

# The DX Bulletin

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**PROPAGATION FORECAST:** Sept. 12, 13: High Normal; 14: HN, going to Disturbed; 15: Disturbed. Thanks N4XX.

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**COCOS-KEELING:** On September 17, 18 and 19, VQ9JJ, VQ9MR and VQ9KK will operate ssb and cw mostly on 20, 15 and 10 Meters. The tentative calls are VK9YJ (VQ9JJ), VK9YR (VQ9MR), and VK9YK (VQ9KK). They will take two TS520s, a Signal-One and spare receivers. Antennas will be verticals and possible a tribander if it arrives on Diego Garcia before they leave. There is already a 20 Meter beam in place on the island but its condition is unknown. They will be there 40 hours, including set-up time and tear-down. QSLs for VK9YJ and YR will go to K9IL, and VK9YK will be handled by WA3HUP. K9IL is R.E. Miles, PO BOX 73R, Romeoville, IL 60441.

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**BOUVET** will have to wait for those of us still needing it; the expedition for next winter (if one is made) will not include any licensed amateurs. Cards from the last operation by 3Y1VC have been received by some but many are still waiting. Patience necessary.

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**ANDAMANS** group is not in the offing; getting there presents problems even for Indian amateurs; there is a naval base there and tourists are not welcome. Laccadive Islands (VU4) looks much better, though, with VU2TS and VU2GD nailing things down for a trip in November.

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**W0SI** says he worked ZK1AM for the "last of over 12,000 contacts from semi-rare Manihiki Island" on Aug. 25. Members of the Manihiki group will be speaking at the Midwest Division Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on Oct. 20. Mike (W0SI) also is donating QSL cards for 3B8CD's recent operation as 3B6CD. Requests go to KC5I, who was known previously as WD5BIF.

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A reminder: 6 meter operators meet at 28.885 at 1700 Sundays to discuss propagation and coordinate for openings. They also use that spot to alert others of band openings and to report beacons heard, etc., on 50 MHz.

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**HP1AC** reports working SM6CSY/6Y5 and KP4IS on Oscars 7 and 8. Camilo is ready for all callers on both satellites.

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If 3B9 Rodriguez is needed per **your** list: 3B8CF will be there about Sept. 30 for only "a couple days."

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**CALIFORNIANS** and others in the general vicinity should watch for long path openings to Africa about 0400-0700 and 1400-1500 on Fifteen Meters. Also some on Ten Meters around 0530, according to W6NZX. Sounds interesting.

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**D4CBC**, a manstay on the bands from the Cape Verde Islands, has discouraging problems getting parts for his FT501 and Heath SB200. A benevolent W3 has sent a pair of tubes for the linear but more many be needed. Julio may be the only amateur there soon.

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**VP8VN** listens for Stateside calls on Thursdays and Saturdays at 1000 on the low end of 20ssb, check 14235-240. He is on S. Georgia.

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The DX Bulletin is not settled as to exact day (day of week) of compiling information, printing and mailing. For now, try to have reports in the mail to us by mid-week. If it appears Second Class mail will be faster for the majority we will switch to that.

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The **JORDAN** Awards program is now being administered by Terrance Samars, JY9TS. Write to him c/o the Royal Palace, Amman.

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AP5HQ, Fida, says he "hopes to help" when S2BTF returns to the air in early October.

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Former VQ9R/S79R Carl Reder has traded his old call WB8JDR for N6BUM in Santa Maria, California.

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CW action from MONACO is anticipated by ON4QX and son ON6QX. They will appear December 23; all arrangements have been made. The call will be 3A2CZ.

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YASME SAILS AGAIN...per Lloyd and Iris Colvin. Countries from which they will operate not firmed up yet. All QSLs should be sent to the YASME FOUNDATION, PO BOX 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

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NE DX MEETING preliminary information...reservations can be made through W1RR, John Kenny, RFD 4, S. Hampton, NH 01913. The program will include N4ZC on Desecheo, K1MM on Spratly, and WA6AUD, editor of the West Coast DX Bulletin.

