

West Coast DX Bulletin



July 18, 1979

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CHINA JA6HOZ will be in Peking early in August to conduct some instruction classes at a unit of the Peking Youth Club. This instruction will include developing some proficiency in c.w. operations.

There is hope that a station may possibly be put on the air by mid-August. They are taking an ICOM-701 plus a SWL receiver.

What can you do as a certified Deserving DXer? Wait! There are more and more signs that something will come out of China before the end of the year. As most DXers know, all things come to him who waits and many DXers have waited a long time for this one.

MARKET REEF OH0NA plus a couple more of the OH-types will be at OJ0-Market Reef for some activity starting the end of this week. Look for them to open either Friday or Saturday, July 20th or 21st. They plan to operate for about ten days over the coming two weekends, the plan is to keep one station on the air around-the-clock. OJ0MA will be the callsign.

CW action will be found 15kHz or so up from the lower band edge. They will give some indication of where they are listening. SSB will be at—

3795kHz
7095kHz

14195kHz
21295kHz

28595kHz

and again they will be indicating where they are listening for the SSB action.

QSLs will be to OH0NA, Kee. The full address is:

Karl Erik Eriksson
SF-22430 Saltvik
Finland

Sase or Sae/IRC will be needed. DK5XN is reported to be one of the operators for this effort.

KERGUELEN The operator at FB8XV on Kerguelen says to look for him at 14037kHz on Sundays. From 1200Z on might be the time to watch this frequency if you thirst for Kerguelen. A lot do. The station has also shown up on Fridays on the same frequency. The operation seems to be on more than one day a week and it may be well to check the frequency any day around the 1200Z time.

NEUTRAL ZONE There has been some indication for a couple weeks now that plans are being made for an 8Z4-Neutral Zone in September. OE6EEG who steered the Abu Ail preparations to success has been mentioned by a number of sources as aiming for this one.

9K2DJ/8Z4 has been showing on the Arabian Knight's Net on Fridays, some say 1700Z, some say 0500Z at 14250kHz. On July 1st JY3ZH advised that the station is expected to show on the Net but other reports say that he may not return until mid-August.

W4LRRJ has been asked by the Net Control to pick up lists from the Stateside Deserving types. You might listen for this one. A check for cross-reference indicates that the 0500Z might be the best time to watch, one east coast type found the station going at about 0630Z.

If you don't catch this /8Z4, keep alert for the September action. Something may be coming on that one.

Mt ATHOS One prominent Deserving type was in June trying to line up permission for July activity from Mt. Athos. There was some doubt as to whether things would fall into line and at this point it would seem that they are not falling right.

However!! However, there have been others looking including some who have previously run the course there in the autonomous peninsula in Thessalonika. This one is aimed at September and the prospects are looking good on this one.

September! Remember!!

SUNSPOT LOUIE The provisional sunspot count for June as reported by the good Doctor Waldheim at Zurich was 150.5. Putting this number into the 12-month smoothed cycle, it makes the smoothed sunspot number centered on December 1978 at 116.6, this up four points from November.

Looking at the average time a cycle takes to rise to its peak, this is 4.1 years and the present cycle started its rise back in March 1976. This would give a quick indication that we are getting close to the peak, some saying it may be in the final months of 1979, some say in 1980. Whoever you trust, you'll have to believe that the peak is near. The coming winter should see some premium conditions for ten and six meters.

