

November Meeting

Saturday 5pm
Nov 20
Athens Café

Agenda

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Whale Watch, the Middle Island QTH of Ron, N4KE, in the Turks and Caicos, has been the location of the annual NFDXA CQ WW SSB contest effort for many years. This year the contest group was headed by Jimmy, NU4Y, who along with team members Cory, NIWON, Steve, AB4UF and his daughter, Autumn, amassed a multi-single class score of 7,610,688 points. What follows is their story as told by NIWON

VP5DX 2010 by NIWON

Photos by NIWON, NU4Y and AB4UF

We got to Provo in the afternoon and a cab was waiting to pick us up.



We went shopping and got enough food to last the two weeks. Then we went to the new ferry. It seems the Islander commuter plane no longer flies into

Middle Caicos. And nobody else does, apparently. The runway at North looked great and I thought that the Turks airline flew into there twice a week but now I'm not sure.

We couldn't get a charter so we used the new ferry which turned out to be a nice quick ride with all our equipment for only \$20.00. Although I wasn't able to this time, I'm glad that I got to fly from Provo to Middle and North on trips in prior years because I was able to see the beauty of the place from the air. It reminds me so much of the keys. — Continued on



NFDXA Enters CQ WW SSB as Club Members' combined scores total 9,122,402 points

In a return to what used to be a regular practice in years gone by, NFDXA entered the annual 2010 CQ WW SSB contest as a club, combining individual members' scores with that of the 2010 VP5DX operation. All VP5DX operators are current NFDXA members. Entering the combined scores as a club is permitted by the CQ WW Contest due to VP5DX being a NFDXA club member contest DXpedition. —Continued on page 8

FCC Changes Vanity Rules

Since the popular Amateur Radio vanity call sign program was put in place by the FCC in 1996 almost 80,000 licensees have replaced their sequentially issued calls with a vanity call.

Last year the FCC decided to review the vanity program with the goal of clarifying issues and closing loopholes which the original vanity Report and Order did not adequately address. — Continued on page 8





NFDXA OFFICERS 2010

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.



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



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Minutes of NFDXA Meeting

This meeting was held at the Athens Cafe, 23, Oct 2010

Name	Call	Attend	Name	Call	Attend
Steve Brown	AB4UF	N	Dale Conner	N4NN	Y
John Hale	AC4ET	N	Billy Williams	N4UF	N
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	Y	Mike Reublin	NF4L	Y
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	N	Dave Mains	NO4J	N
John Silberman	KB4CRT	N	Jim Iori	NU4Y	N
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	Y	Warren Croke	NW4C	Y
Bill Walker	KX4WW	N	Pres Graham	W4FDA	N
Cory McDonald	NIWON	N	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	Y
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	Y	John Moore	W5HUQ	N
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	N	Steve Barber	WA4B	Y
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	N	David Price	WA4ET	Y
Ron Blake	N4KE	N	Dick Knox	WR4K	N

Total Members Attending 9

—Secretary's Report continued next



NFDXA Meeting Athens Café Restaurant Oct. 23, 2010
 Are you pictured among this smiling , obviously well-fed,
 mostly-whiskered group? If not, you missed a great meal
 and some super DX fellowship



Shown L-R — (foreground) Mike, NF4L; (background) Mike, N4EPF; Larry, K4EB; Jim, KC4FWS; Steve, WA4B; Dales, N4NN; Dave, WA4ET; Warren, NW4C and Bob, W4GL (Group Foto Above by Sugar 5 — All others by Steve, WA4B)



Secretary's Report— October Meeting, continued

The meeting was called to order by **Mike, N4EPD** at 6:13 pm

Treasurer's Report - Jim, KC4FWS reported a balance of: \$743.48

Old business - Jim, KC4FWS, reported the club shirts will be delayed slightly due to having to re-do the artwork for the logo.

New business - None

Guests: None

The next meeting planner is: **Bob Lightner, W4GJ**

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, **Mike NF4L, Secretary**





KX4WW to be in ARRL SSB 'test as VP5WW

Willy, KX4WW says he has plans to leave the chilly confines of Washington, DC and fly down to the Turks and Caicos for the upcoming ARRL 10-Meter SSB contest, Dec 10-12.

Willy writes that he'll be in the contest "with some old buddies", **Bruce, W4OV** and **Noll, W9RN**, and their plan is to do a multi-single effort in both SSB and CW using the call sign **VP5WW**.

All the antennas at Willy's Providencia QTH have been "blown away by hurricanes", he notes. So **W4OV** is building a "custom, airplane friendly, 2-element quad" for use in the contest. Additionally, **Willy** says he's putting together some wire antennas for the other bands for the group to "play on" before and after the 10 meter contest.

And, when all of the above fails, "If the band is dead the bar and BBQ will be OPEN!!",



Willy, KX4WW

SK - Alan Moore, W3QO



Another former **NFDXA Silent Key** to report. I received a call from the son of **Alan Moore, W3QO**, that Alan had passed away April 24, in Palm Bay, Florida., at the age of 71.

Alan was an avid DXer. He lived in Germany for 17 years working for an American company and was active on the air as **DA1QO**.

