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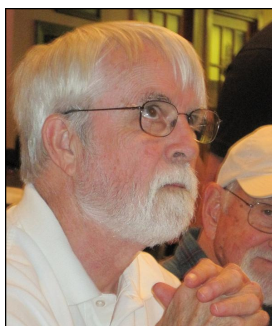
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CQ WW VHF Test
Phone, CW, Digital,
Jul 17, 1800Z
to Jul 18, 2100Z.
Bands 6-2M
Xchng: 4-dig grid
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Parts of NFDXA Bylaws to Go Bye-Bye?



Mike Reubin, NF4L

"Why have bylaws if we aren't following them?" That's the question posed to the NFDXA membership by **Mike, NF4L**.

Mike contends: "If we aren't paying any attention to the By laws, or ignoring them altogether let's either change them, or get rid of the ones we don't want "

To that end the long-time NFDXA secretary has proposed an amended set of by-laws to be voted on at the club meeting July 17th. However, even **NF4L** acknowledges there's little chance his recommendations will be approved. To make any change to the Bylaws requires a majority vote of more than 50% of full members on the roster.

The proposed amendments are detailed on pages 4 and 5 of this issue. The sections that **Mike** suggests be deleted are shown in **bold-face type**. Also, any words and phrases to be added to the document are underscored.

Mike avers the changes he's suggesting are not a "value judgment on whether they're good or bad. Also, "It doesn't mean I'm either for or against any particular by-law. I just don't see any reason to have rules if you're not going to abide by them."

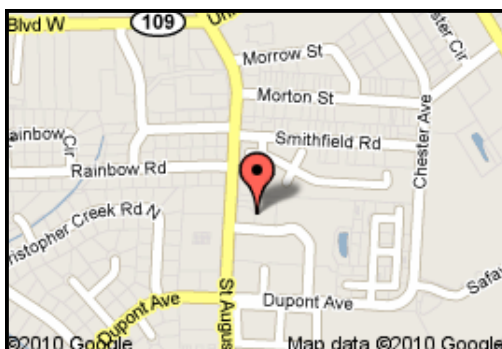
The current set of Bylaws as amended went into effect in February 1991 and are on file at the office of the Florida Secretary of State. To view the current Bylaws in their entirety go to <http://nfdxa.com/nfdxaby13.htm>.

—(More on Bylaws pages 4 and 5)

NFDXA to Meet July 17

The June NFDXA meeting at the Athens Café was so good (pix on page 3) July's meeting will be at the same place! So bring your appetites and DX stories on Saturday, July 17 at 5 pm to the Athens Café, 6271 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville. Check the map below.

As the facilities' name suggests, both the décor and cuisine have a delicious Greek flavor. Please RSVP at <http://nfdxa.com/meeting>.



4 New DXCC Entities?

As expected the Dutch senate has agreed to disband the Netherlands Antilles as of Oct 10, 1010.

The breakup will give independent country status to **PJ2 Curacao** and **PJ7 Sint Maartin** as happened with P4 Aruba in 1986.

In addition, the so called BES islands of **Bonaire (PJ4)**, **St. Eustatius (PJ5)** and **Saba (PJ6)** will remain as 'special municipalities' of The Netherlands.

How this will affect the DXCC countries list is not entirely clear. Even with the deletion of the 'Netherlands Antilles' as an entity, there could be as many as four new entities. Curacao (PJ2), Bonaire (PJ4) and Sint Maarten (PJ7) plus St. Eustatius (PJ5) and Saba (PJ6) together as a single entity.

As they used to say on old time radio, 'Stay tuned ...'



North Florida DX Association, Inc.

The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is made up of a small group of Amateur Radio Operators located in and around Jacksonville and northeast Florida whose interests are primarily contests and DXing. The NFDXA generally meets monthly on a date and location selected by an organizer picked for that meeting. The following officers were elected for the calendar year 2010.



President

Mike Parnin, N4EPD mparnin@fdn.com



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Executive Committee

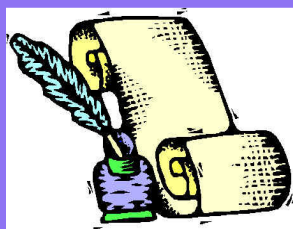
The Executive Committee consists of the elected officers of the Association <http://www.nfdxa.com>



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Minutes of June 19, 2010 Meeting

5:00 pm, Athens Café, 6271 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville

