



# West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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MANIHIKI Chuck Rademacher, ZL1ADI, who ran up the amazing total of over 33K QSOs from VR6HI during the April effort is planning to be on from Manihiki for the first two weeks in June signing ZK1HI.

The big QSO total from Pitcairn was not enough, however. This time out he says that from ZK1HI the goal will be at least 40K QSOs. All bands, SSB and CW and just about non-stop operating. There will be more coming on this one, the frequencies will probably be similar to the Pitcairn operation and the station will be easy to find.

On the VR6HI operation, a week back over 9000 QSLs had already arrived, the rate getting up to about 1100 incoming QSLs a day but starting to taper off. How big a bundle would 1100 incoming QSLs make? Stood on edge, they would make about 3 feet of mail. Enough to keep most anyone busy for awhile. The cards are ordered and expected to be going in the mails by mid-May. Chuck would want to clean the Pitcairn operation up a bit before running in another big operation. Look for VR6HI QSLs to show late this month.

COCOS WAGEWI was due to show from TI9-Cocos last week, this one having the word passed at the last minute and the station may be there to the middle of this week.

Details were sketchy....the frequencies to watch were reported to be 21300kHz and 28550kHz. The station was expected to show about May 3rd and be at the island for about a week.

FERNANDO de NORONHA This operation by PY1APS and PY1MAG will start this weekend and is scheduled for a two week run. PY1APS is Gerson Rissin who will sign PYØAPS and PY1MAG is Paulo Rabelo who will sign PYØMAG.

Look for the operation as follows:

CW	1805kHz	3505kHz	7005kHz	7025kHz	14025kHz	21025kHz	28025kHz	50.110MHz
SSB	3795kHz	7085kHz	14195kHz	21245kHz	28595kHz	50.110MHz		

The Six meter activity was a possible some weeks back but it has been confirmed as of last week and will be the first ever Six Meter operation from Fernando de...

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PY1APS has a special request for any who may be TRS-80 owners. Recently he acquired the microcomputer and is digging into the operation. In lieu of IRCs, he would appreciate receiving software (programs) for the TRS-80, Level II, 16K. This is for the PYØAPS QSLs.

As of last week they had their permission in hand and were ready to show this weekend. Look for them, they will be watching for the Deserving.

ABU AIL This one showed on schedule, had some generator problems last Wednesday but were grinding out QSOs at a good rate on Thursday. They should have operated to the first part of this week.

QSL to WA3HUP, Mary Ann Grider, R 2, Box 5-A, York Haven, Penna. 17370.

VOLTAIC There is a new operator ing heard, XT2AW. Name is Harold, he received his license during the last week of April. Freshly minted, he is a bit slow in operating but getting a lot of practice.

QSLs go to Box 2332, Ouagadougou, Voltaic Republic. He was at 14250kHz after 2130Z the last week in May and some were trying to ease his introduction to the Deserving.



Sunspot Louie By next week we probably will have our act back together with late data from KH6BZF on the solar activity. That on hand this week was for April 19th and a bit dated.

The sunspot mean for February was 136.8 as counted here in the states, 138 at Zurich.

The definitive sunspot numbers for 1978 were:

Jan 51.9	Jul 70.4
Feb 93.6	Aug 58.1
Mar 76.5	Sep 138.2
Apr 99.7	Oct 125.1
May 82.7	Nov 97.9
Jun 95.1	Dec 122.7

The yearly mean for 1978 was 92.5. Looking at what the situation may be this month, the Zurich Observatory says that the smoothed sunspot number for May will be 156. Note that this is not the monthly mean but rather the smoothed 12-month figure. Things should start falling into place for the Deserving.....all of 1979!

Possibly everyone is working DX these days and we are running a short list for the propagation forecasts. Some have reported that N4XX is building Winchester House East in his back lot but we are going to have to confirm that. Meanwhile, we are stuck with a lot of High Normals but the run is short.....

May 9th High Normal  
10th High Normal  
11th High Normal

If you have a copy of the SHORTWAVE PROPAGATION HANDBOOK, you can fill in the blank spaces. If you do not, you might think of being prepared!

Down in the border country K6EC keeps the watch on WVV and Ev has managed to pump the flux up almost to the 200 mark. Almost but not quite. But stick around, you are really going to see some Great Days of DXing soming.....and soon. Meanwhile, keep the charts going with.....

