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PROPAGATION FORECAST: June 29, 30, High Normal; July 1, 2, High Normal; July 3, High/Low Normal; July 4, Low/Below Normal; July 5, Low Normal; July 6, High Normal; TNX N4XX.

LIBYA: G3JKI/5A, worked the past week or so, may have permission to operate which will be accepted by DXCC administrators. Operator is A.E. Howell, who is at the British embassy in Tripoli. He was using batteries on Sunday, June 22, and claimed only two more days left in them, with no hope of recharging. He left Libya on Friday, June 27. Operations were all list-style, done by F6CYL, who will handle QSLs for those lucky enough to have caught him. F6CYL, Ann Koloboff, 3 R De I 'Etang, 78430 Louveciennes FRANCE.

REVILLA GIGEDO: Several different sources indicate that the Mexican DX Club will operate from Socorro Island over the July 4th weekend. This is the same group that was on last year signing XF4MDX. It would pay to watch SSB frequencies in particular.

MORE FIREWORKS: Also slated for the July 4th weekend is an operation from the Liberty Island home of the Statue of Liberty, which was a gift of the people of France to the United States. A group of twenty amateurs, led by Sam Weinstein, KA2AXY, will use the call K2LI (Ernest Cheslow) from 0000 UTC July 4 to sometime July 6. Special QSL cards can be obtained from Box 488, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Freqs:

28629, 21429, 14329, 7229, 3929, Novices on 2729, 7129, 21129 and 28129.

FWØDD WALLIS ISLAND came on June 22 unannounced for a five day stay. Operator Ian Ridpath, ZL1BCG, stopped in Samoa for a brief visit, operating 5W1CR and ran into Ruben Hughes, WA6AHF (5W1BT) while there at the home of Phil, 5W1AU. Send QSLs for 5W1CR to Ian's home address: J.I. Ridpath, 50 David Ave., Manurewa N.Z. QSLs for FWØDD to CANAD-X Club Station VE3ODX, PO BOX 717 Postal Station Q, Toronto 7 Ontario M4T 2N5 Canada.

SOUTH SUDAN: Still time to catch ST2FF/STØ through about June 30; see Issue 42.

RUMORS: W60ML will operate from the United Arab Emirates, A6X, for two weeks starting July 3.

VE1AI will be on from Sable Island VY1 starting 28 June for an undetermined period of time.

CR9A Macao has equipment and antennas primed for 40 and 80 Meter operation and there might still be a day or two to catch John on those bands.

W4MGN's African safari may have been set back a few days again, but this is in doubt. See the calendar.

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GLORIOSO

by Dieter Loffler, DK9KD*

Do you remember your last big DX adventure when you reached right away HB0XXX on your first call in the biggest pile up? Quite a success! How about following us on our DXpedition - but a bit further - just turn your beam toward the Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar. The island of Glorioso is even on seamaps only a small spot.

We thought, with our licenses, we would have no further difficulties. Bullshit! On arrival our difficulties started. Nobody of the local authorities could be reached. Hours and days past, and we were still sitting on the Island of Mayotte. No wonder that hours before we departed and even after our return there were doubts that we had been there.

Everybody who listened to our traffic in the "Safari Frequency" could feel how exciting the last days have been, before we went on our trip. All of the "Safari Family" know each other and they wanted us on Glorioso and Geyser Reef for any price (donations are welcome!).

Anne, DF3KX, got the call FR0ACB/Iles Glorieuses; this call should give the YL-hunters and CW freaks worldwide their points. FR0ACC/Iles Glorieuses was DK9KX, Hans-Walter, who handled the SSB traffic...he was a main operator. Gero, DJ3NG, held FH0FLP and FR0FLP/Iles Glorieuses, and used also FR0ACC. Wilfried, DJ5RT, was also along and the doctor of the expedition.

Our main CW operator was Baldur, DJ6SI, member of FOC and also used FR0ACB/G. Help was given by many OMs of the "Safari Round" from Cologne over Kenya to Mayotte.

Special thanks to the Northern California DX Foundation and all the other donators who helped to get us there.

Our outfit included 5 HF transceivers of different make, as well as two beams, several dipoles and a DX-Butternut. All the antennas were donations. Last but not least, we should not forget our pilot, Rainer, FH8OM, and our airplane "Bongo Banjo," a Partenavia P68V, with two engines and six seats, an ideal plane for short runways. Special thanks to an OM from Condor Airways in Frankfurt who got us VIP treatment; the antennas were not only bulky but heavy as well.

