Pete, WD8QGQ, originally was from Korea and was adopted by the Aldrich family there in Michigan. He has been with the U.S. Coast Guard for four years and is at the Loran station there on Kure. And while out in that area, there is a vagrant rumor that a WD6- will be headed for KH9-Wake Island in May. UØCR is part of ski expedition to the North Pole. This is reported to be Leo, UA3CR, who was at Dixon Island some years ago, about four or so. A week back they were at 14205kHz at 0730Z and saying they were at Kotelyny Island in the Novis Bersk group.

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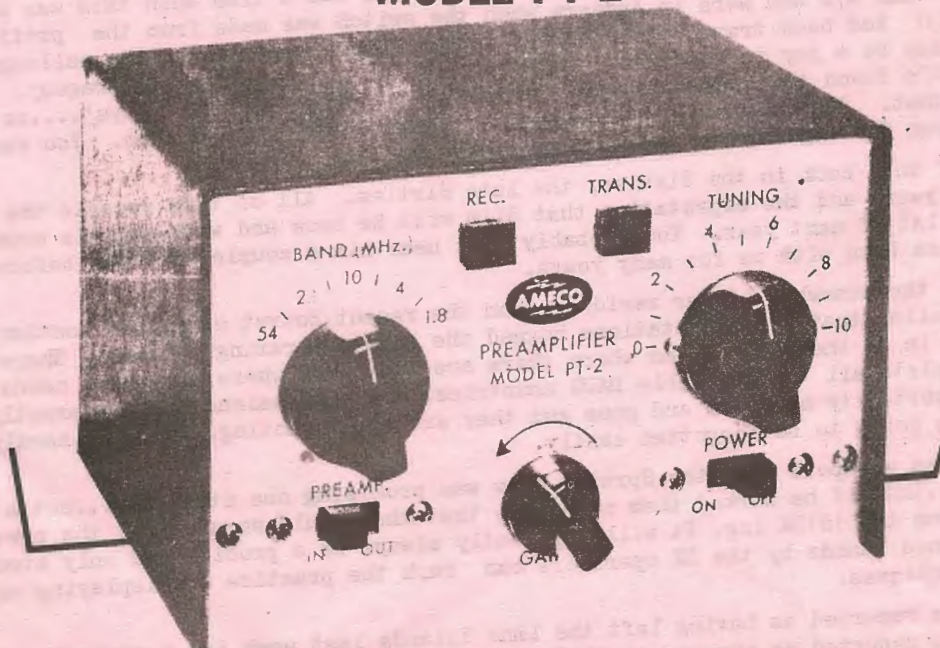
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SHORTLY NOTED There was a female Slim on recently....said the name was 'Mary', gave the call as ~~Ø~~P7AA on Chapel Island and to QSL to I2FG. This was on forty meters...cw, naturally. Slim's favorite mode.

There were a few more Slim's on the air on April 1st. ~~FØ~~OL, ~~PHØ~~NY, ~~FØ~~NY, ~~PHØ~~OL, AP1RL and P1RAT. for some reason ~~UFØ~~OL was not back this year or a few of the others that bruised our delicate sensitivities.

~~FØ~~OL sure looks like Slim this time....but there was a time when this was an issued call. The W7s who were in Andorra when the switch was made from the prefix of 'PX' to 'C31' had been traveling in Europe and in France were issued the callsign '~~FØ~~OL'. That may be a joy to regard but trying to use it on the air was a tragedy. About half the QSOs found the operators being berated as a bunch of 'smart guys'....or something like that. It was a constant struggle. No one would believe them. You can imagine your own feelings if you had to sign something like that.

All of this back in the Sixties, the late Sixties. All of this recalls the joys of other years and the expectation that Slim will be back and with all his cousins come April 1st of next year. You probably will hear him a couple of times before then for Slim has been with us for many years.

One of the somewhat bitter residues from the recent Bouvet operation continues to be the feeling that certain stations hogged the short operating periods. There are notes coming in on the subject and where there are instances where a station needs only Bouvet to complete all the available DXCC countries, the expressions are not exactly serene. The opportunity has come and gone and they are still wanting. This is hardly something that is going to be forgotten easily.

There was a report that the Spratly crew was promising one station.....not a W/K/VE/XE type....that if he worked them once more that they would scratch all the previous ten QSOs from the 1S1DX log. It will apparently always be a problem and only strong and determined stands by the DX operators can curb the practice of displaying one's power and techniques.