	Solar Flux	Ap	Index
Apr 23rd	161		20
24th	160		12
25th	174		66!!
26th	182		11

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AGALEGA 3B8CD will be going to Alagega next week and will be signing 3B8CD. He expects to be on the air about May 15th.

3B8CD is Anand Teeluck. He asked W6PT to pass the word so that the Deserving types will be watching for him.

MACAO CR9AJ will be leaving Macao in July and will be returning to Portugal where he will be signing CT1ADP. With his departure Macao may be a hard one to corner. Sometimes on the W7PHO Family Hour, you might listen for this one should you need it.

NEW HEBRIDES YJ80T will be signed by Steve Gregory, VK30T, from May 20th to June 20th. Steve will be on 10/15/20meters and possibly 40/80. He will be especially watching for the U.S. and European types who may need YJ8 for counters.

Watch for YJ80T on.....

For W/K.....14285kHz	For rest of the world	14185kHz
21355		21205
28595		28495

For the c.w. operations, the frequency will be 25kHz up from the lower band edge. If there is forty/eighty operations, Steve will be announcing the frequencies.

QSL to.....Stephen Gregory, VK30T, Box 622, Hamilton, 3300 AUSTRALIA. He does want a SASE but would prefer in lieu of IRCs green stamps from the W/Ks.

Look for Steve a week from this Sunday....he will be active for the full month.

GUERNSEY Arch Doty will be on Guernsey from the end of this week and until May 21st. Look for Arch to sign GU5AIG.....we think we have it right but there may be a switch on the middle letter in the suffix. His home call is K8CFU.

Anyhow, Arch will be on vacation and not a full-bore DXpedition but he wants to try some One-Sixty work from Guernsey and will do some DXing on other bands. He will be working transceive and needs a couple of things for QSLs. One is a Sase or Sae/IRC, the other is that the incoming QSL use GMT only. Nothing else will suffice. QSL to the home QTH..... 8360 Ruston Road, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. You may recall K8CFU in that QST article on the INCOM development in the January issue.

MARION ISLAND The resupply vessel left Capetown on April 17th and the new operators should be on the island by now. Those in touch with the South African scene say that you might start listening for some Marion Island-ZS2MI activity but it may be a couple of weeks yet.

There was some scheduling of survey work on the island as well as getting the supplies and gear ashore. ZS6BEE is reported to be the new operator on Marion. There will be more information coming and possibly activity reports on ZS2MI being on the air.

DXCC DESK There is a sustained effort going to clean up the back log with some full weekends being worked by headquarters staff to clean up things. One weekend at the start of April had 16 people working full days chopping their way through the jungle of QSLs on hand.

That effort got them well into the March cards and a return performance was scheduled for April...to clean things up and get them current. If you wonder what has happened, the sustained effort in recent weeks is the reason....

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**SHORTLY NOTED** That TG7AA heard in the CQ Test.....Slim!! TGLNA advises that in Guatemala the only 'AA' suffix in a call is that issued to the Radio Club de Guatemala. The TG7-callarea would be in a remote and sparsely populated area of Guatemala.

N4UF, Bill Williams of Jacksonville, will be taking over the CQ DX Awards Manager post effective May 15th. Rod Linkous, W7OM, is relinquishing the job because of the press of work. However, he will continue to alternate on the CQ DX column.

In Bangladesh there is the newly formed Bangladesh Amateur Radio League and the group is working to establish a net for emergency communications within S2-Bangladesh. They have some HALLICRAFTERS SBT-20s, these being SSB transceivers which work on six channels, crystal-controlled, in the 2-12MHz range.

They are in need of service manuals for this unit and have asked the ARRL to help them get things together. If you have knowledge of where the service manual for the SBT-20 can be located, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, at ARRL Headquarters would be happy to hear from you.

Bangladesh has been the scene of several big emergencies, a cyclone which swept in from the Bay of Bengal in 1969 brought a death toll of over three million. These are recurrent and the Bangladesh radio amateurs are not only moving to put more S2 stations on the air but also to provide a going demonstration of the value of amateur radio.