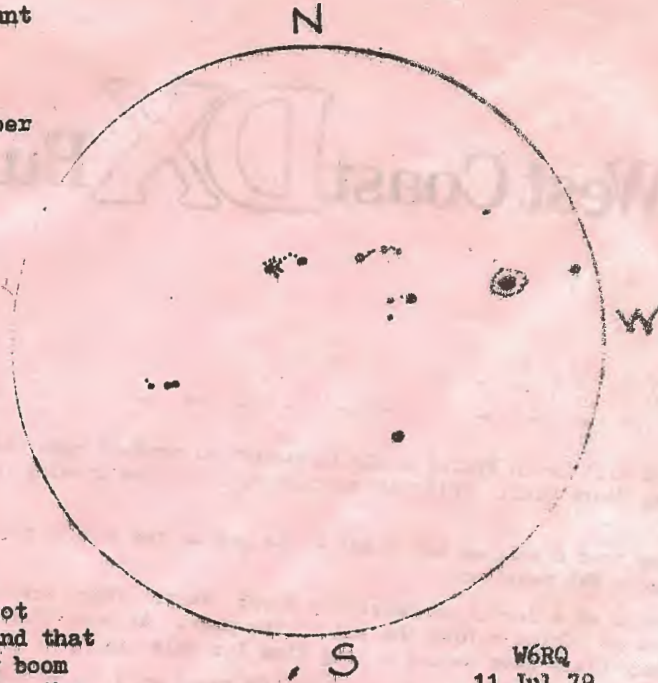
Ten has not been especially good of late but it is still better than nothing. A lot of six meter activity is being reported and that band is showing promise. Ten and six may boom this fall so it might be time to think, as the Hero of Mafeking would often counsel "Be Prepared!".

Anyhow, looking into the last weeks of July, we find the HNs may be making a return. And from the south bank of the Potomac, deep in the July tomato patch, N4XX says it will be....relatively speaking,

Jul 18th	Low Normal	Jul 25th	High Normal
19th	Below Normal	26th	High Normal
20th	Below Normal	27th	High Normal
21st	Low Normal	28th	High Normal
22nd	Low Normal	29th	High Normal
23rd	Low Normal	30th	High Normal
24th	High/Low Normal	31st	Low Normal

Down in the border country K6EC keeps propping up the flux but some days it slips just below the 200 mark. But Ev will have the formula before long, meanwhile put these in your chart...

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux ApIndex		
Jul 2	195	3	Jul 8th	200	8
3	207	17	9th	193	8
4	211	7	10th	187	10
5	198	10	11th	181	10
6	210	15	12th	176	12
7	201	18			



No. 1828	2 spots
N15° W80°	140 millionths
1837	3 spots
N47° W38°	10 millionths
1840	24 spots
N18° W39°	150 millionths
1841	2 spots
S21° W30°	330 Millionths
1843	1 spot
N05° W14°	160 millionths
1848	5 spots
N24° E05°	130 millionths
1849	10 spots
N11° E11°	480 millionths
1854	11 spots
N13° E36°	210 millionths
1855	12 spots
S29° E42°	110 millionths
1856	8 spots
S17° E43°	130 millionths

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SINT MAARTEN/St MARTIN Out of New England is being aimed a double-barreled operation for the CQ WW Phone Test on October 27/28th.

There will be fifteen highly skilled, technically competent and contest motivated operators out to run up a big score. From Sint Maarten they will be signing K1CQ/PJ7. From St. Martin you're going to have to wait a bit for the callsign as they are not sure of it as yet.

The Sint Maarten operation will be in the multi-multi category. From St Martin it will be multi-single. Actually they expect to start warming up about October 23rd and to be active until October 31st. Some may be signing their own calls /PJ7 or /FS7 in the preliminaries. One to watch for will be W1XX who will be found in the c.w. portions signing W1XX/PJ7.

The operation will be by the Yankee Clipper Contest. Some may ask why the New England types get so worked up for the contests, often several groups out of the northeast rushing off en masse to run up big totals in contests. We asked one of these contesters and all all we could understand them to say was: "La scrod le vent". What does that mean? Son of a Gun! we forgot to ask for the translation.

A LOT OF SHORT NOTES Often one is puzzled by something which may happen repeatedly but the reason is not evident. There has been a good number of Slim operations in Europe signing /EI something. Many wondered why the consistency. What was the purpose? Who is the aggrieved party? This has often puzzled us here.

Word out of Central Europe is that there has been persistent jamming of DX activities, jamming of DX Nets and that a good number of irate DXers in Europe set out to nail down the source.

As the jamming and interference has been going on for over two years, there was ample opportunity to use the RDFs and the EI station was identified, the report says, as the source of the problem.

Some SM stations have been known to openly identify during on-the-air QSOs the EI station, noting that the Swedish authorities have forwarded complaints through diplomatic channels but no actions have been taken to correct the problem there in Eire. Or if there has been action, it is not known.