VR3AR is reported as having left the Line Islands last week for a several week vacation. XT2AV is reported as showing at 21280kHz at 1800Z on Monday/Wednesday/Friday to work with a DX Net. ZS6BQI/3D6 expects to have a new call and established in a new shack within a matter of weeks.

9N1DRL has been reported on twenty c.w. Some wondering if this is a true-blue. Some feeling that it is not. QSL for C5AAA to KB4GQ, Chuck Wildzunas, 649 Williamson Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.....Sase or Sae/IRC needed. On the A7XAH QSL route previously run by you, WA4PYF has the logs only for the visit there by Mike Smedal.....and these only. Otherwise, if you worked Ahmed you QSL to DJ9ZB, Franz Langner.

HH2MC advised W4ZR a week or so back that the Haitian government has all the required signatures to the revised reciprocal licensing agreement and it was ready to go over to the U.S. Embassy in Port au Prince. Everything should be downhill the rest of the way on this one and things should be finally nailed down.

W5IMJ who is handling the QSLing for YB7ACZ has shifted QTHs from Texas to North Carolina. Bill is ready with the QSLs but you may save some time if you route yours to...Bill Moore, W5IMJ/4, Box 3870 DUMC, Durham, No Carolina 27710. SASE or SAE/IRC appreciated. Bill was expecting the logs to come in from Borneo a week back and everything should be on line by now.

With the top of Cycle 21 close at hand, we do try to direct attention to the DX possibilities on Six Meters. If you are really interested, considerable information can be gained if you send a sase to SMIRK #1....Ray Clark, K5ZMS, 7158 Stone Fence Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78227. SMIRK has a six-meter newsletter which fills in a lot of space on what is doing on that band.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

The Watcher of the Lonely Night.....

O' Lonely Night, last forever.
You have made me learn to live and love,
And work DX.....

THIN TEN METER REPORTS

CE5CN 28543/0200/Apr 6m	KV4CI 28514/2140/Apr 8w	VR1BD 28502/2115/Apr 7w	KØBJ/CEØ 28029/1625 5w
HL9KE 28543/0200/Apr 6m	S79MC 28540/1940/Apr 8w	VR1BE 28502/0150/Apr 6m	GHØST 28039/1940/Apr 7w??
K6SAD/KH2 28520/0130 5m	N6PO/TG7 28600/2250 5w	6Y5RM 28638/0005/Apr 7e	ZEBRA9 28034/1935/Apr 7w??
K8VIO/KHL 28543/0145/ 6m	VQ9JJ 28593/1830/Apr 8w		

KH6NS 50.140/2140/Apr 5e	LU3EX 50.125/1720/Apr 8e	CE4CP 50.100/0045/Apr 7e
ZL1AVZ 50.110/1850/Apr 5e	LU8AHW 50.125/1745/Apr 8e	PY2XB 50.100/1845/Apr 7e (Beacon)

THINNER FORTY AND EIGHTY...

CN8AK 7092/0625/Apr 6w	ZF2CL 7006/0755/Apr 7w	HKØBKK 3501/0525/Apr 8e
HI3PC 7006/0755/Apr 7w		PJ2AAX 3797/0630/Apr 5w
UA1AWO 7001/0445/Apr 3e		ZF2CL 3509/0430/Apr 3e
5T5JD 7003/0520/Apr 3e		

AFRICA CW

FH8CL 14002/1430/Apr 7w	3B8CF 14031/0300/Apr 5w#	7X2MD 21018/1850/Apr 7e
S8AAA 14039/0510/Apr 6w	3V8AA 14031/1430/Apr 5w	7XLAN 14011/2245/Apr 4m
S8AAB 14075/2230/Apr 4m	5H3GK 14019/0000/Apr 6e	9J2BO 14022/1415/Apr 7w
WQ9MR 14022/1050/Apr 7w	7X2ARA 14015/2115/Apr 4m#?	

AFRICA SSB

CN8CX 14220/2250/Apr 8w	J28AG 14215/1310/Apr 6e	XT2AV 14265/0715/Apr 6e	7XLSL 14207/1230/Apr 4e
CN8BF 14213/0320/Apr 4e	S8AAM 21310/1830/Apr 4e	XT2AV 21260/0720/Apr 6e	7X5AS 14209/0015/Apr 4e
FH8OM 14217/0505/Apr 7e	S8AAP 14239/1445/Apr 8w	ZS1CZ 21320/1150/Apr 4w	7X2LS 14207/0410/Apr 6e
FB8XV 14204/1605/Apr 7m	S79MC 21353/1800/Apr 8w	3D6AG 21372/2115/Apr 5e	7P8BC 14207/1725/Apr 9w
FR7BU 14224/1550/Apr 9w	VQ9KK 14204/1605/Apr 7m	3D6HK 14252/1650/Apr 8m	9J2BO 14228/1440/Apr 7w
H5AC 14234/0630/Apr 6e	VQ9TC 14225/1500/Apr 7m	3D6BP 21310/1800/Apr 4e	9X5PM 14209/1440/Apr 6w
J28AZ 14223/0355/Apr 7w	VS9MB 14237/1455/Apr 9w	ZS6BQI/3D6 21310/1900 4e	9X5NH 14226/0440/Apr 7e