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Here's a note from a Boston area amateur on the WOODPECKER. "On August 3, 1979, at approximately 0030, I heard what sounded like the Russian Woodpecker on 21.050 MHz. The beam heading was to Europe (45 degrees). However, when I turned the beam north, the signal increased and finally peaked at 330 to 350 degrees, indicating the signal was coming from Central Asia. Has anyone else noticed? Turn your beam next time and check. The signal coming from Asia loops around similar to the European Woodpecker and signal strength varies, possibly indicating changes in power output or beam heading."

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Dave Curran, WD4RCO, is an airline captain and expects to be operating from Anguilla about this time, signing VP2EAL. He may be on from other spots, depending on his flying schedule.

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September **QST** magazine features an article entitled "The Great Ionospheric Hole Experiment." DXers are encouraged to participate in this endeavor. The rocket launch has been re-scheduled for September 14, between 0530 and 0630. Write to Joe Reisert, W1JR, 17 Mansfield Drive, Chelmsford, MA 01824 for a last-minute update sheet and for instructions on how to help.

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We are sorry to learn that cw DXer Ranga, VU2GW is a Silent Key. No other details.

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The FCC will be closing the Laurel, MD and Grand Island, Nebraska monitoring stations soon; four new facilities will be opening in 1980, including Greensboro, NC, Nashville, St. Louis and Little Rock. The goal is to eventually have a station in each state.

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CL0NA, a special events station in CUBA, may be confirmed via Box 1, Havana, Cuba.

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**The local novice** dropped over today to see how our search for the latest power line interference was coming along, and to check on the progress of The DX Bulletin. We opened a cold drink for him and proceeded to the "office," stepping over piles and stacks of papers. "I count nine stacks," Novice said, "not to mention all the supplies and files around the walls. You sure are organized for a DXer."

Knowing that Novice was curious since he hadn't heard us on the air recently, we pointed at the first stack of sheets in the semi-circularly arranged group. "Those are requests for subscriptions, complete with checks," we told him. Novice immediately grasped the double burden of processing every subscription (at the beginning) and starting a new bulletin from zero at the same time. Novices can be pretty insightful for their youth.

The cat's twelve-pound body was sprawled across stacks two and three, those being of about the same height. "Those are filled-out DX Activity Report Forms," we advised. "They're willy-nilly because many of them reflect contacts back in July." Novice offered to help for a few weeks, by going through the Report Forms and making up the Bandpass column. "It's easier than mowing lawns or delivering papers." After a few minutes we had convinced him that the experience necessary to cull the "good" from the "garden variety", in the reports would take some time for him. We suggested he read his Bandpass every week to learn what is good and what is everywhere.

"Stack three, there, is letters from DXers with tidbits for the random notes section of the Bulletin." Novice leaped to shuffle through them, looking for expeditions listing frequencies in the Novice bands.

"Here's where the real interesting reading is," we told him, pointing toward stack four. "These are suggestions from readers who have got just the first issue. The subdivision is between those who want a Bulletin just like the last one and those who believe that the new one will have to be very, very different." Novice scratched his head. "What will you do...alternate every other issue to please both groups?" We knew, of course, about the Novice's sometimes twisted sense of humor, and moved on to...



Stack Five. "Complaints," we answered, before he was able to voice the question. "Those who wondered why the first issue wasn't perfect." "Are you going to answer them?" We moved on to stack six.

Requests for information, such as QSL managers, addresses where to find what DX station or country. "Yep, those will get answered in time."

Heaps Seven and Eight Novice recognized as radio magazines and some other bulletins not related to radio, which we are using for idea sources. Finally, we advised that the ninth group of papers was work completed and ready to file. "I bet you wish that last stack were taller," Novice astutely observed.