Name	Call #	Attending	Name	Call #	Attending
Steve Brown	AB4UF	0	Dale Conner	N4NN	?
John Hale	AC4ET	0	Billy Williams	N4UF	0
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	0	Mike Reublin	NF4L	1
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	0	Dave Mains	NO4J	0
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	1	Jim Iori	NU4Y	1
Bill Walker	KX4WW	0	Warren Croke	NW4C	3
Cory McDonald	NIWON	1	Pres Graham	W4FDA	1
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	1	John Moore	W5HUQ	0
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	?	Steve Barber	WA4B	1
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	?	David Price	WA4ET	?
Ron Blake	N4KE	1	Dick Knox	WR4K	0

Total attending 11

The meeting was called to order by Mike N4EPD at 6:07 PM

Treasurer Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of \$786.12

Old business - None New business - John Silberman, KB4CRT was elected to membership by unanimous vote of the members present. John was sponsored by Warren NW4C.

Mike NF4L introduced proposed changes to the by-laws. Warren, NW4C, detailed his Western parks tour. Guests: Bob Lightner, W4GJ, Larry Bostwick K3LB. July meeting planner: NF4L.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. Respectfully submitted: Mike Reubin, NF4L, Secretary.

Athens Café NFDXA Meeting a Winner!



NFDXA went 'Greek' and had a good turnout for its June meeting at the Athens Café. Top Photo, Left front to back: NIWON, NW4C, W4GJ (guest), K3LB (Guest), NU4Y. Right side, back to front: WA4B, W4FDA, N4KE, NF4L, N4EPD (Photo by Sugar5). Row, L-R, N4KE, NU4Y, WA4B & W4FDA, KC4FWS. Bottom right, l-r, Guests Bob Lightner, W4GJ and Larry Bostic, K3LB (Photos by WA4B)



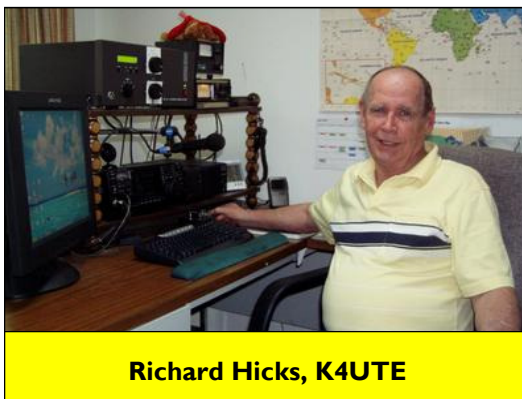
All Hail! K4UTE Awarded 6 Meter DXCC

June has been a good month for **Richard, K4UTE**. One afternoon around 1930Z in the early June 6 meters opened wide into Europe for a brief spell. **Richard** was ready. The pace was furious but inside of 20 minutes **K4UTE** managed to add 20 Europeans contacts to his log. What made it extra sweet was that 6 of the 20 were *new countries*.

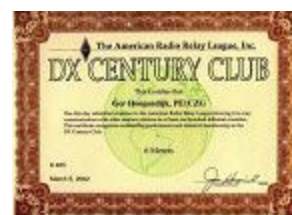
A short while later Richard went on the web and checked his Logbook Of The World account. There he found a confirmation for his contact with the **E4X**

DXpedition.

That confirmation made it official, **6 Meter DXCC for K4UTE**. As Richard summed it up: "(It was) a GREAT day in the River City". And not too bad a way to start off summer for the veteran NFDXA DXer, either.



Richard Hicks, K4UTE



Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the NFDXA

*Excepts of the existing NFDXA Bylaws which were first adopted in 1991 are reproduced on this and the following page. The complete copy is posted at: <http://nfdxa.com/nfdxaby13.htm> .The words and phrases to be considered for removal from the bylaws are highlighted in **bold-face type**. Words and phrases underscored are proposed additions to the bylaws. Words and phrases not bold-faced or underscored will remain unchanged. To effect any change requires "A majority vote of more than 50% of full members on the roster shall be required to amend."*

1.04 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES - Potential members **and applicants** shall be considered for membership as follows:

a. Sponsor - All potential members must be sponsored by an existing NFDXA voting member before any consideration for membership is given, otherwise the individual will be considered as a guest only. Before any individual is sponsored for membership the potential sponsor must know the individual well enough to support discussions on application. The sponsor, at a regularly scheduled meeting, will announce his intent to sponsor a new member, and obtain agreement for visitation and sponsorship through a motion and simple majority vote. Agreement for sponsorship will ensure that there is no potential for exceeding the membership cap of 30 full members and two or more individuals are not being put in competition for a single membership slot. After receiving authorization and before the next meeting the potential member attends, the sponsor shall explain to the potential member the procedure for becoming an NFDXA member. Until the membership application is decided upon, the sponsor will reconfirm agreement for any subsequent meetings. At no time will any member or officer either confirm, promise or deny membership before application is properly processed.

b. Introduction - The sponsor of any potential member shall personally introduce the potential member to all members during the first regular meeting attended and at all Association functions the potential member is invited as a visitor to attend. The potential member shall attend three regular meetings of the Association before application for membership is made. During the three regular meetings it is the responsibility of the membership to learn as much about the potential member as possible in order to support appropriate voting on application.

c. Application - After the third meeting visited, the sponsor will be given an application and return mail address by the Secretary to pass to the potential member. The potential member (now applicant) will complete and mail in the application within ten days. No further consideration will be given for membership if the applicant decides not to return the application within the specified time.