It's always a sad time for me to make the note in my database of an SK, especially one who had been on the mailing list for so long. ... Alan had been there since 1997.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Pres Graham, W4FDA

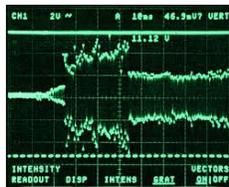


Alan Moore, W3QO

UNKNOWN SIGNAL AT 500 KHZ BEING INVESTIGATED

The Radio Society of Great Britain has started an investigation of a mystery radio signal in the 500 Kilohertz band. UK radio amateurs who operate from 501 to 504 kHz over the past month have reported reception of a wide-band signal between 498 and 502kHz.

The RSGB is looking into the matter. It says that the signal may be an early trial of a so called e-Navigation system that the maritime service is planning to propose for this part of the spectrum at the WRC-12 preparation meetings. —RSGB



VOACAP ADOPTS GOOGLE MAPS

The online H-F propagation prediction service VOACAP is now using Google Maps for coordinate entry. the transmitter and receiver coordinates are now defined by dragging two location markers on the map. The mouse wheel or keyboard keys can be used for zooming in and out so placing the markers at the exact points as accurately as is possible. The site is located online at <http://www.voacap.com>





The author of this whimsical piece is unknown. But according to rumor, he has been demoted to 11 meters and is now a CBer where he can occasionally be heard Southbound and Down!

—Steve, AB4UF



WHO'S WHO IN HAM RADIO

ADVANCED:

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water, and
Gives policy to GOD.

GENERAL:

Leaps short buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a switch engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
Walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks with GOD.

CONDITIONAL:

Leaps short buildings with a running jump AND favorable winds...
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine
Is faster than a speeding BB
Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool
Talks with GOD if special request is approved.

TECHNICIAN (Old):

Barely clears a Quonset hut
Looses tug-of-war with a locomotive
Can fire a speeding bullet
Swims well
Is occasionally addressed by GOD.

NOVICE:

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap small buildings
Is run over by locomotive
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury
Talks to animals.

TECH-PLUS:

Runs into buildings
Recognizes locomotive two out of three times
Is not issued ammunition
Can stay afloat with a life preserver
Talks to walls.

NO CODE TECH:

Falls over doorsteps when entering buildings
Says, "Look at the choo-choo"
Wets himself with a water pistol
Plays in mud puddles
Mumbles to himself.

AMATEUR EXTRA:

Lifts buildings and walks under them
Kicks locomotives off the track
Catches speeding bullets in their teeth
AND EATS THEM
Freezes water with a single glance

THEY ARE GOD!

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Christie, the new manager of the Blue Horizon Resort, was waiting to pick us up and drove us to **Ron's** place in short order. It took a little time to unload and get everything upstairs. **Jimmy** made a great dinner and we watched a movie on a DVD player that **Jimmy** had hooked up to the TV. It was strange to not have the TV connected to the satellite dish where we could know what was going on in the rest of the world, but I got used to it.

The next day we started checking things out and setting the radios up. We didn't have to rush to get it all done right away which was nice. We took our time

and made sure everything was right. The WX was just great! The winds were 20 -25 MPH with gusts to 35 according to Mike's weather station. I even got cold one night. **Christie** said that it was forecast to be windy until the Friday the contest started. She was right. A rainstorm came through that Friday and after it passed, the winds that we had been enjoying so much went away!

Later that evening, I was sitting on the porch and noticed that the winds seemed to be increasing again. They did and stayed nice and strong until we left. It sure kept the bugs away. There were just a few mosquitoes and noseemus for a short time Friday afternoon. I watched one mosquito that was full of blood try to take off three times but he never got more than an inch off the table and finally went over the end. I couldn't see if he was able to get airborne.



When the contest started everything went well. **Jimmy** eventually went to rest and came back around two in the morning. I was very glad that he did because my hip was killing me from stepping on the footswitch! That had never happened to me before. Thankfully, **Jimmy** took my place and I went up and got a few hours of sleep. I woke up about 4 hours later my hip still hurt but not as bad. When I got back on the radio I put it on VOX and that took care of the problem.



Late Saturday afternoon, my right shoulder started to ache. It had to be from not using it. I exercised it a bit and it got better. I was relieved by **Steve** who did a great job on 40 meters and I was able to get a full night's sleep this time. I woke up with my arm and shoulder feeling fine and went back to the radio Sunday morning until the end of the contest.

As I'm sure everybody in the club knows by now, toward the end of the contest I was intentionally QRM'ed by **KZ8O**. He played a recording on the frequency I was using while I was trying to work the contest. He even followed me when I changed frequencies and I think he scared some folks away. I could sense hesitancy in the voices of some of the people that worked me when he was playing the recording. The recording said "This is a no contest weekend, no kids, no lids ... " and other stuff that I don't remember. He played it over and over for what seemed like 45 minutes at least. I could hear him stop now and then to check to see if I was still there. The recording was posted on YouTube, apparently by him, and it remained there for several days before being taken down. I reported **KZ8O** to the FCC and sent them a copy of his recording when we returned.



The next day we took everything down and put it away for the next time. Steve's daughter Autumn was very helpful in setting up and tearing down. I guess that's about it. The flight home was uneventful but slow in the ATR from Miami to Jax.