SM5BBC was discussing the matter on the air a couple of weeks back. Guess what happened next. ZA2BC shows and gives SM5BBC as the QSL route. SM5BBC says he knows nothing at all about any ZA-operation.

All of this may start to make things fall into place a bit. There are covert operations going on and Slim apparently is alive and well and looking for more activities.

VR3AH was being worked quite easily by the west Coast Stations last Thursday morning. The operator was saying that the Great Kiribati had hatched and that they were celebrating their Independence Day. Some tried querying the station....such as putting the question when did you return to the islands? All questions were deftly avoided.

KS6DV up to Canton Island for the change over has indicated that the KB6-call may continue to be used until there is acceptance and ratification of the changes. So do not be surprised if you continue to hear some of the calls. On the other hand, a new prefix may be showing before long.

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This issue is the final one for the West Coast DX Bulletin and the publication
is being suspended.

AND STILL MORE NOTES There are reports that the VEs will again be on Sale Island early in August but nothing definite. ~~CEVX~~ still continues to be the object of a lot of planning. Getting the permission to land from the Chilean government is the major problem.

Vic Clark, W4KFC, continues to improve. Vic is heading up the ARRL's Long Range Planning Committee and is looking for input from all amateurs. If you have any ideas on how the ARRL's operations might be improved or where something is not being done right, or any item that may contribute to the overall study, put it on paper and send it to Vic at 12927 Popes Head Road, Clifton, Virginia 22024. He'd really like to hear your ideas.

On another Virginia address, N4NW who handles some QSLs for S79MC has left the Norfolk area and is now up in the Maryland country. He also handles the QSLs for S79D. The new address for N4NW is:

Thomas Gregory N4NW
3429 Plumtree Drive Apt Dx
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

Same as usual. As of June 1, 1979, the Seychelles government renewed the licenses for S79RD/S79D/S79L/S79R/S79NLB and S79KK. Though not specifically mentioned, it is believed that the S79MC license has also been extended.

Logs for S79MC for the period March 9th to May 6th have been lost....or something. They were mailed from the Seychelles but never made it to Maryland. If you have a QSO on the hook for that period, be patient....and hope the logs show.

A couple of weeks back mention was made that the 7Q7AA QSLs were bouncing. This was an error and it is the TG7AA QSLs which are bouncing. Back up if you can and run over that again so the error does not persist.

On the DX Operating Guidelines, some have asked what is 'Russian Roulette'. From John Kanode, N4MM, who did the work on the guidelines, we get the straight report. It is when a DX station blocks out a portion of the band, saying he will be listening over twenty or thirty kHz and then answers stations by calling on their frequencies. All this to help understand things

7J1 continues to show up as a speculative item.....some reporting there would be more activity in July, some say August. Some a bit confused on the reports. Any 7J1 operation will be formidable and don't expect anyone to jump into their kayak and put it on the air.

JF1IST who put on the recent effort did the whole operation by himself. He is a construction technician and is 32 years old. He went on the first 7J1 effort to erect the operating stands and kept thinking and planning of a return so he could operate on his own.

They did put up the stand for the operation, three antennas and made a lot of QSOs. They had for gear a TS-120 by Trip out of Kenwood, some 12v batteries and a small generator. JF1IST was alone for four days on the operating stand, making about 6000 QSOs, 2700 of which were with the Deserving W/K types. He laid out about \$20,000 of his own funds for the operation. If any effort has been worthy of some support, this one certainly does seem so.....and most of this information comes from his JA-friends, he not having made any appeal himself.

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AND STILL MORE NOTES We ran things on the 7J1 operation to the bottom of the previous page...or somewhere....but did not get all the information in. The band breakdown went:

40 meters	172 QSOs	10 Countries	103 JA	69 DX QSOs
20 meters	2924	70	1100	1824
15 meters	1818	26	670	1148
10 meters	98	2	97	1
6 meters	476	2	475	1
Totals	5488	72	2445	3043 (2225 W/K—818 others)

QSLs sent out by JA1HQG are going to be a different QSL than the one handled by JA1NRH. We had the latter's address in a recent bulletin. The CBA for JA1HQG is reported to be incorrect.