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d. Dues must be paid per terms outlined in Section 8.01 Dues.

d. Approval - During the next regular meeting after application is received, where at least 60 percent of the voting membership is present, the President shall present the application to the membership for approval or disapproval for membership. The application shall be read aloud and the consideration for membership openly discussed. After all discussion is completed the applicant shall be voted on by the voting membership by a show of hands. The vote shall be (1) FOR, (2) AGAINST, (3) ABSTAIN. The Secretary shall establish that there is a quorum and record all votes. Three votes AGAINST membership will deny the applicant membership into NFDXA. At no time will there be any applicant(s), visitor(s), or guest(s) present in the room while open discussions or voting on an applicant is taking place. As soon as practical after the meeting the Secretary will inform the applicant officially of the outcome on application for membership.

e. Reconsideration - Any applicant denied membership may be sponsored again for potential membership provided at least 90 days has passed since last application was voted on. The reconsideration shall be processed just as if the potential member is being sponsored for the first time.

1.07 STATUS - In order to maintain membership status, attendance of at least three meetings during the membership year is required. Additionally, all dues must be paid when due. Otherwise, member's name will be purged from the membership roster and application as if new potential member will be required.

Proposed NFDXA Bylaws changes—*continued*

2.03 ELECTION - Election of all officers shall be held during the November meeting of each year. A minimum of 60 percent of Full Members must be present and a [A simple majority](#) vote is required to elect. All nominees shall be voted on by the voting membership by show of hands. The vote shall be FOR the nominee of the Full Member's choice or ABSTAIN. The Secretary shall establish that there is a quorum and record all votes. In case of no one running against a nominee for office, an election may be made by motion and carried by a majority of Full Members.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

3.01 PRESIDENT - The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association. and conduct the proceedings according to Roberts Rules of Order. He shall enforce the observation of this Constitution and By Laws and decide all questions of order. He shall sign all official documents that are adopted by the Association and none other. He shall give the Secretary permission to sign letters pertaining to the Association's business only when he is fully aware of the contents and intent of said letters. He shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President, including the appointment of Sergeant of Arms to preserve order at meetings, if necessary. He shall determine the time and place for each meeting and shall announce plans for the next meeting prior to the end of each meeting.

3.02 VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in absence of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for providing a program at each meeting: information, education or entertainment

3.04 TREASURER - The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization of the Executive Committee. He shall keep a written record of all non-expendable equipment and items belonging to the Association including their whereabouts on a monthly basis. Expendable items include, but are not limited to, coaxial cable, connectors and other small items. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn everything in his possession belonging to the Association to his successor.

5.01 GUESTS - Guests are any non-member present at any Association meeting or function. Guests are welcome provided that agreement is obtained from an Executive Committee member prior to the meeting or function.

7.01 AMENDMENTS - Proposals for amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the President in writing at a regular meeting. Final action shall be taken at the next regular meeting. A majority vote of more than 50% of full members on the roster [present at the meeting](#) shall be required to amend.

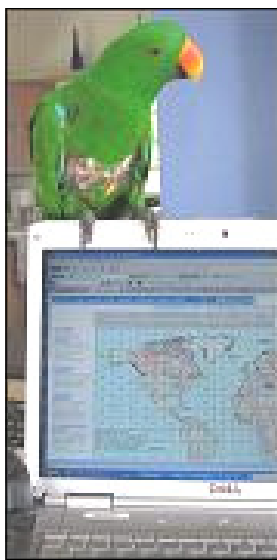
DUES 8.01 DUES - Yearly dues which shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each new year. and, if not received by the Treasurer prior to the first day of February, the member will be dropped from the roster and may reapply for membership as outlined in 1.03 of these Bylaws. If a new member is installed prior to July 1 of any calendar year, he must pay the full yearly dues. New members installed on July 1 or after may pay one half the yearly due

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Great Quotes by Great People

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending;
and to have the two as close together as possible

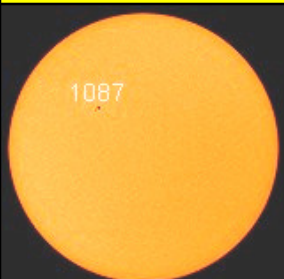
- *George Burns*



This is Flash, a 'free flying' green parrot who helped John, KB4CRT, with logging chores during his recent 6 M expedition to Montserrat as VP2MRT.