After Novice had tuned the bands, trying to hear something through the S9 noise, he returned to find the editor at the typewriter. When we leaned back to ask what he'd heard, other than buzzing and whooshing, we noticed he'd fixed his gaze on a pair of galoshes in the corner. "Those are about the biggest shoes I've ever seen! They must be at least size 15 or 16." "Yes, we replied, they are 16 double E. Those are the ones we have to fill." We kept our own feet carefully concealed under the desk, as Novice wandered back to the radio room.

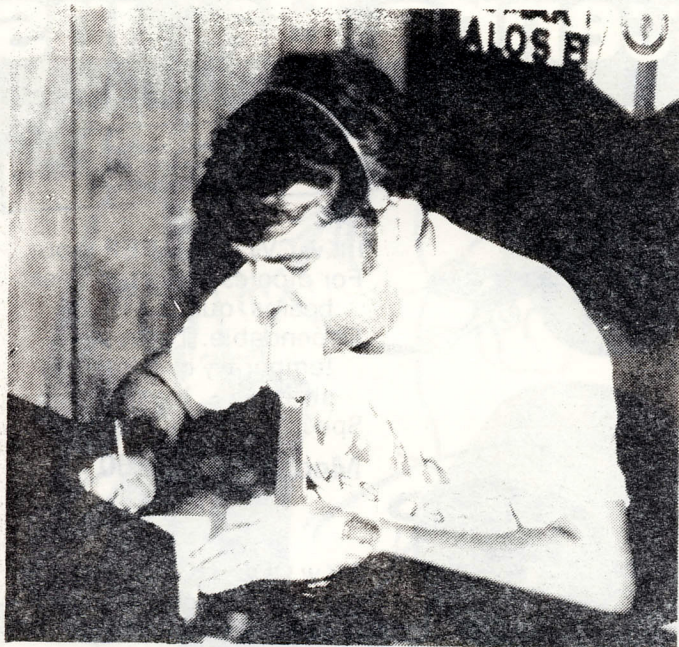
**BANDPASS:** All reports for BANDPASS are invited, especially concerning QSOs with rare countries, rare CQ zones, unusual band openings and contacts on 160, 80, 40, and 6 meters. In the listings below, an asterisk (\*) following the frequency indicates long path. E, C and W stand for Eastern, Central and Western North America. Reports from amateurs outside North America are welcome and will be listed separately.

<b>160</b>	<b>FREQ.</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>AUG.</b>
5-JAs	1909	1315W	25
<b>6</b>	<b>FREQ.</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>AUG.</b>
KH6HI	50.11	2215C/E	23
<b>80</b>	<b>FREQ.</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>AUG.</b>
ZD8TC	3503	0115E	26
5W1BZ	3531	0900C	18
<b>40</b>	<b>FREQ.</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>AUG.</b>
EA8TH	7ssb	0700W	24
FR7BP	7007	1500W	25
VP2KC	7003	0300E	24
VP8SB(A)	7005	0240W	27
VP8SU			
(Sand)	7005	0200E	23
VR1PK	7028	0715W	20