K5VT has moved to Southern California and will be doing some medical research at UCLA. We got a note that his sister is living in the family home down in Oklahoma City....the only problem being that the CB shows the old Baltimore address which was used while Vince was at John Hopkins. Anyhow....try 2201 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, Calif. 90291. That should work.

Some of his luggage got misdirected during the recent DX trip and eventually is expected to catch up with him and QSLs will be answered for the recent SV5 and 5H3 efforts.

K4YT advises that all the K4YT/5T5 QSTs have been answered but the work is continuing on the K4YT/6W8 cards. The XT2AE/9G1LM/TY9ER cards are being printed with the National Capitol DX Club working on the TY9ER cards as soon as they clear the print shop. Also, if you need IRCs, Karl has a couple of bundles to go at 25¢ per IRC in bundles of twelve or multiples thereof....and include a sase. Karl will depart on another trip the end of July and his QSLs still go to W2TK, 366 Rutherford Ave, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071.

The Northern Illinois DX Association will be holding its 27th annual meeting on Saturday, September 8th at the Hilton in downtown Arlington Park, this just northwest of Chicago. This another of the big DX meetings held each fall and they even plan to have something for everyone....including Don Miller. This one being W9NTP the Central Division ARRL Director, often referred to as "...the other Don Miller". Anyhow, they'd like to have visiting DXers and more information can be had from Howie Huntington, K9KM, 75 South Burr Oak Drive, Lake Zurich, Illinois 60047.

The Northwest DX Meeting at Vancouver, British Columbia is only a couple weeks off. They have an extensive program and if you have not made one in the northwest corner yet, this is your annual chance. With a little bit of identification, crossing the border should be no problem.

The St Charles Radio Club out of Missouri will operate from Kasaksia Island August 4th. Father Marquette camped there in 1675. Once it was the capitol of Illinois, it became an island in 1805 when the river changed course. Look for KØBM on August 4th from 1800Z and QSL to WDØGSY.

KH6IJ continues to improve and has resumed his column in the local Honolulu paper. And this finishes the typing for this edition, this being the last page to be prepared. We regret that so many are coming through the front door while we are splitting out the back door and most of all we regret leaving the scene.

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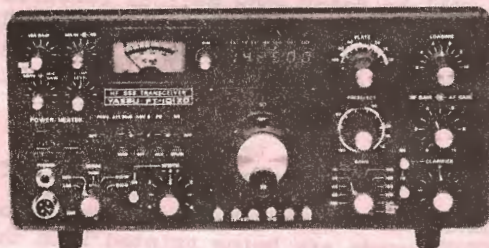
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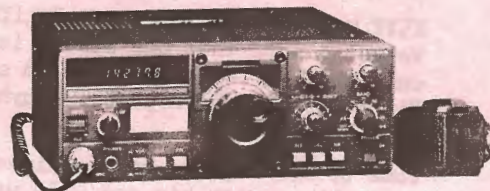
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Sooner or later most of us learn that even the longest road has an end, that the most glorious day a sunset, the beautiful melody a final note and that even the most enthusiastic can tire. Last week it was time to call the group together and talk about what had to come eventually, the closing down of the West Coast DX Bulletin.

They came up across the hill, Red Eyed Louie and his cousin Sunspot, the Old Timer, the QRPers and the Leader of the Palos Verdes Sundancers. They came asking questions. "We thought that the meeting was called for early next month," they said, "why are we being called in now?"

The answer was simple, at least we thought so. During recent weeks we have been having endless problems with printing the paper. The last five or six issues have been printed over a three-day period, this because of problems with the mechanical operation of the press. It is old, tired and worn, just like others that we know, and it does seem to be having difficulty in turning out the better than thirty thousand sheets that have to be fed through it each week. Without reviewing the whole production set-up, it has been apparent for some time that we were over-extended, possibly rather badly, and that something would have to end somewhere along the line.

All the crew had to go through that hand-shaking and querying that old friends have to engage in anytime they meet after a long absence. It was a bit hard to hold their attention for mostly they wanted to call the good days they'd known in the past. Those days when the mornings were bright, the sun warm and the call loud to see what was beyond the further ridges. But they knew of the problems that had been growing with the bulletin. "We had some good days," one of the QRPers said, "some really good days and some bad days. But fortunately there were more good days than bad."

