

The North Florida DX Association

PileUp

The NFDXA Newsletter



—Late News—
ARRL DXCC desk has approved the current ST0R DXpedition for DXCC Credit.
—NCIL

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Humongous Pile-Ups, Intentional QRM Challenge DXers Working Newest Entity

ST0R, operating from the Republic of Southern Sudan, the DX world's newest country as of July 14, hit the airwaves July 22nd with a great deal of fanfare, including the stated intention of giving as many DXers as possible "a first contact with a new DXCC entity." The DXpedition's secondary objective was "to give as many band slots as possible."

By the time this multi-national, DXpedition closes down August 10 its multi-national team will be close its initial stated target of 150,000 QSOs. On each of the ten bands the team operated they'd faced some of the largest and most intense pileups in memory. Sadly, though, they were also targets of considerable intentional QRM and more than the usual clutter from frequency cops.

Final statistics had not been posted on the **ST0R** log page as this issue of PileUp was being finalized.

— *ST0R story continues on page 6*



E-mail Changes at ARRL DXCC Desk

dxcc@arrl.org is no longer the contact address at ARRL. The DXCC desk has created a number of new e-mail addresses that will be delivered to the most appropriate person depending upon the subject. Visit <http://www.arrl.org/awards-branch-contacts> for a listing of the new e-mail addresses and the general topics that they cover. --NCIL

Son of a gun-He's 91!

The patriarch and conscience of the NFDXA, **Preston Graham, W4FDA**, began his 91st year Thursday, August 4th. Congratulations, continued good health and many happy returns, Pres.



W4FDA

August Meeting



The next meeting of the North Florida DX Association will be 5 pm Saturday August 13 at the Athens Café, 6271 St Augustine Rd, Jacksonville.



DX IS!





NFDXA OFFICERS 2011

The North Florida DX Association, Inc., is a group of Amateur Radio Operators located primarily in northeast Florida whose main Ham Radio interests are DXing and Contests. 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 2011.

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Attendance Report July 16, 2011 NFDXA Meeting

This meeting was held at the W4FDA Wards Creek QTH

Name	Call	Attend	Name	Call	Attend
Steve Brown	AB4UF	Y	Dale Conner	N4NN	N
John Hale	AC4ET	N	Billy Williams	N4UF	N
Larry Bostic	K3LB	Y	Mike Reublin	NF4L	Y
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	N	Dave Mains	NO4j	N
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	Y	Jim Iori	NU4Y	Y
John Silberman	KB4CRT	Y	Warren Croke	NW4C	Y
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	Y	Pres Graham	W4FDA	Y
Bill Walker	KX4WW	N	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	Y
Cory McDonald	NIWON	Y	John Moore	W5HUQ	N
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	Y	Steve Barber	WA4B	N
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	N	David Price	WA4ET	N
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	N	Dick Knox	WR4K	N
Ron Blake	N4KE	Y			

Total Members Attending 13

— Secretary's Report continues next page



NFDXA Meeting Attendance Year 2011 January through July - NF4L

CALL	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Year 2011
AB4UF	1	1			1		1	1	5
K3LB				1			1	1	3
K4EB			1			1			2
K4UTE		1	1	1	1		1	1	5
KB4CRT	1	1		1	1			1	5
KC4FWS	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	6
N1WON		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
N4EPD		1	1	1	1			1	5
N4GFO			1		1				2
N4JBK	1	1		1	1				4
N4KE		1				1		1	3
N4NN			1			1			2
NF4L		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
NU4Y	1	1	1			1	1	1	6
NW4C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
W4FDA		1				1	1	1	4
WA4B	1	1	1						3
WA4ET			1						1
W4GJ		1	1	1				1	4
Month Tot	7	18	9	11	12	9	13	0	79

Secretary's Report - July 2011 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by Warren at 6:40

Treasurer Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of \$934.48

Unfinished Business - There is no unfinished business

New Business - Pres announced Willy will be back in Jacksonville permanently, and will operate VP5 in the CQWW. Ron showed the CQWW plaque for 2009, 1st place Carribean

K4UTE motioned to withdraw donation for T32 DXpedition. Mike seconded. Motion Passed.