ASIA CW

JR1EBE/JD1 14011/1530 6w	4XLMI 14014/2225/Apr 6e
UAØCAO 14018/1415/Apr 5w	9M2OK 14018/1415/Apr 5w
UH8HCE 14007/0310/Apr 5e	9M2FR 14033/1435/Apr 5w
UK8FAA 14040/1105/Apr 4w	

ASIA SSB

A7XAH 14245/2100/Apr 4m	JY3ZH 14225/2250/Apr 8w	S2BTF 14225/1500/Apr 7m	4S7EA 14214/0000/Apr 5e
BV2B 14222/1330/Apr 5m	JY9FV 14266/2200/Apr 5m	UG6AI 21320/0415/Apr 7w	5BLPA 21320/2135/Apr 5e
HS1AIV 14203/0045/Apr 6e	KA1NC 21320/0110/Apr 6e	UF6VAA 14199/2055/Apr 5m	9V1TE 14256/1525/Apr 8w
HS1ABD 14193/1055/Apr 7e	KA1NC 14220/1415/Apr 5e	UAØCGW 21320/0035/Apr 6e	9V1TX 14215/1530/Apr 7m
HS1WR 14204/0025/Apr 5e	KA1TW 14227/1350/Apr 6e	VS6DA 21320/0200/Apr 5m	
JT1BF 14245/1515/Apr 8w	OD5EP 14245/2035/Apr ed	4S7JD 14209/1215/Apr 4e	

EUROPE SSB

GJ2LU 14219/1430/Apr 5e	OK2BKR 14211/0535/Apr 5e	OK4CAO 14222/0150/Apr 9w
HV2VO 21293/1810/Apr 8w	OS6VL 14254/2000/Apr 5m	YZ9MG 14212/1800/Apr 5m
OH1TY 14214/0425/Apr 5e	SP9CV 14226/0150/Apr 9w	9HLN 21311/2225/Apr 5e
OHØNJ 14210/0620/Apr 7w	UK1TAR 14236/0510/Apr 5e	

EUROPE CW

IV3SUS 14012/0620/Apr 5w
YT2D 14028/0540/Apr 5w
YO2APJ 14006/0630/Apr 9m

ELSEWHERE CW

N1DX/CEØ 14032/1400 6w	FK8CD 14031/0870/Apr 7w
FK8CD 14031/0750/Apr 7w	HL4DX 21020/1130/Apr 6e
FØ9AZR 14005/0440/Apr 4w	VP2VJ 14007/2345/Apr 6e
FY7YE 14052/0720/Apr 4m	9M8HG 14011/1425/Apr 6w

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE STUFF

I want to be a DXer,
And with DXers stand,
My call upon the Honor Roll,
Ten KW on every band.....

ELSEWHERE'S CW

AX6OM 14201/1410/Apr 5e	FK8BK 14226/0735/Apr 6e	KG6JJP 14243/1305/Apr 6e	VP1WS 14202/2350/Apr 4e
A35RB 14265/0715/Apr 6e	FO0RF 14226/0540/Apr 7e	K6SAD/KH2 14213/1345 5m	4U1UN 21310/1900/Apr 4e
C21AZ 14218/1135/Apr 2e	FY7AN 21310/1845/Apr 4e	K8VIO/KH4 14208/0500 5e	8P6IF 14289/0445/Apr 6e
CE9AT 14279/0035/Apr 6e	HH2MC 14203/0115/Apr 3e	TI2CDW 14221/0440/Apr 5e	8R1AG 14240/1115/Apr 4e
CO7RCB 14216/2040/Apr 5e	HP3AAJ 14213/0600/Apr 4e	VP2DU 14220/0305/Apr 4e	9M8HG 14256/1500/Apr 8w
K5FSS/DU2 14201/1645 7m	HL4TP 14205/1135/Apr 7e	VP8SW 14240/0040/Apr 4e	
N1DX/CE0 14193/1115 5e	HL4DX 14233/1050/Apr 4w	VR1BD 14204/0725/Apr 6w	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc. all times in gmt)
(# = long path ?? = Slim! Always active in early April. Besides ZEBRA9 and GH0ST, Slim also heard last week at CL0WN, ZA2BB and HI1LID!)