--Cory, NIWON

Photos by AB4UF, NU4Y and NIWON

The Winning Heritage of VP5DX and its NFDXA Operators



2001 #1 CARIB/CA



2003 #1 CARIB/CA



2004 #1 CARIB/CA NU4Y 21 MHz



2005 #1 CARIB/CA NU4Y 21MHz



2005 #1 NA #1 CARIB/CA N4KE 28 MHz



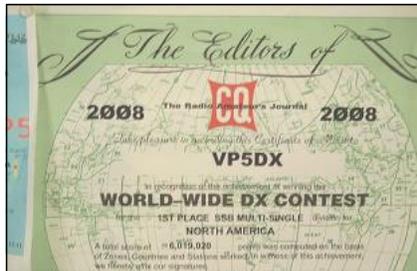
2005 #1 NA #1 CARIB/CA NU4Y 21 MHz



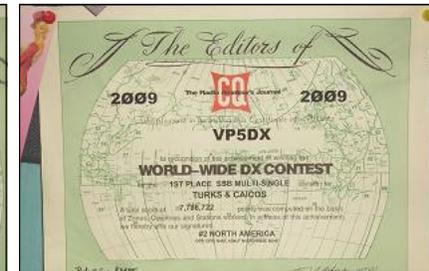
2006 #10 WORLD #1 NA #1 TURKS-CAICOS



2007 #1 NA #1 CARIB/CA #1 TURKS-CAICOS



2008 #1 NA #25 WORLD



2009 #2 NA #1 TURKS-CAICOS



NFDXA makes club effort in CQ WW—continued from page 1

The combined claimed NFDXA club score totaled 9,122,402 points. The scoring breakdown with participating NFDXA operators and stations is as follows:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Operators</u>	<u>Claimed Score</u>
VP5DX	AB4UF, NIWON, NU4Y	7,610,688
W4ZR	N4KE, W4FDA	1,479,060
KC4FWS	KC4FWS	31,320
NF4L	NF4L	1,334
Total claimed score		9,122,402

FCC Amends Vanity Rules — continued from page 1



Included in the just-released adjustments is a limit on how many vanity call signs a club can hold and how many clubs can have the same trustee. The new rule states any new trustee for a club station license or vanity call may not serve as a trustee for multiple clubs and station licenses. But if someone is already a trustee for multiple clubs and station licenses he/she can continue doing so because they've been 'grandfathered' in.

Additionally, changes have been put in place that the FCC says should "prevent a departing trustee from making off with the club license and call sign, or refusing to agree to a change in (the) trustee."

If you held a vanity call sign license and you let it expire the new R&O says you'll be able to get it back within a two-year window before it's out back into the vanity call sign system.

Also changed were the rules regarding the date on which the call sign associated with a license that is canceled due to the licensee's death becomes available for reassignment. Now, in the event of the death of a license holder the two-year 'countdown' begins on the date of the licensee's death instead of on the license expiration date. Additionally, the FCC added a 30-day waiting period before a license canceled due to death of the licensee is put into the database and available to give all an equal opportunity to compete for the license.

The current exception that allows a close relative to be first in line to receive the call of a deceased relative stands and the R&O clarifies just who is covered. However, the pool of who constitutes a 'close-relative' has been expanded. The term 'in-law' is to include "only a parent, stepparent, sibling, or step sibling of a licensee's spouse, and the spouse of a licensee's sibling, step-sibling, children or stepchild, or the spouse of a licensee's spouse's sibling or step sibling."

One proposed change that was not made was elimination of the fee for a first-time application for a vanity call sign, as well as the renewal fee for that call sign. The application and renewal fee will remain \$13.30 and the license term—like the standard Amateur Radio license—is 10 years.

There had been concern that the R&O would restrict an applicant's vanity call sign to the call region in which the vanity applicant lives. However, the FCC noted that "a limitation based on a person's place of residence ... could easily be circumvented by using a mailing address in another call sign region." In sum the decision was there would be no change to the existing rules. This means a vanity applicant can still apply for a vanity call in any call area regardless of where he or she lives.

All changes contained in the new Report and Order will take effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

The complete Report and Order in PDF format can be found on the FCC web site at:

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db1108/FCC-10-189A1.pdf

2011 NFDXA Officers to be elected at November Meeting



Get your excuses ready because it's time to elect officers for the coming year. The Association's by-laws state: "Election of all officers shall be held during the November meeting each year . . . (the) President and Vice President may not succeed themselves." On the other hand, the Association's Secretary and Treasurer can succeed themselves.

If you or someone you know has the slightest inclination to run for office or be part of the leadership team, don't hesitate. Step up and make these wishes known. No ifs, ands or buts. As the Nike mantra says "Just Do It".

Nominations will be made from the floor and all nominees will be voted on by a show of hands from *the voting members present*. A majority vote of voting members is required to be elected to an office.

The new officers will take over January 1.



2010 CQ WW SSB Results Could Produce First SOAB HP World Winner From Europe Since 1958 By [Jamie Dupree NS3T](#) [radio-sport.net](#)



It has been 52 years since the winner of the CQ WW SSB contest was from Europe, but it looks like that losing streak may have been broken this year by the effort of **Jeff Steinman N5TJ** from **CR2X** in the Azores. Steinman's claimed score of over 15 million points seems to be holding up at this point, putting him in good position to become only the fourth winner of CQ WW SSB from Europe, a feat last achieved by **F8PI** in 1958. "Station worked perfectly," was Steinman's short message to [radio-sport.net](#) after he returned to the United States as the **CR2X** set up from the Radio Arcala group provided yet another top finish.