Recent issues of the bulletin have topped the 3200 mark and during the last year the growth has been better than 30% annually. A year ago it was obvious that we were heading into trouble and some tentative plans were started to get the bulletin into a position that would allow the cessation of publication if the situation indicated that this had to be. This has been the reason for the August term on the subscription though many believed that this was in preparation for an increase in subscription rates. It was a general target but one used to plan upon and no effort was made to dissuade the thinking that a subscription increase was the basis for the action. However, it was not.

At this point in late July over 98% of the subscriptions are due within a short time. Thus the plan to split the scene with a minimum of due subscriptions has been largely attained and it has been a difficult project. For those who slipped in with longer subscriptions, we intend to refund from September onwards though this will not be a rush job as we intend to seek some relief from the constant pounding of the publishing schedule with one bulletin no longer out of the way than the rush to prepare another one was looming overhead.

"I can understand how you can grow a bit weary," the Leader of the Palos Verdes Sundancers said gravely, "down in the Palos Verdes country all the PV types worked so hard to get Cycle 21 going that they seem to have lost all their bounce. And you know what happens to a dancer who has lost his bounce?" Most of the group were nodding their head in agreement, most of them at an age where they have less of a bounce than they once did.

"How about the time when you had 800 subscribers and said you had enough?" one of the group said and we were nodding our head at that one.

"It really was all we wanted," we said, "but no one would believe us. They figured that all it was was a ploy to get more subscribers. That DXers would rush in to subscribe before the door was shut."

Son of a Gun! There did not appear anyway or any word that would be convincing. When we topped the 1600 subscription mark we said that we had had it. That a rubber band would only stretch so far before snapping and we were close to that point. It hardly slowed things at all. Even when we got QST and CQ not to mention the bulletin in the DX columns, the growth continued. In 1978 we knew we were in trouble and by late Fall we were working non-stop on the bulletin. From November 5th to February 17th there was no day that we worked less than four hours on the bulletin, every week during the production period we would have two or three fourteen-hour work days. The long stretch of non-stop working continued through the Spring of this year and up to the present and only for brief periods were we able to get away from work on the bulletin. By late Spring it was obvious that the staff, as well as the equipment, was just wearing out.

At this point in July the bulletin has been published every week for over eleven years, it was started on May 1, 1968 and has shown every week since. The total number of issues is just at the 600 mark and it has been a long string without a break.

We will not deny that we found enjoyment in publishing the bulletin. It was interesting and always engrossing. It was never denied that we had our own ideas about DXing though these were often camouflaged by putting them into the mouths of any of the itinerant QRPers that came wandering up the hill. Eventually the QRPers, Red Eyed Louie and the Old Timer were far better known than anyone here and there are still a good many who are not quite sure just who has published the bulletin over the years.

The Marin County DX Group has never been more than two persons. The XYL wrote the receipts, slapped on the ever-increasing list of address labels and helped with the fold and stapling. All of the rest of the work was done by the other member of the Marin County DX Group. The writing, the sparse DXing, the printing and the record-keeping. The writing itself was always a bit of a challenge as the bulletin was usually written straight out, one pass and that was the copy. This eventually became more and more essential as the work load grew though it was at times embarrassing to note how a tendency had developed where word endings, or even parts of a word, would be dropped. We knew what was intended to be said but with the high-speed typing there were times when it did not come out just as planned.

"Isn't there something that might be done," one of the QRPers asked and we shook our head. "Just accept the inevitable," we said. "Most everyone knows that everything runs its course and eventually comes to the final day. That's what we have done with the bulletin. We've run the long trail, and we have run it consistently. But we have come to the end. And that's it."

DX to us has always been an alive and continuing thing. But it was always a bit amazing to find so many really old timers who have been DXing for thirty, forty or fifty years and are still enthusiastic about the whole activity. They seldom miss a day when they are not checking the bands and their level of interest has been sustained over the years.

There have also been those who dropped out for awhile and then came back in. DXing has always seemed to be a self-sustaining activity and though some grow old and tire and drop away from the action, there are always the newer and eager DXers coming to carry the action and continue the long line of DXers who have been active through the years. Perhaps it was apparent that we leaned to encourage the new DXer, the one with fifty or a hundred countries who was desperately trying to accumulate more but finding it a bit hard. These we always welcomed and though we at times said that we had enough subscribers and wanted no more, there was never one of the Deserving turned away. They were always welcomed for they would be the ones who would bulwark DX in the future.