On arrival in the morning April 12, 1980 in Mombasa we got our first feeling of the hot and tropical climate of Africa. That's where our difficulties started. Just

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before the airport was closed due to a visit of a foreign statesman, Rainer landed at the airport with "5 Y BBE" which was a borrowed replacement for his own plane, which had engine failure.

So we had to stay for one night in Mombasa in the Castle Hotel, with slow-turning fans and a temperature of 95 degrees F (38 C) in the shade. So we could put up the Butternut 6P antenna. Now we contacted the OMs in Germany and told them of our delay. We were not finished yet as already the first CW calls came in. Then we handled the first calls under 5Z4NG/4, the call of DJ3NG, on CW! We could only get Baldur, DJ6SI, away from his key, by putting a plate of excellent food under his nose.

Next day we left for Mayotte, a five hour flight above open sea. We arrived on Mayotte April 14, 1980. On April 16 we finally left for the Island of Glorioso, direction Geyser Reef. Understandably, we could not land on Geyser Reef, but we used it as a marker to get to Glorioso. The maps did not show the position correctly. We had to fly 20 minutes in several directions to find it. In fact, we found three small sand banks where we could dock with a boat. But we did not have any luck, the only available boat had an engine break down, so "1G" next time!

Now further direction Glorioso. We were told there had to be a beacon. No good! No beacon to hear. It was out of order, so we had to fly visual. After 25 minutes still no Glorioso. We got nervous.

Finally there was a flat island to see and after 32 minutes we landed on Glorioso Island. The four people on the island without contacts (except radio) for 120 days were obviously pleased to see us. Two hours after our arrival, stations and beams were ready and we could make our first contact. First reactions on the band: "are you really there?"...

Now we got the first congrats approximately 1400 GMT under the call FR0ACB/G. Conditions were hard, 100 % humidity, 98 degrees F (38 C) in the shade. The one and only policeman was soon assured that we were not spies and we got on friendly terms.

Baldur gets up to his best and works 180 stations per hour. The commercial operator of the island group gives up after ten minutes of listening. SSB was not much lower; one Op at the mike, one at the logbook, we worked within two hours 120 stations per hour on 10 and 20 Meters. The 28 MHz band was open 14 hours a day, especially to the Pacific area during the daytime and Europe in the morning. 40 and 80 we did not have any luck, no contacts.

Discipline was generally good, with few exceptions. We worked mostly split frequency, and we had signals as high as S9 +40 dB spread for 40 KHz.

Sorry we could not reach all OMs calling us; we would have needed weeks to do

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DX LOCATION FOR SALE



ANTENNA FARM, 6 acres redwood forest in scenic Santa Cruz mountains. 45 minutes from San Jose, 30 from Santa Cruz beach. Excellent quiet DX location all directions; 7° horizon to SW. 30 full delta power. 123' Blaw-Knox free-standing tower with full size 3-element 40M and 6-element 20M beams. Also crank-up with TH6DXX. 1925 square feet in house & garage, 960 in shop/ham shack. Shake roofs. 30 gpm well, 10,000 gallon redwood tank. Half mile excellent paved road from State highway. Near shopping and schools. \$350,000 by owner, terms up to 1/2 as 1st TD. W6MUR (DXCC 318/351). Callbook QTH or 408-336-8800.

GLORIOSO

that, but we did work 15,000 stations within the four and a half days we could stay on Glorioso Island. Two stations were always operating. Weather was not always good, so that our allowed stay (3 days) had to be extended for 36 hours. Storms, lots of water, and thunderstorms did not make our job easier.

Three times a day we had to recharge our batteries with the big generator. Even so our sixty amps battery was out of order after our fourth day. After that we had to work with reduced power.

On the morning of the 22nd of April we left the island and our new friends, the next expedition in mind for September. So watch your DX-Infos. With your QSL card or SWL card and a few IRCs or a small donation to our manager, DK9KD, you would help us get there. Until then, Good DX! --- DK9KD, Dieter Loffler.

IRCs: 30 cents each, plus SASE to R.F. Huntington, K6XP, 5014 Mindora Dr., Torrance CA 90505.