As for other scores, about the only other top operator given the chance to win outright this year, **Jim Sullivan W7EJ**, reportedly did not produce a winning score from **CN2R**, leaving Steinman in the lead. Steinman's score also is expected to secure him the new record from Europe in CQ WW SSB, toppling the mark of **Toni Linden OH2UA**, who will be at **R2X** for this year's CQ WW CW test. "My record went to a good home and now, I guess, I am up to an ultimate challenge on CW," said Linden.

Just A Little CQ WW Surgery, That's All

The top Single Operator Score in North America came from Jeff Briggs **K1ZM**, who pushed his **VY2ZM** station to 10.5 million points - just a few days after having chest surgery. "You gotta be NUTS to do this," Briggs said, as he needed some help from his wife to crawl around and connect some of his cables before the start of CQ WW SSB. "I was pretty sore and operated with some abdominal pain," Briggs told [radio-sport.net](#), "but HEY....it was CQWW and the start of a new round of WRTC qualifying. ... As it turned out, I bettered my previous HIGH for a CQWW SSB from here by about 5% - so I was delighted with the score. **CR2X** of course ran away with this one and it looks like around a #5 finish for me - but I have little to complain about when you consider the situation as a whole."

Over in the low power category, the CQ WW SSB effort of Robert Kasca **S53R** is holding up, as he claimed 4.3 million points as **ST2AR** in Sudan. "I'm pretty happy with the score!" Kasca wrote on 3830 after the contest. **PJ2T**, **CN3A**, **Top World Multi Ranks**

There could be more wood heading to the trophy case at **PJ2T**, as the Caribbean Contesting Consortium station ran up 31 million points to take the claimed score lead in the Multi-Multi category. **Team DRIA** leads in Europe, while **Team K3LR** seems to have won the USA Multi-Multi competition for a sixth consecutive year, as they claimed 21.9 million points. **Team W3LPL** was at 19 million. The Multi-Single crown could be headed to **Team D4C**, as they posted 24.6 million points, a comfortable lead over **Team P33W** at 20.3 million. The European M/S leader is **E7DX**, while **K1LZ** is in charge of the USA M/S competition.

DXpedition News and Notes from the Web

ZL8X– KERMADEC This is a large multi operator operation is scheduled to get underway November 19. Operators include DJ5IW DJ9RR DK111 DL1MGB DL3DXX DL5CW DL5LYM DL5XL DL6FBL DL8LAS DL8OH SP5XVY and SV2KBS. They will use all HF bands, CW SSB and RTTY There will be 7 QRO stations. **They will be active until 05 December.** [Online QSL request service.](#)

The team will be operating from Raoul island. The island is part of the Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve, New Zealand's largest marine reserve, which was created in 1990 Anvil-shaped Raoul Island (*Sunday Island*), the largest and northernmost of the main Kermadec Islands, located 560 mi SSW of Tonga and 680 mi NNE of New Zealand's North Island, has been the source of vigorous volcanic activity during the past several thousand years. It last erupted in 2006. The area of the island, including fringing islets and rocks mainly in the northeast, but also a few smaller ones in the southeast, is 11 sq mi. The highest elevation is Moumoukai peak, at an elevation of 1,693 ft.

— <http://www.dxer.org>

ZK2 – NUIE An international group of five operators will be on Niue as **ZK2A November 20-December 3**, followed by VK9NN on Norfolk Island, December 5-19. Both operations will have four stations focusing on openings to far-away Europe and on the low bands and the three "newer bands." These bands are 160, 80, 40 and 30, 17 and 12M. As to modes, the emphasis will be CW and RTTY. The operators are IK1PMR, K6SRZ, LA9SN, N6TQS and PA3LEO. These are IOTAs OC-040 and OC-005. QSL instructions are on www.pacificdxpedition.com.

—The Daily DX 15Nov2010

DXpeditions in January 2011

There are two major DXpeditions taking place in January. Namely **VP8O from South Orkney Islands**, and **DX0DX from Spratly Islands**. Lets hope conditions continue to improve and the fun begin.

— <http://www.dxer.org>

PJ6 — SABA A Six Meter Expedition to Saba Island (PJ6) is taking shape. The team will be K5AND – Dick, W5OZI – Pat and K5TR – George. We have a location picked out & reserved on the island. It is located on the northeast part of the island at about 150 meters above sea level (490ft) with perfect take off to the US, EU, AF and most of SA. We will be on the island 22 June to 6 July, 2011.

The plan is to operate CW on 50.106 MHz and SSB on 50.118 Mhz. We will also be on JT65 during moonsets and moonrises on 50.190 Mhz. We should have a website in the coming month to post updates to the trip. We do not know what call sign(s) we will use.

— K5TR via <http://dx-world.net/page/2/>

Point Your House That-a-Way, Mate

Those innovative folks down under may be on to something. Why rotate your antennas when you can just attach them to the house ... and rotate everything! Show your 'best side' to whomever at all times.

It presents an entirely different slant to the oft-used phrase: "The earth moved"

Check out this thought-provoking [video](http://www.flixxy.com/revolving-house-architecture.htm). <http://www.flixxy.com/revolving-house-architecture.htm>

"To avoid trouble, breath through your nose because it will keep your mouth shut."