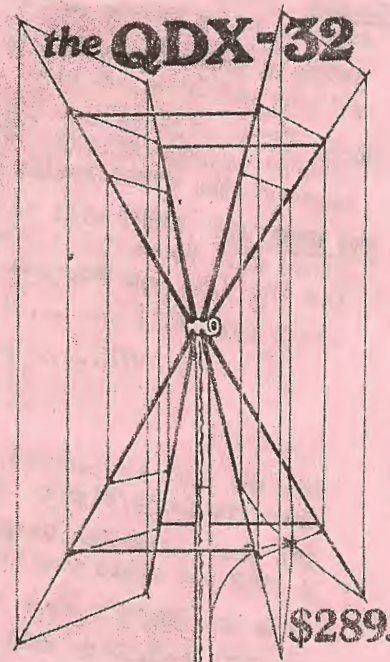
TR8RG QSLs do come through from DA1CZ....everyone is getting them. Some say a German mint stamp helps. DA1CZ is also F2GA. S8AAM is the City Manager of Umtata in Transkei. QSL to....Julian Sacke, P.O. Box 45, Umtata, Republic of Transkei.

Bob Geary, 5Z4NH, departed Kenya for Greece on May 1st after 13 years in the country. He will be returning to the states eventually. OK3TAB/D2A has shown on both fifteen and ten meters recently....this one QSLs to OK3ALE.

W4KA now has 13 stations at the first step for the CQ 5BWAZ award. The S.E. DXers (Florida) have decided to organize formally.....and all this leads to election of officers. The president is Joe Picior, WB4OSN; Vice-prex Norm Alexander, W4QQN; Secretary Rob Robinson W2SR; Treasurer Vic DuBois, N4TO. The indications are that they will be known as the South Florida DX Assn.

KA1IW will be on Iwo for a couple of months...Glenn says to watch for him on 40mtrs from 0730Z. Around 7064kHz and he expects to be around that frequency to about 1030Z. He is using a TR4C-(fixed) but tunes around and advises where he is listening. He is looking for some help on a WAS.

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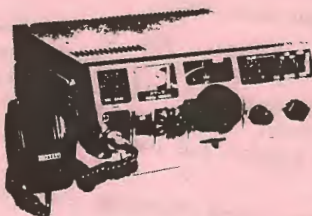
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**SHORTLY NOTED** We had never ending problems in printing this issue, some of the problems may be evident. We hesitate to again mention it, the usual reaction is that the sky is falling, we tend to believe that we are well beyond the physical capability in producing the bulletin. Badly overextended to be redundant.

Repeatedly we have asked that the bulletin not be advertised or promoted. How has that worked? We get eight to ten inquiries, day in, day out. Many solve the problem by telling the prospect that we don't want any more subscribers but why don't you write and see. That brings in better than fifty queries a week.

Some say to cut back. We may have to do that. But we will not turn away a neophyte seeking entry into the ranks of the Deserving. We probably will drop those who steer the queries our way and those who have been on the subscription list for over five years. Bet that grabbed a few! Anyhow, you know the picture, we are splitting at the seams. Much more growth and we will institute Plan A or B....or maybe AB. Or something like that.

A9ZEX was a special call at the Middle East Communications Fair. QSL to the A9-bureau. On Norfolk Al Egli, HB9AAA, made just about 5500 QSOs and 112 countries. 2547 were worked in North America, 80 in South America, 7 in Africa, 1770 in Asia and 154 in Oceania. First QSO was at 1101Z on March 21st, last on at 2048Z on March 30th. QSLs were expected to start going out April 25th and they should have no trouble getting beyond the DXCC Desk, all the necessary documentation having been sent.

The Bangalore Radio Club runs a club net at 7090kHz most days starting about 0730Z. M1D was promising to show a bit of activity during May.....21300kHz from 1300Z.

Mark Blau, WD8IXV, will be handling the DX Forum at the Escanaba Hamfest in July. He is working to produce a good DX Forum and if you have a good angle for working DX that you might want to bring out into the light of day, Mark would appreciate hearing from you. With 232 countries worked at the age of 16, the feeling is that this one is going to be on top one of these days. Start early and outlast them.....he's got the system already worked out.

HV2VO QSLs have come through, the address some weeks back in the bulletin has produced. Also, QSLs have come for 9N1BMK, this one is true-blue and QSLs via JA8BMK. N7MW came up with some problems in his schedules. He got married the last week of April, just in time to miss Aves and Abu Ail! Son of a Gun!!! Russian stations say that the R1FJ plans were more fancy than fact. The idea was there but transportation plus some financial problems brought things to a slow walk. It never did get really moving. The two possible operators on the island are said to be novices without a license. There is a report that UK1PAA has been obtained for the operators on Franz Josef and will be forwarded to them. UA10SM and UA10CT are trying to arrange for transportation on a resupply vessel headed for F.J late this summer and figure they could operate for about five days. They are working on this angle.