According to John, Flash was great company but a rather slow logger, especially during the long runs as he had to use a "search and scratch" method to make each entry on his laptop.

Daily Sun: 14 July



Sunspot 1087 is slowly decaying, but it still poses a threat for C-class solar flares. Credit: SOHO/MDI

DX News and Notes at Deadline

DXpedition teams are already lining up to be **FIRST** to operate from the anticipated 4 new DXCC entities **Curacao (PJ2)**, **Bonaire (PJ4)**, **Sint Maarten (PJ7)** and **St. Eustatius (PJ5)** and **Saba (PJ6)** would form one entity. Check your DX bulletins for the latest news.

VAROOOOM!!! ...Hams worldwide will use any excuse to have a special event station, be it a series of stations commemorating our country's first 13 colonies as was done the week of July 4th or, in this instance, the **29th International Motorcycle Concentration Faro** in Portugal which is now underway. Through July 18th station **CS29MR** with 8 operators is operating on 3.5 through 50 MHz on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL CTIEHX. More info on QRZ.com

Поздравляю Congratulations! ... In a very close finish, the Russian duo of Vladimir Askenov RWIAC and Alexey Mikhailov RAIAIP, using the special WTRC call **R32F** won a narrow victory in the 2010 World Radiosport Team Championship, the first time a team from outside North America has ever won the top prize in the "World Cup" of the ham radio contest community. The Russians barely edged **R33A**, Team Estonia, consisting of Tonno Vahk ES5TV and Toivo ES2RR. The American duo of Dan Craig N6MJ and Chris Hurlbut KL9A, operating as **R33M**, finished in third place.

Alors!! ... French DXers can now legally operate in the **7.1 to 7.2 MHz portions of the 40 meter band**, including stations in Corsica (TK). The band expansion details are published in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

Danish operators OZ1IKY, OZ1AA and OZ7AM will operate as **JW/home call** during their **July 23-27 Svalbard operation**. JW call signs apparently are available only to Norwegians. Since JW is now in daylight 24/7. Any low band operations will be limited. Activity will be primarily above 40 meters. During the IOTA contest they plan to 'borrow' the Svalbard **JW5E** club station call sign.

On the other side of the world, an "**XU7 DX Vacation**" has been planned for July 20-24 with operations from Phnom Penh and Sihanoukville by JA3AVO (**XU7AVO**) who also holds the American call, W7AVO. Vacationing with Matsui are JH3PBL (**XU7PBL**) and **XU7AED**, Shota, the 10-year old grandson of JA3AVO who also holds a stateside call, W3AVO.

Another announced southeast Asian "**DX Vacation**" will be taken Aug 12-Sept 10 by VK6LC who will be operating CW and SSB on 40 through 15m as **XV2LC** from **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**. Mal also plans a trip south to the Mekong Delta where his call sign will be **XV4LC**. QSL VK6LC using QRZ.com info.

Out in the northwest Pacific, Koji, **J11LET/JDI**, has announced plans to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 40-6m from Chichijima, **Ogasawara** July 24-30.

And if you happen to hear the call "**BP100**" which is QRV until 31 Dec 2011, you are NOT receiving a station connected to the BP Gulf oil well disaster. Instead, you've picked up the *special event station* (yep, another one!) for the **Centennial of the Republic of China's Republic**—that's **Taiwan**, BTW, not to be confused with the mainland PRC, People's Republic of China. If you work BP100, QSL via BX4AQ direct to POB 1064, Taichung-40099, Taiwan.