COMING NEXT WEEK...

The real story on Desecheo
Where is Eric, SMØAGD, and where is he going?
K5KG's report on the Aland Islands
A very sticky endorsement situation
How to get a QSL from LU3ZY
What next at YI1BGD?

DON'T MISS IT!

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC(Plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Day of Month.

Low Bands	A35AM/3505/08E/21	HI3PC/7012/09W/20	6T1YP/7002/03E/23
<u>Africa</u>	FRØFLO/14215/12W/20	VQ9CT/14023/10E/17	3D6BE/14219/20C/15
CT3AB/14210/02E/22	H5AA/14207/13W/15	VQ9CT/14023/12C/17	G3JKI/
CT3AR/21277/19C/18	DJ1US/	ZD8TC/21016/19C/18	5A/21350/13E/18
C5ABK/21354/01E/13	ST3/21035/00E/18	ZE1FN/14015/12C/16	G3JKI/
D4CBC/14205/02W/15	SU1AL/14246/04C/13	3B6CD/14027/04C/13	5A/21345/13E/22
EA8BF/14014/07E/20	TJ1GC/14252/21C/15	3B6CD/14028/04E/14	5NØDOG/14007/03W/13
FH8CL/14219/04C/14	TL8WH/14206/13W/16	3B8CJ/14207/12W/15	5NØDOG/14021/05C/16
FH8CL/14220/03E/17	VQ9JC/14213/11W/15	3B8CF/21028/04W/18	6T1YP/14025/23E/20
FR7BX/14018/03W/13	VQ9JC/14239/13W/16	3B9AE/14240/02E/17	6T1YP/21295/01W/20
<u>Asia</u>	EP2TY/21275/03W/20	UD6DLJ/21029/03W/18	VU2RBC/14208/12E/20
A9XCE/21030/03E/19	HM1EJ/21265/10E/21	UG6JJ/21297/18C/21	YBØBL/14224/12W/14
A9XCE/21030/04E/20	HS1AMM/14185/11E/18	UH8HBR/21030/04W/17	YBØADT/14208/13W/16
CR9A/14211/11W/13	HS1ABD/14205/11E/22	UL7CBS/21255/11E/22	YBØACL/21279/14C/16
CR9A/21290/16W/16	HZ1HZ/14024/02C/14	UI8AEE/21279/03E/18	YI1BGD/14226/14W/16
KP4KK/	JA3YOI/21055/07E/20	UK8LAA/14029/12E/14	4S7CF/14210/12E/22
DU2/14028/11W/16	OD5FB/14212/03E/13	VS5CW/14205/13C/16	4X4VB/14241/03E/18
DU2EL/14205/09C/17	OD5FB/14211/02W/15	VS5CW/14205/12W/16	4X4JU/21360/03W/18
W7UWO/	OD5FB/14211/02E/18	VS6DX/14219/12W/16	9M2FR/14027/12W/16
DU2/14266/12E/22	OD5MR/21257/17E/22	VS6CX/14220/12E/16	9M2FR/14026/12E/19
DU1EFZ/21280/15E/18	TA1NAG/14224/22E/20	VS6IC/21282/12E/18	9M2FR/21345/01E/19
K5FSS/	UAØJAW/21026/09E/20	VU2DN/14208/13W/16	9N1MM/21289/01E/19
DU2/21278/15E/18	UD6DLJ/21041/00E/17	VU2KMK/14028/12W/18	9V1UL/14242/11E/17
<u>Europe</u>	I8KCI/	K5KG/	ZB2BL/21280/21E/19
EA6GB/14210/01C/17	IF9/14208/04E/15	OHØ/14251/05C/14	
GD4AM/21027/18E/18	M1C/14210/02W/14	K5KG/	
GW3AX/14241/07E/20	M1C/21306/23E/22	OHØ/21026/10E/16	
ISØIKR/14035/03C/16		SV1MF/21008/07W/15	
<u>Oceania</u>	AH2G/14255/09E/21	KX6QJ/21344/16W/14	ZK1BD/21037/03E/19
A35AM/14021/09E/18	WA4YVG/	T3LA/14225/06W/16	3D2BM/14207/13W/13
A35AM/14025/11E/22	KH2/14209/10E/21	T3LA/21311/21W/14	3D2BM/14286/13C/14
A35JL/14219/10E/19	KG6JN/14227/09E/21	VK9NL/14262/10C/16	3D2ME/14252/10C/16
FO8DP/14204/07W/16	KH3AA/21029/18E/14	VK9NL/14020/11E/19	3D2FL/14218/12E/20
FOØRP/14240/03C/13	KH3AA/21029/20W/14	VR6TC/21350/19W/17	5W1CL/14279/06W/16
FO8GH/28027/18W/15	KC6PM/14206/12C/20	YJ8PR/14224/12W/14	5W1CR/14024/03C/20
FWØDD/14031/11E/22	WA4CEH/	YJ8GG/14241/12W/20	5W1BT/14210/09E/21
H44AA/14230/12C/14	KH8/14210/12E/16	ZK1BD/21038/07W/16	5W1BT/21314/02W/16
<u>Elsewhere</u>	HT1CW/14212/03E/13	TG9XGV/14023/03E/17	YVØAI/21026/15W/15
CM2NI/14063/21E/16	J6LOU/14204/03C/13	TI2MEF/28505/00E/17	ZF2AE/14276/11E/19
CO7HC/21035/17E/18	KC4USV/14274/10E/19	VKØRD/14240/09E/23	K9EF/
C6ACY/21310/22W/16	KC4USE/14285/09E/20	VP2AZF/14305/09E/18	8R1/14208/01E/19
FG7AM/14206/10E/20	KG4WC/14026/02C/17	VP2KC/21311/01E/19	8R1J/21014/03W/15
VE3FAE/	OA4AWD/14006/01C/13	VP2MFU/21313/17E/18	9Y4VT/14247/11E/19
HC1/21029/04W/17	OA4LLK/21070/03E/13	VP2MEZ/21288/04E/19	9Y4VV/14220/12E/22
HH2JR/21276/01E/19	WAØTPD/	VP2MEZ/21312/21E/20	9Y4VU/21026/02W/15
HI3PC/14043/10E/14	OA8/21028/03E/16	VP2VGF/14280/09E/18	
HKØBKX/21027/00E/17	PJ2FR/21280/21E/22	VP5AA/21295/18E/14	
HP1XEK/14012/12C/14	PZ1DR/14241/09C/20	YVØAI/14025/13W/15	