BUSINESS WEEK Magazine for May 7th has several pages on the coming WARC 79. They note that it may not be all harmony, some of the LDC (Lesser Developed Countries) apparently already indicating that this may be the time to see what they can extract. Mention is made of one of the ITU meets a few years back where land-locked LDCs demanded and got maritime frequencies. Read the article, it is interesting and you will note a parallel is noted between WARC and the Law of the Sea Conferences...several general sessions but no agreements over the years.

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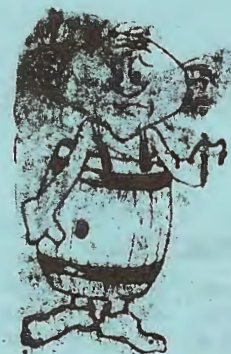


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A Deserving, restlessly lies a-bed,  
His eyes all aflutter  
Dreaming of rare DX-n-things  
His mind in a terrible clutter

The alarm clock sounds at zero three  
The filaments begin to glow;  
The coffee pot starts to boil and sing,  
And spit and sputter so...

The the wind force goes to number six,  
And his heart all a-flutter,  
The receiver crackles with the 1S1..  
But the quad ends up in the gutter.....



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(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc. all times in gmt)  
(# = long path ??? = Slim.....there's more Slims in ZA than anywhere else.....positively!!!)

DESECHCO QSLs The art-work for the QSLs showed up at the Northern California DX Foundation last week and was immediately taken to the printer. Some 23K QSOs are in the logs and a big supply of QSLs are being ordered. One for every Deserving DXer whose call is in the logs.

How soon can you expect the QSLs? A very good question. The art work came but not the logs. A query directed at the Foundation found them also in a state of wonderment. How long will they wait,...when will they arrive? It may be tomorrow....it may be forever!

Two months after the operation your best bet is to catch KPHAM on the air and make an inquiry. He probably is the best source of when the logs will be delivered. Ask Dave if you hear him....you'll get the latest update.

On some other QSLing, LA1VC on the 3Y1VC operation made about 2000 QSOs. The QSL cards were expected in late April and should be in the hands of the Deserving in the first part of May, that's along about this time.

Last week we talked with VK3AAK and Ken says that VK2BJL has ordered the Spratly QSLs from his printer, these also being expected in mid-May and QSLs should start surfacing by late May....early June at the latest. Harry is recruiting some willing helpers to dig through the bundles on hand. The operation may not have made as many as hoped but they did come up with a big bundle and a high hourly QSO rate for their short stay on Barque Canada.

DOMINICA Al Segen, VP2DD, passed along to W400 some information on the current Dominica operations. Al says that if you are thirsting for Dominica on 75mtrs, watch the Caribbean Weather Net at 3808kHz at 1030Z and 2230Z. Al says that there is a big spread of stations, from Guyana to Puerto Rico usually checking in to the weather net.

On Callsigns, VP2D became J7 May 1st. This line-up joins Grenada which is now signing J3 and St Lucia which is J6. While we listed Al as VP2DD hoping for recognition, he is now signing J7DD. There is usually a bit demand for the 'J' prefix, in a three-quarter hour run a week back, Al worked 30 JAs during that short period, they being lined up to work one in an area that is always difficult for them.

## DX-Ten Years Back

May 6, 1968 5Z4KL was on Aldabra, working the twenty meter band. FR7ZL was being heard from Tromelin. Everyone was scanning their atlas to locate Marco Island expected on the air signing 1M2A. Many watched, many listened, many still waiting ten years later. CR8AI was on from Timor, EP3AM on

from Iran; AP5CP was on from East Pakistan. The OH2AM-DX group were aiming for an Aland Island operation in July. VK9RY was showing regularly from Cocos-Keeling, VK9XI was on from Christmas. MP4TCQ was on from Qatar and SU1MA was being heard from Cairo. XZ2DW was being heard from downtown Rangoon....when he was going QRT he had a ZA1 calling. VQ8CD showed from St Brandons in early May, the ARRL Board of Directors approved a 5BDXCC, ZD8Z was on from Ascension Island, XW8AX was on from Laos, VR10 from Tarawa and CR5SP was returning to Sao Thome later in the year. Gus was headed for Des Roches where he signed VQ9/A/D and CE3ZN was aiming for San Felix. 1N2A showed....east of Leticia and west of Manaos. Expected the last weekend in May, gave the handle as Slim. The Coast Guard opened up Navassa to visitors.