The DX Calendar –NG3K Announced DX Operations <http://www.ng3k.com>

2010 Jul09	2010 Jul21	Laos	XWIB		LNDX 20100708	Vientiane; all bands; later QRV fm XV
2010 Jul10	2010 Jul24	Corsica	TK10B	F8BBL	OPDX 20091221	Fm Golfe de Valinco and possibly Sanguinaires I (EU-104) + Lavezzi I (EU-164)
2010 Jul10	2010 Jul25	Chagos	VQ90JC	ND9M	ND9M 20100707	All bands; typically 1200-1730z;
2010 Jul12	2010 Jul19	Belize	V3ISJ V3IUQ	W5JAY	OPDX 20100412	HF; QRV for CQ VHF Contest; Check 60m after sunset on the hour
2010 Jul12	2010 Jul19	Guernsey	GU	PA4N	VA3RJ 20100701	MU/PA4N fm EU-114); 80-10m, ? 160 6m; CW, ? RTTY SSB; QSL Buro or direct
2010 Jul12	2010 Jul25	Monaco	3A		425DXN 20100710	By IW1RBI as 3A/IW1RBI; SSB + digital; holiday style operation
2010 Jul14	2010 Jul24	Wallis & Futuna	FW5M	Home Call	JA2NQG 20100408	160-10m; CW SSB RTTY, ? FM; will try to activate Hoorn I (OC-118)
2010 Jul15	2010 Jul26	Togo	5V7DX	LotW	OPDX 20100628	By 11FQH 40-10m; spiderbeam + vertl; QSL OK via 11FQH, Buro or direct
2010 Jul15	2010 Aug02	Burkina Faso	XT2EME	EA7FTR Direct	OPDX 20100614	By HB9CVC HB9HLV HB9EOU fm Ouagadougou; CW SSB PSK
2010 Jul16	2010 Jul24	Sardinia	IS0E	TBA	425DXN 20100515	fm EU-024 (JN40iu); 80-10m; SSB CW
2010 Jul17	2010 Jul31	Seychelles	S79BWW	CT1BWW	CT1BWW 20100420	CT1BWW, EA2RC as (S79SAL (QSL EA2RC); 80-6m; CW SSB, ? RTTY; QSL Buro or direct
2010 Jul18	2010 Jul27	Iceland	TF		425DXN 20100529	160-10m; CW SSB digital; 2 stations; for RSGB IOTA, TF7X (QSL KT6YL, direct) and TF9GX
2010 Jul18	2010 Jul31	Seychelles	S79SAL	EA2RC	EA2RC 20100615	By EA2RC fm Mahe; SSB RTTY PSK31; QSL OK via EA Buro or direct
2010 Jul20	2010 Jul23	Cambodia	XU7AVO		LNDX 20100708	By JA3AVO fm Sihanoukville; also JH3PBL using XU7PBL
2010 Jul21	2010 Jul31	Senegal	6V7W	EA5KA	EA6TS 20100519	160-6m, focus on 6m; SSB CW RTTY; 3 stns;
2010 Jul22	2010 Aug02	Alaska	KL7RRC	See Info	425DXN 20100220	By RV3ACA et al fm Chirikof I (NA-235); Russ + Eu QSL via UA9OBA; others N7RO
2010 Jul22	2010 Jul27	Svalbard	JW	OZ1AA	OZ1AA 20100621	JW/OZ1AA, et al (QSL via home calls); QRV for RSGB IOTA Contest as JW5E
2010 Jul24	2010 Jul30	Ogasawara	JD1	J11LET	425DXN 20100625	J11LET/JD1 fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 40-6m; SSB CW RTTY; QSL via JARL Buro or direct
2010 Jul24	2010 Jul31	Malta	9H3Y	IT9ABY	IT9ABY 20100511	By IT9ABY IT9WKU IT9ZRU IW9HJT; QSL via Buro OK, direct preferred
2010 Jul24	2010 Jul31	Senegal	6V7W	EA5KA	LNDX 20100624	By EA1AP EA1CJ EA1SA EA5KA; 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY
2010 Aug01	2010 Aug07	Guam	KH2		VA3RJ 20100701	By DL3OCH as KH2/KT3Q fm OC-026 (USi GU003S, WLOTA L-0064)
2010 Aug08	2010 Aug14	Mariana Is	KH0		VA3RJ 20100701	Fm Saipan I (OC-026) WLOTA L-1333)



The images accompanying "Where In The DX World Am I?" article on the right are from the DX World of Ham Radio website (<http://dx-world.net>). Which has posted pictures of the top 25 most wanted DXCC entities as per a 2009 survey by The DX Magazine.



Where In The DX World Am I? - Answers on page 11

1 This is the larger island of a two island DXCC entity in the sub-antarctic Indian Ocean some 1000 miles from its parent entity. Although occasionally activated by a visiting scientist in his spare time it still remains a very rare entity.



2 If you had your card rejected by the DXCC for any contacts made with this island entity during 2009, the word now from ARRL is to re-submit your QSL because supporting documentation has been received for the various operations by a visiting operator.

3 It has the appearance of a ski slope in the photo but in this instance, looks are deceiving. This desolate Southern Ocean island group is claimed by both Great Britain and Argentina. A Microlite DXpedition is planned for this entity early next year.



4 This rocky archipelago is a seldom activated group of 15 islands (and a lot of rocks) in the North Atlantic in a region known for severe storms at this time of year.