— *Lou Holtz, former football coach on ESPN*

NFDXA Net Wednesdays 8:00 pm EST/0000z 3.625 MHz

DX News and Notes at Post Time

Band fills and other DX items of interest ...

VK4KEY will be on **Macquarie Island** for about 18 months. During his spare time Kevin will sign **VK0KEY** in SSB and digital modes mostly on 40 and 20 meters. Kevin usually shows up on 40 SSB daily after 0800Z. Friday (12 Nov) he was reported on 7130 KHz just prior to 10Z. For a virtual tour of Kevin's Macquarie base go to: http://www.french-polar-team.fr/VK0_ANARE_Station_Macquarie_Island.php VK0-Macquarie currently is No. 15 on the Most Wanted DXCC list. QSL as directed.



"Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." That phrase could well be the motto of the group seeking to activate **CY0 Sable Island**, No. 65 on the most wanted list. After multi-postponements due to bad weather and equipment problems — including a broken axle their charter plane's landing gear— **NOTG** reports the **Sable Island** DX operation is back on the calendar. The rescheduled dates are **December 6th through December 13**. According to NOTG, several critical details were resolved sooner than expected. More is on-line at: <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com>.

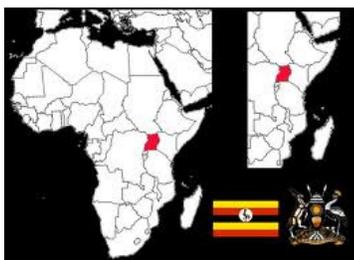
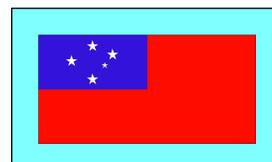
9M6 – EAST MALAYSIA – (Nov 24-Nov 30) KM00 (XU7MWA, HS0ZJN), Tony, will be QRV as **9M6/KM00** at Kinarut, Sabah, East Malaysia from November 24-30, including the CQ World Wide CW DX Contest. "I'll have the most work to do on antennas for 80 and 160, so I will be emphasizing those bands before and after the contest" he says. QSL information will be posted on QRZ.com.



9M6-EAST MALAYSIA (Ongoing) 9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Operators Mike/KM9D (ex-V63MY) and Jan/KF4TUG (V63TO) have been based in Sandakan, East Borneo for the past few months. Mike is currently active as **9M6/KM9D**, and has been on 30/20/17/12 meters CW. The **length of their stay is unknown**. QSL via OM2SA.



WESTERN SAMOA, 5W. John, VK2ZKY is QRV as **5W0KY** until November 21. Activity has been reported on the HF bands. QSL to 5W0KY's home call.



UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ will be QRV as **5X1XA** from Kampala from November 14 to December 1. Activity is on the HF bands using only CW. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL via G3SWH.



XV, VIETNAM. (Nov 26 – Dec 06) After his African tour, Sigi, DL7DF, will be on holiday with his XYL Sabine on Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) between **November 26th and December 6th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. Sigi's equipment will consist of a transceivers K2, a XV600, some low band verticals and dipoles, a HF9V, and some beverage antennas. QSL DL7DF, direct or by the German DARC QSL Bureau.



