

West Coast DX Bulletin



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TI9-COCOS Last week we got the TI9-Cocos information while we were printing the bulletin. We pulled one article to get the information in, getting one call a bit mixed up. This week we have the full information from TI2CF who says.....

Making the trip will be TI2CF, Carlos Fonseca and Wolf Baron TI2BY who will respectively sign TI9CF and TI9BY. They will set up at Wafer Bay on Cocos Island, this being a location favoring the JAs, the Pacific and the Western Reaches, the signal will be slightly attenuated for Europe and Africa.

They will have two Drakes...THXB/R4B and TR4/RV4; one Atlas....three generators supply 800/1200/18800 watts. For antennas they will have HY-Gain TH3 tribander, 18AVT vertical and dipole for 160mtrs. They will also have a 16-element, cross-polarization 2mtr yagi, a FT-221 plus 2mtr intercom to the boat and a SB200 linear and an MN-2000 linear.

Departure will be this Friday, April 1st, late in the evening. They expect to be off Cocos at dawn on Sunday, April 3rd and on the air by noon Cocos time. This will be 1800Z and you should look for them on SSB at the twenty and fifteen meter frequencies.

They will be there on Cocos to Friday, April 8th, planning to QRT at 1800Z. They will follow an operating schedule aimed at getting the maximum QSOs and it will be:

1900-2300Z	Europe on 20/15mtrs. Africa on 15mtrs. Possibly some ten meters if the band opens.
2300-0200Z	JAs on twenty meters
0200-0600Z	Europe and Africa on forty.
0300-0600Z	Europe and Africa on eighty.
0600-0900Z	One-sixty and eighty meters
0900-1100Z	JAs and the Pacific on forty and eighty
1100-1400Z	Longpath on twenty and fifteen to Europe
1400-1900Z	Fishing

They will take Ws/VEs and other close-in stuff as they come on any band. It is possible, and probable, that TI2CAP will be helping with lists for Europe on forty and eighty and one-sixty plus help for other DX areas at times. Lists most likely will be limited to twenty five calls.

QSL for TI9CF to TI2CF, Box 4300, San Jose, Costa Rica. QSL for TI9BY to TI2BY, Box 4702, San Jose, Costa Rica. There is more information inside...

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There is a possibility of another effort in July but it is a bit early yet to assess the situation on this one. There will be more information in the coming months and Trevor will bring Manihiki on the air when the time he has on the island will make it feasible to warm the gear.

Thursday a station signing TI9AEL with Alfonso as the operator was on the air, this one running a list operation on twenty. Friday it was not being heard in mid-day.

The plans of TI2CF to open from Cocos apparently ran into some transportation problems. No room on the vessel that took the group to Cocos! The report is that there are fourteen from Costa Rica on Cocos on a combined fishing, hunting and treasure probing trip. When things got crowded, some deletions were made and it reported that this is why some of the expected calls were not heard.

Actually, they were expected to show on Monday, they showed on Thursday and Friday they were not heard. They may be heard again, however. Keep listening.