5 Despite the peaceful, inviting appearance presented by the picture of the right this is another DX entity aggressively claimed by several nations. At least 7 DXpeditions dating back to the 90s have gone here but it's still 'wanted' by many Hams around the world.



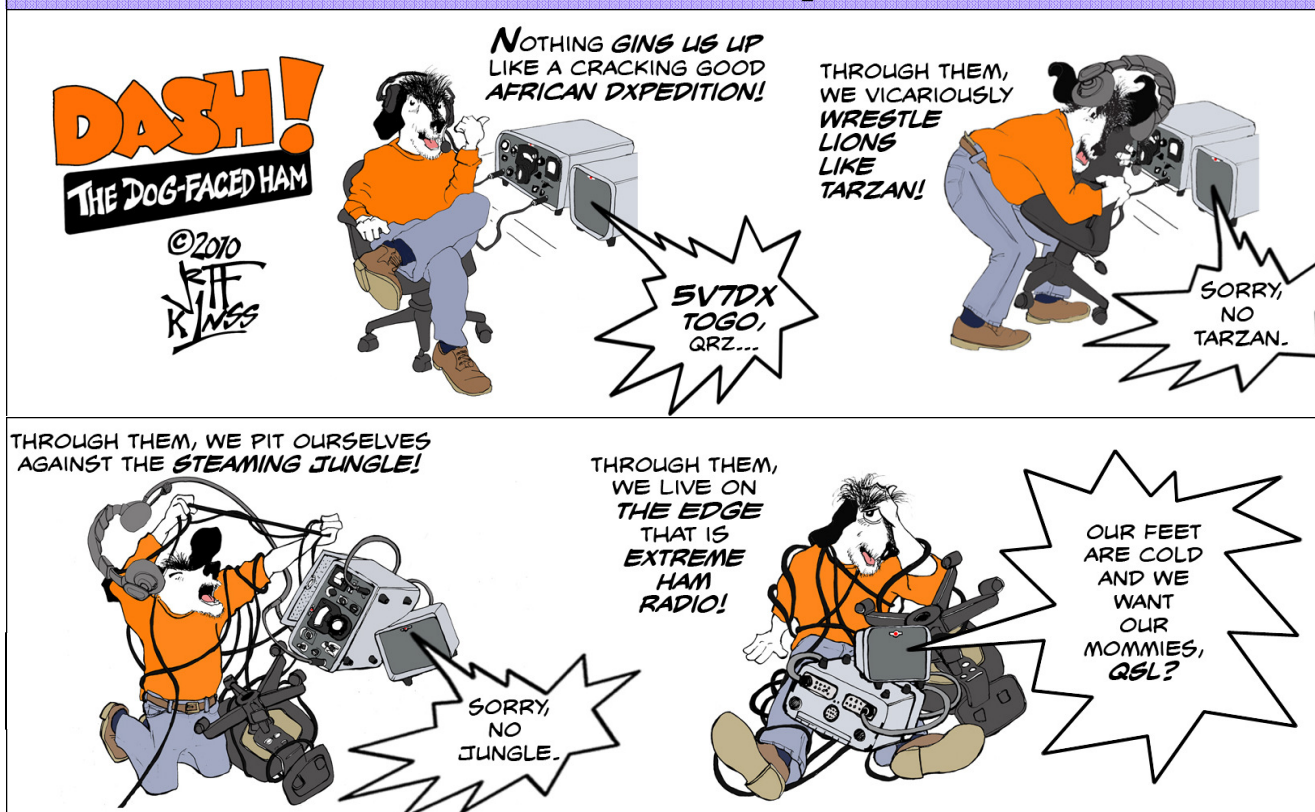
New ZS Ham Licenses Delayed



It's a pretty safe bet that not everyone in South Africa was all that thrilled over the World Cup soccer championship was being held there. Consider the group of candidates who passed that nation's amateur radio exams *before* the games started. They had to wait until the event was over before they got their new Ham Radio license!.

It seems the sole person at the South African telecommunications agency responsible for issuing Amateur Radio call signs had been reassigned for the duration of the contest. Throughout the event he was kept busy processing all the spectrum licensing requests for the FIFA world championship and, apparently, nothing else. This included everything from handi-talkies to world-wide television and radio transmitters, uplinks and communications devices used in covering the event --**Amateur Radio Newsline 1715**

Summer 2010 African DXpeditions



Dash, The Dog-Faced Ham, has every reason to get excited. One of the highlights of this summer of DX has been the wide assortment of DXpeditions to the so-called Dark Continent of Africa. At least 10 operations, a dozen if you count the recent **3C9** and **3C0** operations, are currently underway or have yet to get started. Hopefully, you didn't miss any that you needed for either an all-time new one or a band-fill. Here's a rundown.