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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Now learn, love, have do, be the best;  
Each in DX excel the rest;  
Strive; and hold fast this truth of heaven---  
To him that hath shall more be given.....

TEN METERS...

UM8MAD 28040/1125/Apr 21e	C31UN 28562/2000/Apr 20m	SV4LD 28502/1320/Apr 21e	VR1EE 28502/0200/Apr 22e
VU2GO 28028/1745/Apr 20m	OK3TAB/D2A 28638/1930 20m	N6PO/TG7 28600/1945/ 22e	ZS3LO 28546/1710/Apr 20m
WH2AAI 28040/0110/Apr 21m	FM7AY 28657/1800/Apr 19m	TU2BB 28616/1430/Apr 20m	ZS6BQI/3D6 28660/1410 26e
ZE1FY 28053/1740/Apr 26m	GJ3DVC 28615/1950/Apr 20m	UA0UCE 28565/0040/Apr 21e	8H4P 28525/1705/Apr 20m
	PZ1DR 28740/1940/Apr 22e	N1AHN/VP9 28553/1800 21m	

50mHz

TI2NA 50.110/1915/Apr 22e  
ZL3GK 50.050/2000/Apr 22e  
ZL4LT 51.050/2005/Apr 22e

LOW BAND LOUIE

CT1MK 3791/0445/Apr 24w	EA6DO 7002/0405/Apr 25e	OX3XE 7017/0315/Apr 25e	Y03ABL 7015/0245/Apr 25e
F6ARC 3790/0445/Apr 24w	KA1IW 7064/0900/Apr 23e	UD6DBK 7002/0105/Apr 25e	SU1IM 7003/0225/Apr 25e
LU8DQ 3505/0710/Apr 25w	J28AL 7002/0300/Apr 21e	UB5JGO 7025/0225/Apr 21e	VE3BWK/4U 7006/0255 25e
PY3GGJ 3505/0700/Apr 25w	OK1DOC 7002/0345/Apr 21e	UK2BAT 7002/0330/Apr 21e	5W1AX 7205/1040/Apr 24e
YV1OB 1807/0525/Apr 24m			

AFRICA CW

CN2AQ 21039/1830/Apr 26m	VQ9MR 14042/1115/Apr 27e	7X4AN 14003/0110/Apr 28e
EA8QE 14019/2240/Apr 26e	3B8DB 14022/1135/Apr 23e	9J2BO 14021/1325/Apr 25e
EA9GK 14005/0115/Apr 28e	3B8CF 14031/1235/Apr 29m	
TR8RG 14023/2015/Apr 25m	5H3GK 14031/1235/Apr 29m	

AFRICA SSB

EA8JP 21284/0300/Apr 27e	VE1WP/SU 14152/2105 27m	3B8DA 14212/1325/Apr 26m
FH8OM 14213/1425/Apr 26w	VE6CKS/SU 14205/0050 25e	3D6BK 14223/1340/Apr 25e
FR7BU 14225/1600/Apr 24w	VQ9MR 14200/1350/Apr 27w	9G1LM 14209/2100/Apr 27m
J20BS 14223/0130/Apr 30w	ZS3LO 14190/0600/Apr 28w	9G1KB 14222/2230/Apr 26e
ST0HK 14227/1450/Apr 23m	ZS5CS 14225/1520/Apr 24w	

ASIA CW

OD5LX 21008/1450/Apr 26e	VU2GW 14027/0045/Apr 27m
UA0GA 14035/1210/Apr 26e	YI1BGD 14023/1510/Apr 30e
UD6DLJ 21027/1430/Apr 27w	
UF6FAO 14014/0045/Apr 27m	