SHORTLY NOTED OH2BP/OH0 QSLs to P.O Box 928, 00101, Helsinki 10, Finland. Don't start looking for your Desecho QSL.....yet. KP4AM was scheduled to show at Fresno but got lost or something enroute. He could not be found. The Northern California DX Foundation says that they do not expect the 'mock-up' and photo for the Desecho QSL to show until late this month and it will take at least two weeks, perhaps more but less than three, to get everything to the printers and the cards back.

If all of this hold up, and from the past expectations that turned empty, you probably will not see a Desecho QSL until mid-May. The problem is not with the Foundation, they are loaded and ready to pull the trigger. It is getting the logs and QSL card format. You might be able to get up-dates on the situation should you run into KP4AM on the air. Obviously if he did not get to Fresno, no logs were delivered at Fresno. As of last Thursday the Foundation was not expecting the QSL format for at 'least ten days'.

We checked with one of the Western Reaches DXers who worked CR3A on possible QSL routes. This one was not optimistic, noting that the station did not stick around very long. The beam headings seemed to be okay but the feeling is that G-B Slim.

Someone asked about KS6CC. Fernald returned to the states some time back, went on to Palm Springs but is believed to be presently in the Virgin Islands. One of his friends here in California is attempting to locate him so the QSL route can be reopened.

TN8BL is being reported low on twenty SSB after 2000Z. By low is meant down around 14120kHz. UK0YAH is sometimes found after 1800Z around 15050kHz.....this one being in Tana Tavu which for WAZ purposes is in Zone 23. EA9FC is being found by European stations almost nightly around 7015kHz....says to QSL to Box 360, Melilla. Name is Fernando

W0SH, K0XD and KA0CHK went to Montserrat in February and are not back home recovering from their DX frenzy. In addition to thawing out from the mid-west winter, they ran up 4K QSOs, working 101 DXCC Countries. They were surprised to find so many noting that VP2M-was a new country for them. Just shows again that there are always some who need something, and often more DX.

DX-Ten Years Back

April 15, 1969 YV0AA had just completed one of the Aves runs periodically put on by the Radio Club of Venezuela. WA4PUC/HS was showing on twenty SSB, ARRL reported as saying that this one was okay to work. UB5WE was looking for KC6 CR8AI was being heard from Timor.....Gus was on from Rodriguez

signing VQ9CCR, Steve Gibbs, VQ8CC was teamed with Gus in the effort. CR5SP was on from Sao Tome and BV1A showing from Formosa. VS6DR and some of the other SEAsia types even then were taling of a Spratly effort. This planning finally came off but it took a couple of years to get everything into line.

The Coast and Geodetic Survey was reported as sending a team to Heard Island, this following the stop at the island in March 1969 by the USCG SOUTHWIND. The team did go and operated W0JHM for six months or so. YA1AB and YA1AR plus YA1SG were being heard rather regularly. KH6EDY on Kure was on in early April, the operator obviously lacking great experience but getting a crash course in DX pile-ups. The FCC Annual Report for 1968 noted the feuding being encountered in the amateur bands and the use of questionable language.

VK9RJ was on Nauru, FL8MB was on from French Somaliland and Gus was looking for transportation to St Brandons. FH8CD was on from Comoro and ET3USA was looking for a license for some Sudan operation. VR10 was on from Tarawa, VS5TJ was Brunei Slim...even then, 4W3BS was reported as true-blue in Yemen with the International Red Cross, and the VUs were looking for permission to make a Laccadives effort. 5A1TL was on from Libya.

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CALENDAR

ABU AIL Late word points at things moving at end of April with May 1st current target day to open
FERNANDO de NORONHA From May 12th by PY1APS and PY1MAG
AVES Next weekend if everything jells. From April 28th
FRANZ JOSEF Nothing yet.....but don't relax. Russians have indicated April.
MONSERRAT W7ISX signing VP2MS toward end of April VP2A-Antigua possible.
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS K5GOE and W5HF from May 5th for five days....
LIECHTENSTEIN Wiesbaden Radio Club from May 24th
TUNISIA 3V8AA again showing last week.....
ANGOLA OK3TAB/D2A being heard and there for a long tour
MADAGASCAR 5R8AN being heard.....check Thursdays, 1434.3kHz at 1900Z.
SIERRA LEONE K4YT there this week.....from April 18th to 25th
WALLIS ISLAND W9GW says we need more activity from FW8--will go in June.
PACC DUTCH TEST April 28/29th
YL Inter'Nat'l SSBers Phone Test.....April 28/29th
RUSSIAN CQ 'M' Test May 12/13th
CQ WW WPX TEST May 26/27th
ALL ASIA PHONE TEST June 16/17th

KARL RENZ-K4YT Karl was in Ouagadougou a week or so back and forwarded some up-date on what he has learned, what some of the problems were and what and where he expects to operate from in the future.