J28 — DJIBOUTI ... Two operations from this tiny east African country at the junction of the Red and Arabian Seas should drop this entity into the 'not-so-rare' category. **J28JV** (F5MJV) finished a 3-week stay at the end of June and **J28RO** (F5IRO, Freddy) began a 2-year stay July 6. Operation will be spare time, CW, SSB and some digital

9J2 — ZAMBIA ... Katsumi, JF1OKK, will be QRV until September, 2011 mostly in the digital modes on weekends and national holidays as **9J2KK** from Lasaka. Listen closely as he'll only be 100 watts into a multi-band dipole.

9X0 — RWANDA ... Another station you'll have to listen closely for is **9X0CX**. Frasier is operating portable with an FT-857 and an 80-foot long wire from hotels as he travels the country "observing wildlife and the scenery".

FH — MAYOTTE ... This island may not be 'Africa' per se, but it's close enough to count! F5PSL has an all-band SSB operation as **FH8NB** underway until August 23

C5E — GAMBIA ... This 'quickie' four man operation focused mostly on 6 meters, but did squeeze in some HF RTTY and CW. They closed down July 6th. Hopefully you got them if you needed C5.

D44 — CAPE VERDE ISLANDS ... This 2 week effort from this historic island group off the west African coast was by a Swiss team used the call sign **D44TOI** and wrapped up July 13.

XT2 — BURKINA FASO ... On the other hand, just getting started is **XT2EME**, by a three-man Swiss team operating CW, SSB and PSK from Ouagadougou

5V7 — TOGO ... Contrary to **Dash's** expectations there's no jungle, nor Lions, Tarzan (or Jane, for that matter) in Kpalime, Togo where Franco, IIFQH will be running a solo CW-SSB operation until Jul 29.

6V7 — SENEGAL ... And finally, a four-man Spanish team using the call **6V7W** plans to focus on 6 meters but have several other stations looking for HF SSB, CW and RTTY contacts between July 21 and 31.

—Many thanks to artist K1NSS for the use of Dash in this report <http://www.dashtoons.com>

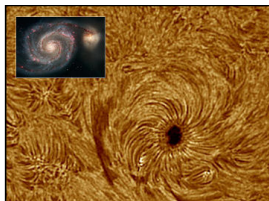


“Operating ability and DX techniques are directly proportional to the height of your tower and the excess of your power.”

— *DX IS! The Best of the West Coast DX Bulletin*
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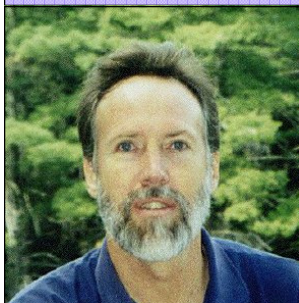
NFDXA Half Marathon Standings

Call	Countries	Zones	IOTA	Total
AB4UF	0	0	0	0
K4EB	41	19	14	74
K4UTE	47	16	27	90
KB4CRT	0	0	0	0
KC4FWS	5	4	2	11
NIWON	11	7	9	27
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N4GFO	0	0	0	0
N4JBK	0	0	0	0
N4KE	35	13	0	48
N4NN	0	0	0	0
NF4L	69	20	27	116
NU4Y	0	0	0	0
NW4C	20	13	10	43
W4FDA	1	1	0	2
WA4B	0	0	0	0
WA4ET	0	0	0	0
WR4K	0	0	0	0



Whirlpool Sunspot
July 6, 2010

Solar Scientist Says Sun Acting Strangely



Dr. David Hathaway

A noted solar astronomer at NASA's Marshall Space Flight center acknowledges his earlier predictions that the sun may soon be entering a period of high activity may be a little off. Dr. David Hathaway says Ham radio operators may not want to hear it but it now appears the sun isn't going to be as active as he and other scientists had expected.

Dr. Hathaway's remarks were made during an interview on the National Public Radio program **Science Friday**. The new bottom line, apparently, is the peak of the new solar cycle expected in 2013 is only going to be about half as active last solar cycle peak in July, 2000.

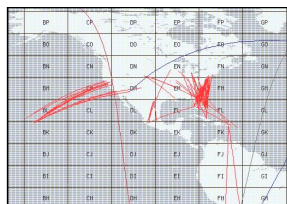
For more go to: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128268488> to hear the interview or read the transcript.

Some “Magic Band” Trivia

The Amateur Radio spectrum allocation that was the predecessor of the currently very hot 6 meter band was 5 meters.