ASIA SSB

A9ZEX 14206/1400/Apr 23w	JY9EV 14273/0305/Apr 27m	UV9DO 14202/0215/Apr 27m	VS6AK 14226/1255/Apr 26e
A7XAH 14224/1415/Apr 30w#	KA1NC 14212/1550/Apr 27w	UV0EX 21318/0025/Apr 25w	YI1BGD 14224/1515/Apr 30w
AP2JL 14220/1640/Apr 26w	UA0AAK 21320/0020/Apr 27e	VU2TS 14202/1255/Apr 27e	4S7JD 14211/2345/Apr 26e
CR9AJ 14205/1420/Apr 27s	UK0SAA 14207/0220/Apr 27m	VU2JNA 14216/1315/Apr 25e	9K2EW 14240/0300/Apr 25w
CT2BT 14213/0115/Apr 25e	UK0AAR 21292/0215/Apr 27e	VU2AZX 14208/1350/Apr 25w	9K2DR 21313/2345/Apr 26e
			9M2FR 14205/1530/Apr 27w

EUROPE

EA6ED 14012/2000/Apr 25n	U05FK 14007/0215/Apr 26e	GJ2LU 14209/0640/Apr 27w	ZA5T 14215/2155/Apr 29w??
IC8POF 14036/2025/Apr 25m	UY5OQ 21019/1615/Apr 26e	OH0NJ 14209/1415/Apr 25w	Y02LM 14225/2220/Apr 26m
LJ2N 14044/2020/Apr 25m	ZB2EO 14006/0045/Apr 27m	AB7HH 21295/2305/Apr 26e	
UC2WBC 14038/1935/Apr 26e			

ELSEWHERE SSB

AX6FS 14227/1350/Apr 25w	HL4WH 14207/1230/Apr 26e	KG6AJQ 14216/1140/Apr 27m	VK6JJ 14218/1340/Apr 25e
C6ANI 21265/2130/Apr 26e	J6LPZ 14241/0445/Apr 24w	KG6RN 14283/1310/Apr 27m	VP2SQ 14222/1245/Apr 28e
CE9AT 14280/0000/Occurrences	K6MJ 21318/0025/Apr 24w	KG6SW 14206/1200/Apr 27e	VP2DAY 14208/0345/Apr 25m
C02FA 14217/0300/Apr 27m	KG6TTY 14214/1300/Apr 26e	KX6PP 14211/1145/Apr 28e	VP2MH 14269/1545/Apr 25m
C02FRD 21286/1630/Apr 26e	KG6JJY 14215/1255/Apr 26m	KX6BU 14216/1155/Apr 28e	ZF1SV 14206/0330/Apr 25e
P29GC 14208/1210/Apr 26e	TI2RI 14196/1215/Apr 26e	VK0JM 14251/1400/Apr 23e	





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MARTS SEANET TEST

PY0APS and PY0MAG from this weekend for a couple weeks  
3B9CD from May 15th  
TJ80T for a month from May 20th  
ZK1HI for a couple of weeks....first part of June  
GU5AIG from this weekend....160mtrs planned  
WA6EWI at TI9 until middle of this week  
Wiesbaden Radio Club at HB0 from May 24th  
WD5GHZ/KH5 for about a week from around July 4th  
WD6CDU going to try a KH9-Wake operation...May 8th to 16th  
VEs looking for July operation  
Rare one on Molokai....KH6CHL/KH6 over Memorial Day weekend  
The 'All India Hamfest'...this weekend in downtown Bangalore!  
Beat the crowd...reserve now. October 6th.downtown Waltham!!  
"Peace to the World" theme....24 hours from May 12th 1200Z  
Memorial Day Weekend.....May 26/27th  
June 16/17th  
June 16/17th  
CW....July 21/22nd.....Phone August 18/19th

A FEW FAST AND SHIFTY NOTES The QSLs for the K4YT/5R8 operation of last year are being bounced by the ARRL DXCC Desk, the word is that the operation was not authorized. On the offshore Brazilian Islands, PP1AAU is looking at either Trinidade or St Peter and Paul for a possible June operation.

VK2AGT on Lord Howe says to look for him around 28580kHz on most days from 0200Z. Down in the Caribbean Area, XE1XR says to watch the Caribbean Net twenty meter meeting at 14175kHz for some DX and with most areas of the world represented showing on most days. Victor says that they have been showing with VP2A/VP2K/VP2D/VP2L, J3, J6, 6Y5, 9YL, HI8, VP2M, VP2S, 8R1, C6/HK/HG/HS/9M2/CO/9M6/9M8/9V1/VS5/YJ8/DJ/YB/VR1/VR6/H44/3D2 VK9/ZL/UA/JD1/L57/BV2/T20/FB8Z/A51/KX6/KA1.....Victor says the activity on the net is "muy interesante!!"