DX Calendar—Edited from NG3K Announced DX Operations

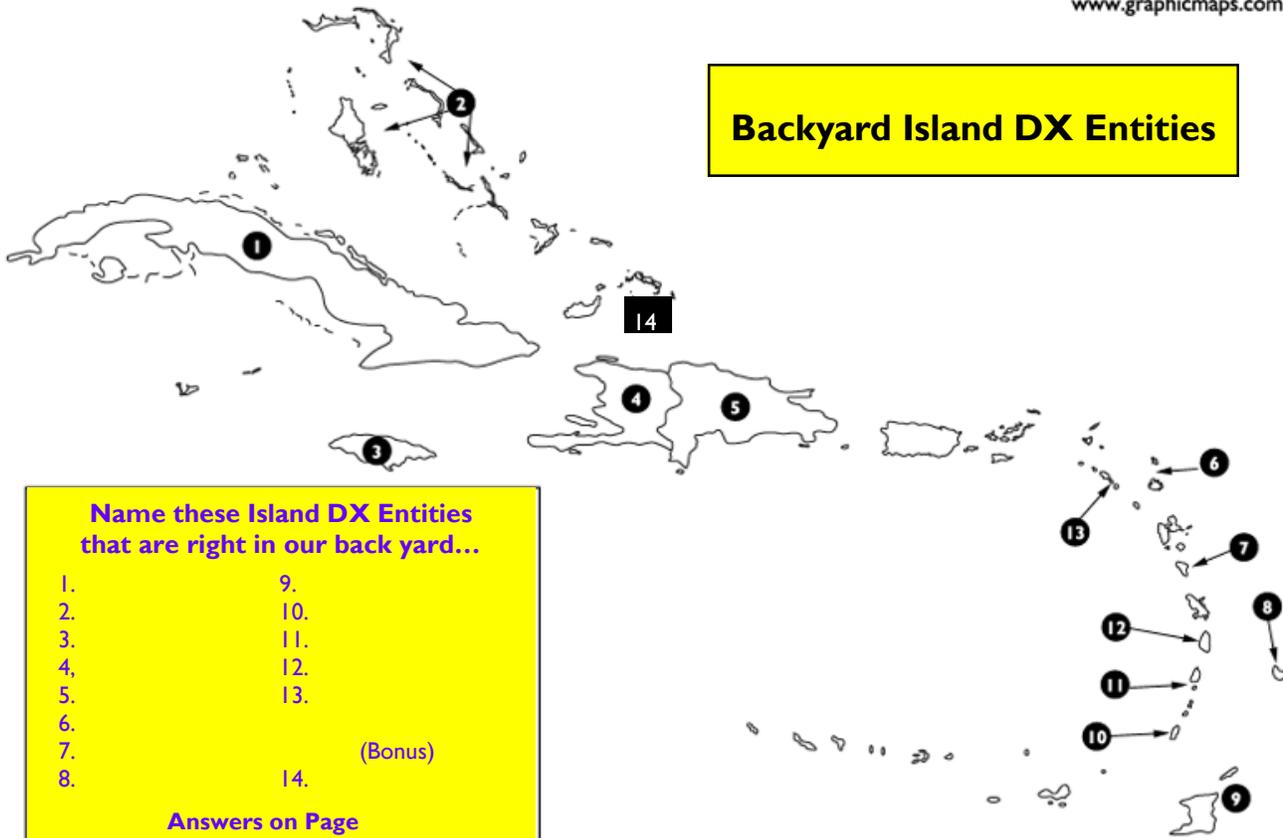
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Dates	Entity	Call	QSL	Source	Details
Oct31 Nov30	Macquarie I	VK0KEV	VK4KEV	DXW.Net 20101101	By VK0KEV fm AN-005; SSB RTTY, perhaps CW later; operation expected to continue for 18 months
Nov03 Nov23	Gabon	TR8GV	F4BXW	OPDX 20101101	By F4BXW fm Libreville; HF; SSB
Nov04 Nov18	Sierra Leone	9L0W	DK2WV	VA3RJ 20101021	By DK2WV DJ9AF fm AF-037; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
Nov07 Nov30	Cameroon	TJ3AY	F5LGE	F5NBU 20101108	By F6EAY; operation expected to continue for 2 years
Nov08 Nov18	Senegal	6V7	DE0MST	OPDX 20101025	By DL5MFL DL4MAQ, DF9MV as TBD fm Le Calao; 160-6m; CW SSB, perhaps PSK31
Nov14 Dec01	Uganda	5X1XA	G3SWH	425DXN 20101016	By G3XAQ fm Kampala; HF; CW; 100w; small beam; QRV for CQWW DX CW, SOSB, likely 20m
Nov15 Dec18	Madagascar	5R8IC	F6ICX	F6ICX 20100811	By F6ICX fm Ste Marie I (AF-090); CW RTTY PSK63; 100w; GP or Inv-L + hexbeam; holiday style operation
Nov18 Dec03	St Eustatius	PJ5	Home Call	SP6EQZ 20100831	By SP6IXF as PJ5/SP6IXF and SP6EQZ as PJ5/SP6EQZ fm NA-145; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY
Nov19 Nov27	Seychelles	S79AU	JA2AAU	OPDX 20101004	By JA2AAU at al; fm Mahe I (AF-024); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; QSL via JARL Buro or direct
Nov19 Dec03	Niue	ZK2A	LotW	IK1PMR 20100725	By IK1PMR et al; focus on 160-40m + WARC; CW RTTY; mainly Europe; QSL also OK OQRS or PA3LEO, Buro, direct
Nov19 Dec05	Kermadec I	ZL8X	OQRS	DXW.Net 20100215	By DJ5IW et al; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 7 QRO stns; online QSL request system
Nov20 Nov23	Sint Maarten	PJ7	JG2BRI	425DXN 20101002	By K1GI as PJ7/K1GI fm NA-105; 80-10m; CW SSB + digital; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
Nov20 Dec03	Niue	ZK2A	PA3LEO	OPDX 20101018	By IK1PMR PA3LEO LA9SN N6TQS K6SRZ SP5UAF; 160-40m, 30 17 12m; CW RTTY; focus on Europe
Nov20 Dec08	Tristan da Cunha	ZD9		OPDX 20101101	By DJ2EH as TBD; all bands; CW SSB RTTY
Nov22 Nov27	Guam	KH2KY	JA1OZK	JA1OZK 20101101	By JA1OZK, et al using KH2/home call (QSL v home call); all bands; CW SSB + digital; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
Nov22 Dec06	Montserrat	VP2M	K9CS	K9CS 20101017	By VP2MVX, VP2MSC, VP2MFO, VP2MNR, VP2MWP; QRV for CQWW DX CW, ARRL160m *test; all QSLs to K9CS
2010 Dec06	Vietnam	XV4SP	DL7DF	DL7DF 20100908	By DL7DF fm AS-128; HF; CW SSB RTTY PSK SSTV; 700w; HF9V + inverted dipole; QSL OK DARC Buro or direct
Dec01 Dec07	Senegal	6W	AA1AC	OPDX 20101025	By AA1AC as 6W/AA1AC fm La Somone; QSL OK via Buro or direct
Dec02 Dec09	Chatham Is	ZL7	JF1OCQ	JF1OCQ 20101006	By JF1OCQ as ZL1WY/ZL7 fm OC-038; focus on 160 + 6m; CW SSB + digital; breakable beacon on 50.117MHz
Dec03 Dec13	DR Congo	9Q50ON	ON4BR Buro	OS1T 20101008	By 9Q50ON; direct QSL via: Carlo Houben ON4BR, Koebaen 73, B-3600 GENK, Belgium (SAE + RP)
Dec05 Dec19	Norfolk I	VK9NN	LotW	IK1PMR 20100725	By IK1PMR at al as TBD; on 160-40m + WARC; CW RTTY; mainly for Europe; QSL OK OQRS or PA3LEO, Buro, direct
Dec08 Dec13	St Lucia	J6	LotW	N7UN 20100730	By W3FF, N7UN et al as TBD; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via home call w/ SASE, J6BP call requested
Dec16 Jan13	Guatemala	TG9	DL5RMH	OPDX 20101011	By DL5RMH as TG9/DL5RMH fm Guatemala City; 40-10m, w/ focus on 30m; CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct
Dec19 Jan07	Sierra Leone	9L	TBA	OPDX 20101025	By G7BXU as TBD fm Freetown; G5RV