<b>20</b>	<b>FREQ.</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>AUG.</b>
AP2UR	14212	1230E	26
A35PF	14285	0800C	24
A9XBR	14035	0400E	20
BV2A	14024	1015E	19
CL0NA	14020	1000	9/4
(Cuba)	14020	1000	9/4
CN8CG	14252	0530W	29
C31YT	14218	0230C	24
OK3TAB/D2A	14232	0630W	25
D4CBC	14206cw	0845W	26
EP2ES	14204	1330C	19
FB8XV	14225*	1445W	24
FR7BI	14202*	1330W	28
FR7BU	14039	1200C	28
GU5CIA	14025	0200C	28
HZ1TA	14305	2130C	25
H44DX	14229	1300C	27
H5AA	14201	1430W	26
JT1AN	14227	1130C	27
JY9VK	14225	1600W	25
J28AZ	14238	0400C	24
KC6MW(E)	14238	1200C	28
KG6RT	14ssb	0800E	25
KX6PP	14ssb	1300E	26
KX6SA	14283	1000E	26
OD5FB	14208	0300W	25
ST0RK	14264	0400C	17
S79MC	14201*	1400W	27
S8AAP	14180*	1500W	24
TA1MB	14025	0400E	9/3
TA2KS	14026	0130C	28
TF3DL	14018	0445C	23
TL8AZ	14030	0230C	29
TL8AZ	14025	0230E	9/3
TR8JCV	14213	0630W	26
TU2DP	14240	2230E	22
T2AAA	14225	1430C	27
UF6DZ	14052*	1400W	25
UG6GAG	14046*	1430W	25
UH8CA	14006	1340W	28
UH8EAA	14056*	1315W	25
UJ8JCL	14018*	1300W	25
UM8NAG	14050*	1300W	25
VP8VN	14205*	1100W/C	20
VQ9DS(C)	14256*	1400W	28
VQ9MR(C)	14256*	1330W	28
VS6BA	14222	1230E	25
VU2AWL	14040*	1200E	27
VU2TVS	14202*	1330W	27
XT2AW	14004	0030W	28
ZS3ER	14270*	1400W	28
N6ZV/3B6	14025	1300C	28
3B8CF	14027	0400W	29
3B8DB	14017	1345W	29
N6ZV/3D6	14026	1400W	28
3V8AA	14018	0230C	26
4S7EC	14023	1140C	19

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Shown above is Ray, YS1RRD at the operating position of YV0AA, Aves Island DX'pedition of 1979. Ray is also the president of the YSDX Association in El Salvador. Others on this operation were: YV5ETE, YV5BNR, YV5AAZ, YV5BQB, YV5DFI, YV5ANF, YV5ANT, YV3AZC, YV5HQE, YV5BQB, & DL2GG. QSL via P.O. Box 2285, Caracas, Venezuela. (Photo via Jack, W2LZX)

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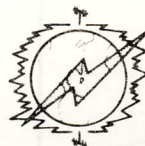


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4S7GG	14213	1230C	26
5H3JR	14277	1930E	26
5N0DOG	14ssb	0200W	29
5V7GE	14230	2200C	26
6W8MW	14287	0730W	25
JA3KWJ/6W8	14020	0230E	9/3
7P8BC	14209	1500C	26
7P8AF	14081*	1400W	26
7X5AH	14228	0415C	22
WB4LRB/8R1	14ssb	0100C	30
9J2JN	28626	1830E	25
9M2FR	14028	1100E	27
9M6MH	14250	1400W	25

**15 FREQ. UTC AUG.**

A4XIH	21335	2000E	26
C5ABK	21350	2300E	27
EA6GU	21041	1400C	27
EA9EO	21289	2200C	26
FR7ZN	21270	2115W	27
HC8GI	21320	0030W	22
HL9TG	21320	0100E	26
J28AG	21355	2130W	27
J28CA	21004	2130E	24
KH3AA	21309	0100E	25
OYJ6	21294	1330W	24
VP2KAA	21cw	2100E	25
VQ9TR	21033	1700E	9/3
YC1BZ	21057	1600C	26
ZD7BW	21021	0300C	25
4S7VG	21288	0200C	25
4S7RM	21045	1830E	25
4S7RM	21045	2045W	25
9G1JM	21321	2115C	26
9H4Q	21264	1945W	25
9J2WS	21022	1830E	26
9X5PP	21350	2000E	26

**10 FREQ. UTC AUG.**

A4XID	28510	1630E	24
CT3AF	28540	1630E	25
C5AAM	28535	1630C	25
C6ANI	28588	1515W	24
FM7AV	28506	1930C	26
KH6WF/KH8	28527	0145W	25
LU3ZY	28022	1630E	23
PZ1BR	28552	2100E	24
PZ5JN	28590	2000W	25
VK9NW	28536	2300C	25
VP8QG	28595	2000E	23
XT2AV	28580	1800W	25
XT2AW	28006	1545C	25
YB3AP	28520	1545E	23
ZB2BS	28023	1530C	25
AD7BW	28550	2200C	25
ZD8AI	28ssb	1200E	23
ZD8KM	14060	2200E	28
ZE1AR	28573	1550W	25