"Do you think that perhaps sometime in the future they may recall us," one of the QRPers asked and almost immediately a couple of the others were shaking their heads. "Actually at times it was difficult to find anyone who really knew we were here," one QRPer said but there was no agreement on that point.

"Perhaps it was because we published so regularly," another of the QRPers said, "but you must recall that a number of clubs did move to recognize us. And it was more than one or two."

We pointed to the wall to back this point and everyone had to stop and read the certificates. Honorary memberships had been extended by the Twin Cities DX Club, The Southeastern DX Club, and the SP-DX Club. And at the Fresno International in 1977 K6HTM from up in the Sierra foothills had come down carrying a plaque that we have always valued highly, and the Southern California DX Club went to a lot of work to prepare another for the 1977 Fresno meeting. The expressions by the Southern California DX Club and by K6HTM and the actions by the DX Clubs in extending honorary membership probably will always be remembered. But there was never an effort to seek the notoriety and only once a year, and that because of Postal regulations, did our name show in the bulletin.

Maybe they will remember us," another of the QRPers said, "perhaps like the sound of a distant song that will be filtered down through the years. I wonder what it might be?"

We had some ideas on that one. "Maybe it will be something like Strauss' 'Artists Life'," we said, "those opening bars have always seem to be loaded with nostalgia. But it would be nice to hope that the long years will have a continuing echo of our song and many can imagine all the old DXers in some far valley sawing away to keep the old memories alive." Everyone was quickly agreeing to this and it was evident that the meeting had about run its course.

The talk started to run down and one could expect some to start getting a bit maudlin so it was time to chop off the meeting. For awhile they stood around shaking hands in the way that often comes when it is known that things may be different in the future and it may be a long time before they meet again. These expressions of sincerity often noted at high school graduations, the end of basic training in the army and retirement parties. But under all it the realization that things will not be the same again ever.

Finally they were leaving. One QRPer, the one always dragging in Bartlett's and the abridged version of DXer poetry, hung back a bit and slipped us a note. "I knew what was happening and I wrote this for the group. I hope you'll like it." And then he was gone. The note read....

Let us go then, you and I,
To where the evening meets the sky,
To where the yesterdays have gone,
To where the words are always song.

It got us. When we looked again the group was down the hill, about the place where the road enters the trees. They paused there and raised their hands and from down the hill drifted the shout: "DX Is!!" And then they were gone. And we doubted that we would ever see them again. Things had run their course.

And thus it ends.....

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Downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana....this weekend. July 21/22
Downtown Geneva.....ten week run. Starts September 24th
Scruds everywhere! Downtown Waltham....October 6th
CW goes this weekend....Jul 21/22.....Phone is heard....Aug 18/19th
CW.....July 28/29th
CW.....August 10/11th. Phone September 8/9th
Phone./...October 27/28th.. CW.....November 24/25th
Rare island in the middle of the Mississippi River.....Aug 4/5th
Island only at highwater....otherwest Illinois west of the Mississippi

8Z4-NEUTRAL

9K2DJ/8Z4 on Arabian Nights Net
Fridays....1900Z

WAKE ISLAND

WD6CDU currently active

SAN MARINO

W7KZE from July 16th

NIUE

ZLs should be finishing up....

SABLE ISLAND

VEs said to be aiming at August

DODECANESE

Action...first half of August

MARKET REEF

OHONA going July 21st

HELL

One day only.....August 15th

SOME FINAL NOTES It has been a bit more difficult to get out than to get in. If you think we overlooked something, drop a line. If you want to engage in offering suggestions how things should be done, keep in mind that we've had well over a year to think things over.

If you have any of the business-reply envelopes, do us a favor and dump them. Do not send them back as we still have a couple thousand on hand....which we will dump. If you have any stamped envelopes, steam off the stamps and use them.

Exhaustion is the main problem. We've worked too long and for too many hours at a stretch. There is deep regret in breaking the weekly ties with so many DXers that we have come to admire and appreciate it but the size of the task has grown beyond our ability. Initially we aimed for early August. The last couple of weeks has convinced us that we'd better go while we can still explain things a bit.