DX Quiz

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Backyard Island DX Entities



Name these Island DX Entities that are right in our backyard...

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| 1. | 9. |
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| 7. | (Bonus) |
| 8. | 14. |

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A Look Back at VP5 2003 -- N4KE and AB4UF

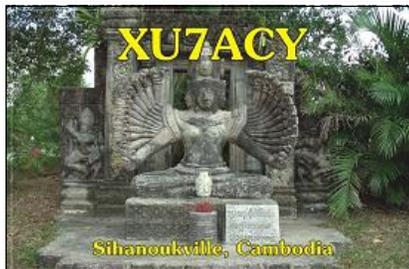
In June, 2003, **Ron, N4KE**, and I went down to VP5. For 3 days we couldn't get over to Middle so he called for the Captain to come pick us up on the leeward side of Provo. This is the boat he came in. The picture shows it on the sand and only half loaded. When loaded we only had about 6 inches clearance on the sides! We went into the open ocean instead of staying behind the reefs so to save a couple of hours travel time. The steering broke during the trip. When Ron climbed to the rear of the boat to try and help the Captain see what was broken, water started running into the back since it was loaded so heavy. Ron had to jump back to the bow of the boat with his legs hanging over the front with Captain actually steering the thing by manually turning the motor! Me, I figured someone would find us in a few days clinging to Styrofoam that the stereo we were carrying was packed in. So, I went back to sleep hoping that when I woke up it would all be a dream. I woke up about an hour later as we were pulling into the dock at Middle Caicos.



— Steve, AB4UF

N4NN Achieves 160 Meter WAZ!! Works XU7ACY In Last Needed Zone

The morning of Wednesday, October 23rd will go down as one of the happiest in Ham Radio DX memories for **Dale, N4NN**, as he concluded his quest for the coveted **CQ 160-meter Worked All Zones (WAZ)** award with a weak but solid **Zone 26** contact with fellow 160 meter enthusiast **Peter Pellack, XU7ACY** in far away Sihanoukville, Cambodia.



Dale, N4NN

"I worked XU7ACY at 1115z on 1814 simplex. You don't need lots of receiving antennas.. I worked him on my quarter wave sloper, transmit and receive", said **Dale** shortly after the QSO.

Making contact with his last needed zone was a thrill that continued long after the QSO. "I'm very excited, my hands are still shaking," said **Dale** in a message posted on the NFDXA reflector. "CHAMPAGNE TONIGHT".

Within minutes after **Dale's** posting others in NFDXA were quick to extend their congratulations with praise this extremely difficult DX achievement.

"Dale, the vast majority of all Hams cannot appreciate the enormity of your accomplishment, it is

truly remarkable. Congratulations! Or, as we say in the Navy, BRAVO ZULU", wrote **Pres, W4FDA**.

Another comment came from **Jim, KC4FWS**: "Awesome accomplishment! Since your becoming a ham, your growing enthusiasm in this hobby is admired. You can sit back a little and let the rest of us catch up. Congrats! Time for another Merlot!"

"Congrats Dale, great accomplishment!" wrote **Richard, WR4K**, followed by an "AMEN!!!!!! Way to go Dale" from **Willie, KX4WW**.

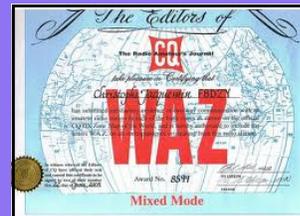
What follows is a transcript of the QSO that concluded Dale's quest for WAZ.

11:08:33 **N4NN** Dale: "Starting to copy, Peter."
 11:14:45 **XU7ACY** Peter: "Nice signal, Dale !"
 11:14:47 **NX4D** Doug: "Dale, Congrats!!"
 11:15:23 **N4NN** Dale: "Thanks, Peter."
 11:18:09 **W4ZV** Bill: "Congrats last zone, Dale!"
 11:16:51 **9M2AX** Ross: "Heard N4NN QSO. Dale was 229."
 11:19:54 **XU7ACY** Peter: "Nice job Dale and Al. Took a big signal to break the QRN."
 11:22:01 **XU7ACY** Peter: "Yes, am very pleased with this DX Engineering reversible beverage."

For those still needing Zone 26...