Karl did not made a stop at CR3 as anticipated. A check at CR3 and the report is that only one amateur license has been issued in that country.

In Senegal he operated at 6W8DY and made 1500 QSOs as K4YT/6W8. In Mauritania he made 1000 QSOs as K4YT/5T5 and 5T5DX, this time operating at 5T5CJ's QTH. Karl has made queries on a possible TZ-Mali license for a future stop there. At the PT&T office the indicators were that the last legal operation was by DJ6QT, they expressing lack of knowledge of any VE3HRS/TZ operation. Also, in XT2-Upper Volta, an application was filed for a license for future action.

Karl was expecting to be in 5U7-Niger early in April and at TU2-Ivory Coast last week. This week, starting April 18th, Karl will be at 9L1-Sierra Leone for a week and hopes to operate 9L1CA's rig. Next week, from April 25th he will be in 9G1-Ghana and in 5V-Togo. Later in May he will visit TY-Dahomey, not being sure about possible operations there, and at 9Q5 where he is not optimistic about operating.

If you work Karl at any of his stops, QSL to his brother, Robert Renz, W2TK...sase or sae/IRC needed.

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DIECHTENSTEIN The Wiesbaden Radio Club will be there starting May 24th and will be signing DA1WA/HB until June 4th, perhaps even a few days later. Look for them to open around 1700Z on the 24th, maybe a couple of hours either way.

The group will operate both c.w. and SSB. CW will be 25kHz inside the lower band edge, generally it will be split frequency and listening up about 5kHz from the transmitting frequency.

Side-band will be 3790kHz/7080kHz/14250kHz/14300kHz/21380kHz and 28600kHz. On forty phone, they will be listening up inside the U.S. forty meter phone sub-band for the Deserving W/K types. They are also looking at some One-Sixty operation.

Operators include Hugo, DJØLC, and Gun, DJ9CB. The latter is reputed to be a high-speed c.w. type and you might want to check your c.w. parameters if you hear him. These two are the c.w. operators, on SSB it will be Doug, DA2AJ; Dom, DA1PO; Gerry, DA1EA and Claude, DA1PN. It is possible that there may be other operators joining the group.

They will have DRAKE gear with a SB 200 linear, SB102 and a Swan 500CX. They plan to put up some longwires, one 240' and the other 360', a mini-quad and a tri-bander quad aimed at the U.S.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. The Annual Gathering of the Big Bore DXers at Fresno has come and gone and the DXers are home again, checking notes as usual. Last week we compared notes with one of the local QRPers who has been there repeatedly over the years and it was another instance of reaffirming the belief that seldom does a father awaken a second child just to hear it laugh.

"It was fun," the QRPer acknowledged with some conviction, "but I could hardly stay awake through some of those seminars. It seemed that I had heard them all before. And that Great Debate on the Lists, that was one that took me out completely so I moved to the lobby to finish my nap. It was more enjoyable to sit and catch people going by." The QRPer was silent for a bit and we waited for what was bound to come next. Finally the QRPer continued. "It was a good time and I enjoyed it. But after over ten years of going to those meetings, I am finding that I go more to meet other DXers and to get a chance to talk with those I've known for years over the air but have never had a chance to talk to in person."

We were in agreement for the thought has been coming more frequently of late that essentially this is the core of DXing. There is always the initial glow of anticipation and realization but this dulls and the substance of DXing emerges. It is the friendships and DXers themselves generally express the feeling of world-wide friendships into which no DXer ever comes as a stranger.

Perhaps it is true that there are secrets known only to the young and the old, that the best part of the day is the dawn, the best part of living is the friendship and the best part of the years are the memories of the good times. "Sam", we said, "you are absolutely right". We got a smile on that. "About time you found that I usually am," he said. So what could we say? Only if you want more information on the moveable subscription rates, write. Nothing that has gone before is, nothing that is to come am. Or something like that!

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