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CALENDAR

South Sudan	ST2FF/STØ this issue and Issue 42
Gambia	C5ACC scheduled to have started June 27; Issue 43 and this issue
Aland Islands	By OH1LW and OH1MA, June 30 - July 6; Issue 42
Willis Island	VK9ZG to start about July 1; not confirmed; Issue 42
Market Reef	OH2AP/OJØ July 1-5; Issue 43
Revilla Gigedo	Watch for XF4...; July 4; this issue
Liberty Island	K2LI July 4-6; this issue
South Yemen	RUMORS for July 7, 8 or 9; Issue 43
Ivory Coast	By W4MGN scheduled to start July 3 or later; issues 39, 40, 44
Dahomey	By W4MGN, TY9ER, see issues 39, 40, this issue
Sri Lanka	4S7TK by JALELY, July 9-15; issue 43
Radiosport Contest	By IAUR, 12-13 July
Maldives	Possible by JALELY; issue 43
Guernsey	GU5AEG by DJ9NX July 18-30; Issue 41
SEANET	CW Contest, 19-20 July
Market Reef	And Aland Islands by SRRL: July 18-25; Issue 42
National Convention	ARRL. Seattle, Washington; July 25-27
Montserrat	VP2MM by W1CDC, Aug. 2-30
WAE	European DX Contest, CW, 9-10 August
SEANET	Phone Contest, 16-17 August
All Asia	CW Contest, 23-24 August

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June, 1960: (from West Gulf DX Club Bulletin): Two Andorra expeditions coming up in July, to sign PX1PF and PX1RC. VU2NR stirs up interest with a proposed operation from Laccadives Islands in December, maybe. K8SNA, with the US Air Force in Eritrea, aims to operate from Yemen and asks interested parties to send letters to be used as ammunition on the authorities. Danny Weil, VP2VB, just finished with the first Bajo Nuevo operation, announces he is engaged to be married.

June, 1970 (from the DXers Magazine): Gus made 11,000 Comoroos contacts, now at Geyser Reef; Gus is keeping his itinerary a secret so other DX publications won't scoop him.

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