The calling frequency for DX stations on 6 meters is the so-called “DX Window” of 50.10 to 50.125 MHz. Stations outside the US and Canada can be found here when the band is open.

—<http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-quiz-the-band-is-hot>



Odds 'n Ends



Here's a bit of Ham Radio-related trivia for you.

Do you know what **Ten-Tec** stands for as in the **Ten-Tec** logo shown on the left?

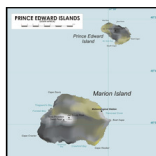
The answer can be found at the bottom of this page.

— Mike, NF4L



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Where In The DX World Am I? — From Page 8



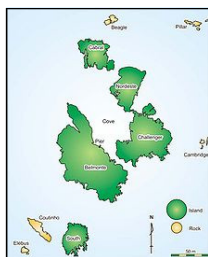
1 The **Prince Edward and Marion Islands**, located roughly half-way between parent South Africa and Antarctica, are listed as **#3** on the DX Magazine's 100 Most Wanted Countries list. The lone Ham on Marion Island is **ZS8M**, Pierre Tromp (ZSIHF), a scientist on a 13-month deployment. He's been spotted on 20 SSB when he gets time to operate.



2 The **Crozet Islands** form one of the five administrative districts of the French Southern and Antarctic Islands. **FT5W**, the **#7** most wanted entity, has no resident Ham among the scientists at a research station there, but has been activated by **Florentine Bard (F4DYW)** who works on a fishing boat but has come ashore on occasion and operates as **FT5WO**.



3 Number **12** on the most wanted list are the **South Orkney Islands, VP8/O**. Claimed by both Argentina and Great Britain these remote islands have no permanent residents other than stationed military personnel from both countries. Supposedly the Orkneys are open to any 1959 Antarctic signatory for non-military use—like the 2011 Microlight DXpedition.



4 This is NOT a good time of year to be on **PY0S**, **St. Peter and St. Paul**. This **#19** most wanted entity is located in the Intertropical Convergence Zone, the region in the Atlantic where many hurricanes are formed. The Brazilian Navy maintains a lighthouse and a research station but there are no resident Amateurs among those staffing these facilities. The area is visited frequently by tuna boats, but little else as it's isolated some 388 miles from its nearest neighbor, **PY0 Fernando de Noronha** and 590 miles from parent country Brazil.



5 The three little islands southeast of Hong Kong in the South China Sea shown in the satellite photo make up **BV9P**, the **Pratas or Dongsha Islands** group, **#25** on the most wanted list. Although controlled by The Republic of China (Taiwan), the People's Republic of China (Beijing) claim the Pratas Islands—as well as all the other islands and territories controlled by Taiwan—belong to the PRC.



This is the Law of DXing: That only the strong shall thrive; That surely the weak shall perish, and only the Deserving survive . . . **Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD (SK)**

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER: Ten Tec stands for Tennessee Technology.

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Don't waste too much time looking for a DX pot of gold at the end of the rainbow because chances are all you are going to find is the pot. — Frank, W3KT

The Last Word



The rush to be the *first* to operate from the anticipated new DXCC countries that will be created when the Netherlands Antilles (previously known as the Netherlands West Indies) break up October 10th would be downright comical if some people weren't so darned serious about it. I call them "First-tos". As competitive as some of the First-tos are to be *the* first, it wouldn't surprise me if teams are reserving blocs of rooms to prevent a competing First-to team from having a QTH. One team has already announced its intended DXpedition is *contingent* on the location becoming a new entity. If it isn't one of the expected new ones, the trip is off.

Meanwhile, back in Newington, DXCC Poo-Bahs have yet to come down from their entity qualification mountaintop to issue a defining proclamation. But as this was being written the word amongst the cognoscenti was most likely there'll be four *new* countries added to the DXCC list when the break-up occurs. These new ones are (the envelope, please): the islands of Curacao (PJ2), Bonaire (PJ4), Sint Maarten (PJ7), and the islands of St. Eustatius (PJ5) and Saba (PJ6) which together count as one entity.

Being first to operate from a 'real' new country is one thing. But a newly created country that's little more than a name change, one that's been worked many times as one of the Netherlands Antilles, probably won't make many DXers' hearts go pitty-pat. The exception are those who've already worked *everything* on the current DXCC list and need *any* new entity, even a name change, to stay on top. In this sense, the First-tos are appreciated, recognized and have a built-in audience.

One last thought, if the Antilles break-up occurs in early October as expected the timing couldn't be better for the fall contest season. The CQ SSB WW is Oct 30-31, the CW WW Nov 27-28. Think that might generate some First-to interest? — **NW4C**



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