After reading the roll call, who would argue?

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ARRL The ARRL Executive Board met in Newington on April 21st and their discussions covered a multitude of topics. Some of the matters discussed but with no formal action included the RFI Task Force Group, the Greenbank Quiet Zone proposal, a mailing to non-members, the improved financial status of the League and the augmenting of the Club and Training and the Technical Department with additional personnel. Discussion was also held on the Communications Act rewriting, the court matter in the linear amplifier ban and the problems relating to call signs.

The ARRL staff was directed to file comments on the KZ5 call signs, and comments on RM 3317, the hobby license proposal for a band adjacent to 28MHz and the exclusive CB SSB assignments in the vicinity of 27MHz. 918 members were elected to Life Membership in the ARRL.

In other areas, the DXAC has been working on a set of Guide Lines for DX Operating. Some of the ideas have been rather well shaped up and the proposal is being circulated among the DXAC members. Some of the move to put things on paper has been letters to the ARRL and the DXAC on list operations, often the writer being opposed to lists and wants something done.

Some of the comments are hardly fit for reprinting in this family publication. And some want the ARRL to appoint marshalls to patrol the bands, reporting any list-type to ARRL headquarters and identifying the miscreants. The idea here is that the ARRL feed all these reports into the Great DX Computer and when cards come in for DXCC credit, all they will have to do is punch in the information, the skies will light and the card rejected. No mention has been made of what happens to a three-time loser but you might get the idea.

Undoubtedly some will be disbelievers, that such thinking would be foreign to all DXers, and that such a DX black-list could never come into being.

In this instance, you will have to be a believer. The opponents to lists are pushing hard for the ARRL to do something and the black-listing is among proposals made. If you have different ideas, you had better move to make them known.....one way or another.

TNX to W1DA, K1ER/L, W2AG, W2FP, W2HAZ, W2NC, WA2NHE, N200, W4UF, K2UO, WA3DMH, WA4DRU, K4GFX, W4HU, W4KA, W4LCL, W4MGN, W4BRB, W4PZV, WA4WLI, N4WX, N4XX, W4ZR, K5AQ, W5GPI, K5OVC, K6GZ, K5VNJ/2, WA6BJS, WA6CIL, K6EC, K6JG, K6LAE, AJ6M, N6OB, K6PO, K6RV, W6DC, WA6TOO, W6TSQ, AE6U, WB6VTE, K7ABV, W7BOT, WA7GVM, W7IL, N7MW, WA7OBH, WB8EUN, K8MFO, K8RD, W8UVZ, WD8IXV, W9LOF, W9SS, W9TC, W9BW, W9PT, KH7JWK, KH6AHZ, HB9AAA, VE7KC, XE1XR, TGLNX, VK2AKK, PY1APS.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the 'born-again' types was up the hill last week, this one moving up from eleven meters and came trying to figure out what antenna he might use. He did admit knowing a little and also to owning a SWR bridge. "Tune for smoke," we advised and though we got a smile, the brow was furrowed. He wanted to know more, especially about DX. "I find things a bit incredible," he told us, "but it must be true the great things that are going on. It's only that I just don't understand them." He had us there for there is no DXer alive who has not the glow of the missionary zeal to bring another in from the outer darkness. So we explained everything that a true-blue DXer easily understands and should know but our born-again was still not understanding. So we tried again. We were still remembering when Albert first tried to explain things to us but our second try ended the same as the first..... nothing! "It all sounds so mysterious," the visitor said, "as though there was something there that they understand but no one else does." And when we heard that we knew the answer for sure. For, as the Old Timer has often said: "There are things that only a DXer understands. And only a DXer ever really understands DX." And over the years there has been talk of the mysticism of DXing and the feel for the bands and the unspoken knowledge that DXers always seem to have but which is seldom mentioned. And we tried to explain all of this and maybe we did succeed a bit. "One of these days I will probably understand all of this," the XCBer said, "but right now all I know is that it is there even when I cannot understand why. But I will." Right then we had to slap this one on the shoulder for he had the making of a true-blue one for sure. For one who believes without understanding is certain to be a DXer. And only a DXer will understand why that is. DXers are different. They have always been and will always be. And if you want to see some different subscription rates, make a discreet query on our moveable rates. We understand them! We will give you an easy lesson in how you can.

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