ZE6JL	28563	2030W	28
ZK2PF	28677	0000W	29
ZS3KC	28571	2000W	25
3B8CF	28527	1530C	25
5B4EP	28503	1545E	23
5T5ZR	28592	1740E	25
9G1JX	28019	1530E	25
9X5PP	28599	2000C	25

**From JA1BN (Interesting!)**

ZL2UW/C	14196	1000	6
VE4CF/VE1	14170	1200	6
PJ2CC	14170	1230	7
HH2VP	14026	1100	9
FP8HL	14006	1130	9
OH2OT/OH0	21290	1400	9
JY6ZZ	21338	1400	9
SV1IW/A	21295	1545	9
C31MK	14221	1900	11
JA3KWJ/A2	21295	1400	12
W2TDQ/SV9	28022	1030	13
3B6CD	14028	1245	13
ZK1MB	14189	0700	16
VQ9KK	28033	1100	16
DF4NW/AZ	28030	1130	16
C5AJ	28005	1130	17
4U1ITU	28576	0840	18

A Few More, this time from **JA3CMD**; look at these times and frequencies and consider the last time you had trouble breaking a JA pileup!

JA7JT/JD1	14208	2137	20
JA8AQN/JD1	21231	0930	21
KX6LU	14264	0950	21
OH0JN	14238	2113	22
DK5BD/ST	14255	2020	24
ZD7BW	14211	2030	24

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## CALENDAR

CONGO — VE3HRS/TN through mid-September; 14180  
 JORDAN — JA3KWJ signing JY9JA 9/8-9/11  
 BERMUDA — W3OGY/VP9 9/10-9/18  
 AMER. SAMOA — Darrell Bevan, N6DX/KH8, first leg  
 FRANZ JOSEF LAND — UK1PAA cw, UK1PGO ssb, 9/10-??  
 ALAND ISLANDS — OH2EE/OH0 9/14-9/18  
 ST. PAUL ISLAND — VE7BTV/1 9/14-9/24  
 SAC CONTEST — 9/15-9/16...the Scandinavian cw activity  
 CAN-AM CONTEST — 9/15-9/16, phone weekend  
 COCOS ISLANDS — Three VQ9s as VK9YJ, YN (cw) and  
 VK9YR, 9/17-9/19  
 NIUE ISLAND — N6DX signing Zk2??, second leg  
 NEW CALEDONIA — FK8XR by DK6XR and DK7XN, 9/19  
 WALLIS ISLAND — FW0XR by DK6XR and DX7XN, 9/19-9/26  
 TONGA REPUBLIC — N6DX third leg, 9/21-9/27, A35??  
 SAC CONTEST — 9/22-9/23, phone  
 ST. PIERRE ISLAND — FP8AA, FP0VI by K2RW, W2BHM,  
 9/24-10/6  
 FIJI ISLANDS — N6DX fourth leg as 3D2??, 9/27-10/3  
 NEW ENGLAND CONV. — Including Spratly show,  
 9/28-9/30  
 NEW HEBRIDES — YJ8XR by DK6XR, DK7XN, 9/28-10/5  
 RODRIGUEZ — 9/29-9/30 possible operation by 3B9CF  
 CAN-AM CONTEST — CW, 9/29-9/30  
 FERN. DE NORONHA — PY2XB/PY0 160-6 Meters, 9/30-??  
 FRENCH OCEANIA — Tahiti, 10/6-10/10, FO0XR by DK6XR  
 and DK7XN  
 N.E. DX MEETING — 10/6 for one day. W1RR for details  
 BANGLADESH — S2BTF expected back on the air 10/7  
 YASME — The Calvin road show leaves, destination  
 not firm  
 CQ PHONE CONTEST — The Big One, 10/27-10/28

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