We did some checking on the LU3ZY QSLs. One reported receiving one recently but it did not come from the LU2CN. One LU-type has promised to check things out and see if they can get the QSLing back on track. A new QSL card was ordered early in the Spring and all the problems started developing about then. On the 8Q7 QSLs, they are coming out but slow. They came home to be staggered by the amounts on hand. The Desecheo cards are coming but rather slowly. Some plans to get them out in a big bunch did not jell but they are cutting into the stack. They say don't send a second request.....the first will do nicely.

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Those who worked TH8JM should not give up hope. There are some who are close to the picture who think that this one will count. Actually it seems that W3HXO, Ron Sebol, and K3ICP, James Winde, have been close to the matter from the start and are working to get the whole thing straightened out.

On that TH8-prefix. The report that back a decade or so, the Central African Republic issued a TH8-license to the U.S. Ambassador and this delegation contained the stipulation that the ambassador could reissue a TH8-license to any member of the embassy delegation. However such licenses were not to be issued to visitors.

TH8JM is the communications officer for the embassy and a part of the embassy complement. Thus, the old delegation to issue licenses, which has never been rescinded, would seem to apply and that the TH8 license was proper. Thus the hope is still alive that the TH8JM activities will be considered proper and accepted for ARRL DXCC credits.

Anyhow, another license, this being TL8JM, was issued on June 22, 1979 and there should be no question on this one. A telegram was received in the U.S. on July 2nd that such a license had been issued.

The original TH8 authorization required a yearly renewal. This has come through every year. Thus it does appear that there is good reason to continue clutching those TH8JM QSLs....br to look for them as the possibility that they will be acceptable appears good. The Delta DX Assn is working to get a YAESU rig and TL8JM promises plenty of action, and plenty of c.w., once everything is in line. Listen for a vibroplex, anything else probably will be Slim.

TNX to W1AM, W1DQH, K1MM, K1UO, W1VY, WA1YTC, W1YY, W2AG, W2FF, W2HAZ, W2NC, W2VUF, WA3DMH, N3ED, W3HXO, AA4BA, W4HU, WA4JTI, N4NW, W4OO, W4UF, N4WW, AA4VK, K4YT, W5AQ, W5CFI, KA5DAD, K5DB, K5DUT, W5FFY, W5JW, N5OK, K5OVC, N5TG, K5VNJ/2, W5YH, N6AXD, AF6D, K6EC, WB6FBN, W6JD, W6KPC, K6LAE, N6QB, W6PT, WB6SHL, N6SV, W6TSQ, K6UFT, N6UW, W6VD, WB6VTE, K6WR, K6YK, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, KB7HB, K7HCB, W7IL, K7UT, N7UT, WA7OBH, K8IA, KB8KW, K8RD, K8UNV, W8UVZ, K9RN, W9SG, W9SS, W9TC, W9TKV, W9EW, WD9GSY, W9JRN, K9KES, WA9KDI, W9PT, WB9MSZ, OE1FF, LU2DX, KH6BZF, KH6GI, KH6JWK, WL7ACY, DJ9NX, W0ELA, VE7ALR, W4LCL/YB0.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers, somewhat disconsolate, was up the hill last week to visit the Old Timer. "I guess we won't be seeing much of you in the future," the QRPer said. "I would like to remember some of the things that you have told us over the years. Is there any final thing that you might want to say before all of have to say our good-bys?" The Old Timer thought for a moment and then spoke. "I, too, will be missing the QRPers," he said, "but we have had some good times together. Let's try to remember them. But for all the QRPers, those here now and those to come, I can say only what has been said before.....Stand Tall!! DXers have always been the top echelons, the leaders and the doers. And wherever you may go in the future, in any crowd in which you may find yourself, always remember that DXers Stand Tall! Always!!" The QRPer was smiling at these words. "I was hoping that you'd tell us that," he said. "Years ago I heard you say those same words and they have never been forgotten. I will always remember to stand tall and I will help other DXers to also stand tall. All of us should." And thus it ends, perhaps to be remembered at times and never completely forgotten. DXers always stand tall!!

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