Jim initiated discussion about members who RSVP but don't show having to pay their share.

AB4UF showed patches from Ramona Flea Market.

Guests: No guests were present at the meeting

The next meeting planner is: Larry, K4EB

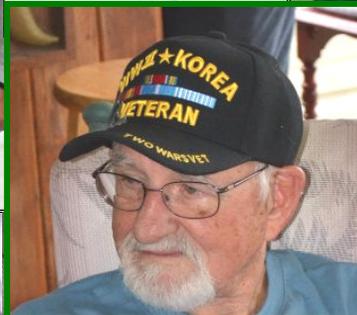
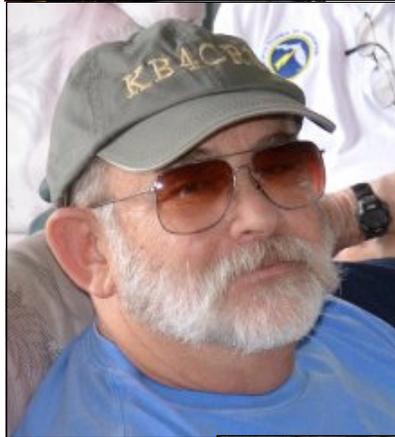
The meeting was adjourned at: 7:05

Respectfully submitted, **Mike Reublin NF4L**, Secretary

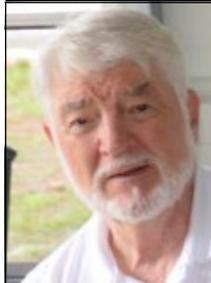




Pictures from July Meeting at W4FDA QTH

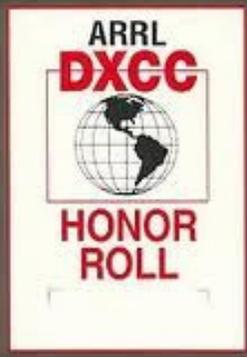


I (am) embarking on my 91st year. Who knows what the future will bring?? If anyone knows, don't tell me, I'm not interested. - W4FDA



W4GJ Photos

Cory's Getting Close



DXCC Honor Roll Plaque

NIWON is on the verge of becoming the latest member of the NFDXA to join the select circle of those DXers who have made the DXCC Honor Roll. At this writing **Cory** is only two entities shy of qualifying for this select group having recently worked the **STOR** DXpedition for **Number 330** (328 confirmed). Currently, there are 341 DXCC entities. Two that would get Cory to the needed 332 are being spotted occasionally, **VK0M** and **T6**. If you hear 'em you know who to call—after you get them, of course. :) NFDXA members presently on the Honor Roll include **W4FDA** (#1 HR twice with 363) and **Dick, K4UTE**, ongoing #1 with a total 367.



Cory NIWON

All Things Come to He Who Waits ... Eventually



Better late than never, as the saying goes. At least that seems to be the approach of those responsible for passing out awards to the winners of the CQ WW Contest.

Pictured on the left is an enlarged view of the handsome award plaque shown held by Ron N4KE on the previous page. Note the date — 2009! Sometimes it takes a while for the 'recognition' of all who've done good things to catch up with those who did the deed. :)

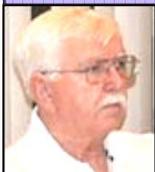
In this instance a five man team from NFDXA operated from the beautiful Whale Watch QTH of VP5DX in the Turks an Caicos amassed a winning total of 7,786,722 points in the multi-op, single transmitter category. To add icing to the already delicious cake this was the ninth time VP5DX has won a CQ WW award.

Plans are already underway for a 2011 CQ WW contest operation. Stay tuned!

The winning **VP5DX** team shown below L-R included **Ron, N4KE**, Team Leader and VP5DX Trustee; Team Co-leader **Jim, NU4Y**; **Steve, AB4UF**, veteran of 18 Turks and Caicos operations; **Mike, N4EPD** and **Warren NW4C**, 'da rookie' who was on his first VP5DX 'contest-pedition.'