XU7ACY - CAMBODIA - Peter continues to often show on 160 CW around his sunset. North and South American stations should listen for him around 1813 KHz, usually via the SW path. QSL via W2EN.

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NFDXA-CQ DX Half Marathon Standings-November 15,2010

Call	DX	Zones	IOTA	Total
AB4UF	0	0	0	0
K4EB	177	35	81	293
K4UTE	43	13	25	81
KB4CRT	28	8	0	36
KC4FWS	104	29	39	172
NIWON	94	27	54	175
N4EPD	0	0	0	0
N4GFO	0	0	0	0
N4JBK	0	0	0	0
N4KE	122	35	3	160
N4NN	0	0	0	0
NF4L	188	32	69	289
NU4Y	1	1	0	2
NW4C	87	31	54	172
W4FDA	2	2	0	4
WA4B	0	0	0	0
WA4ET	0	0	0	0
W4GJ	0	0	0	0
WR4K	51	19	26	96

HALF-MARATHON RULES
 Between 1 June and 31 December work as many DX stations as you can on any band using any mode. Work each country only once—unless it spans CQ zones. Also, work the country as an IOTA, if possible. IOTA contacts count an extra point

WHY PARTICIPATE?
 In addition to numerous spoken and written accolades, back-pats, atta-boys and, possibly, expressions of envy and regret from those who either didn't do as well or take part, the winner will receive his choice of a one year's subscription to *The DX Magazine*, *CQ Magazine* or *QST*. Who knows, other prizes may be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

You have to Dec 31 to build your country count for the 'Full' 2010 CQ DX Marathon sponsored by *CQ Magazine*. There will be a plaque for the winner in each category and certificates for top scores in each country. Score sheets, a Google Documents template and other helpful items are available at www.dxmarathon.com.



Biking Through the CQ Zones

You can follow OZ1AA along his amazing bike route, shown in this Google Maps graphic

N6AA and N6ZZ worked the CQ WW contest from all forty zones, but here's a contester putting zones in the log by bike. Thomas OZ1AA is pedaling his way from Denmark to Sydney, Australia! Currently as far as Wroclaw, Poland, Thomas is logging a lot of km - you can follow his progress on his blog, "Cycling The Globe" which can be found on his web site at: <http://www.oz1aa.com/>
 —ARRL Contest Update 13Oct2010
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/update/?issue=2010-10-13>

ARRL 10 Meter Contest

The 2010 ARRL 10 Meter Contest will be held from Friday, December 10 at 0000 UTC through Sunday evening December 12 at 2359 UTC.
 Except at the peak of the sunspot cycle, 10 meters is generally a daytime band for DX so you likely won't lose any sleep with this contest this year.
 More information is on-line at <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>. (AR Newline via N9LB)



No Comment



DESTINED TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE AS A POORLY-DRAWN STICK FIGURE, CHARLES FOUND SOLICE IN CHATTING WITH PEOPLE WHO WOULD NEVER SEE HIM.

**ODDS
ENDS**

Ham Radio Paraprodsokian

Ø Radio Waves travel faster than sound. This is why some people in QSOs appear bright until you hear them speak.

The statement above is a **paraprodsokian**, a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect.

— Fiction and Fact from Warren's Almanac

Quotes That Make You Go Huh?

"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

-- Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman



Answers to Backyard Island DX Entities on page ...

1. **CO**, Cuba; 2. **C6**, Bahamas Islands; 3. **6Y**, Jamaica; 4. **HH**, Haiti; 5. **HI**, Dominican Republic;
6. **V2**, Antigua-Barbuda; 7. **J7**, Dominica; 8. **8P**, Barbados; 9. **9Y**, Trinidad and Tobago;
10. **J3**, Grenada; 11. **J8**, St. Vincent; 12. **J6**, St. Lucia; 13. **V4**, St. Kitts-Nevis
14. (BONUS) **VP5**, Turks and Caicos ... Shame on you if you missed this one!

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**Repeat after me ... I WILL NEVER COMPLAIN
ABOUT MY JOB EVER AGAIN!!**

The Last Word - Tradition

Traditions come – Traditions Go. Which ones will last we do not know. In this instance an old NFDXA tradition that faded away in recent years apparently is being revived.

Seven members working from four separate stations combined their individual CQ WW SSB scores this year and submitted a grand total of 9, 122, 402 claimed points as an **NFDXA Club** entry. Although it's too early to see where this aggregate score will place, major kudos go out to those who worked to put it together.

These stout-hearted ops include **Jim, KC4FWS**, and **Mike, NF4L** with their individual station totals; **Ron, N4KE** and **Pres, W4FDA** working together using the **W4ZR club call**, and **Jim, NU4Y**, **Steve, AB4UF** and **Cory, NIWON** crewing the annual club Turks and Caicos DXpedition as **VP5DX**. VP5DX is far outside the 275 km club radius but its score is allowed by the rules because it's an annual NFDXA club 'contest' operation and all the operators are club members.

So why did the tradition of combining scores fall by the wayside in the first place? Who knows? Maybe the effort got too complicated, or as one veteran club con-tester put it, "We all got too old." Well, here's to those seven operators who at least are young at heart. They've have revived a past practice—a tradition, as it were-- that has kept our relatively small group competitive and in the foreground of American radio contesting.

So-so traditions fade away... Good tradition come back to stay

— NW4C



W4ZR