Words to Live By...Cautiously



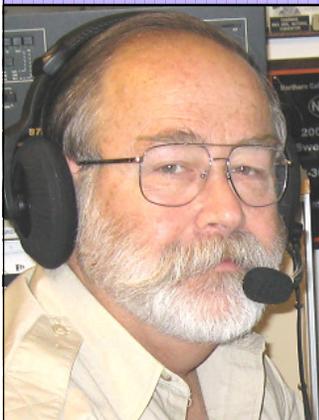
"Tune for max meter movement and press on. I do not even bother to try and read the output watt - age. The numbers on my meter are getting too small anyway to read for that far. All I know is meter needs to move to right as far as it can reach." ;-) — **Jim KC4FWS**

STOR — Continued from page 1

To no one's surprise considering the new entity's close proximity to the continent, most of the QSOs, almost 40% of the overall total, were made with European Hams. However, individually, US DXers made the most QSOs followed by Hams in Italy, Japan and Germany in that order. As expected, the 'Queen of the DX bands', 20 meters, had the most activity, followed by 17, 15, 12, 40 30 and 10 meters. CW was the contact mode used most often by all callers trailed by SSB with RTTY a distant third. For a more detailed breakdown of the STOR DXpedition statistics go to <http://www.dxfriends.com/SouthernSudan2011/statistics.php>

The STOR DXpedition was a combined effort by two organizations, The **Intrepid-DX** Group and the **DX Friends**. The Intrepid-DX Group is the same organization that put on the 2010 **YI9PSE**, IRAQ DXpedition. The DX Friends conducted the 2006 **SØIR** DXpedition to Western Sahara, the 2008 DXpedition to Rwanda as **9XØR**, the 2009 DXpedition to Western Sahara as **SØ4R**, the 2010 DXpedition to Palestine as **E4X** and the 2010 DXpedition to San Marino as **T7ØA**.

DXCC AND THE CHASE FOR AN ALL TIME NEW ONE— A Commentary



John KB4CRT

I feel I have to get up on my soap box for this one. The DX chase has morphed into something that inhibits the chase and has no real purpose. I'm talking about the quest to get the DX station on all bands in all modes.

As I write this piece, STOR has had 60,000 plus Qs and only 16,000 unique calls. Do you see the problem? STOR is not only rare DX but it's one EVERYBODY needs for their DXCC count. The pile-ups are horrendous. The reason why the large Q count and much fewer unique calls is that many hams are trying to fill in the score-card and work him all

bands and all modes which is 29 times per station. This effectively eliminates the possibility of the 100 watt / dipole station getting this new entity even though the entity says many times that their goal is "to get QSOs into the hands of all who need them." That's 27 Qs that could be stations that haven't worked him yet.

Now I am not criticizing STOR, I am only using them as an example. Heck, BS7 was far worse with about every Japanese station working them all bands all modes when we rarely got a shot at them on the East Coast. This relatively new "game" has made a very hard task almost impossible. It's bad enough that the ham population has grown (good in itself) to make it much more difficult to achieve Honor Roll or #1.

I propose the following, for any entity that is #20 or higher on the most wanted list or a new entity, there will be no scoreboard. Individual calls will be allowed one Q and one backup Q only for the first 3/4ths of the days on the air. This will allow the smaller stations to get the DX station. No, the Q count will not go down, just the calling stations may get weaker. The Q count actually may go up since there won't be all those high power or close in stations calling.

To enforce this I propose that the day the DX changes to anyone anytime, any band, any mode, the log is checked any anyone in violation of this, more than 2 Qs, get stricken from the log. Now you have to follow the rules. Those of you who would complain about being stricken from the log are the people who would abuse the rule. It wouldn't affect those playing by the rule.

Further, I propose that we rate Dxpeditions by the number of unique calls and not the total number of Qs and we should re-rate the Dxpeditions back to year 2000. After all, we are trying to give the most hams a new one aren't we? Remember, this is only for entities #20 and up or a new entity.

I won't get into the tuner uppers, jammers, police, etiquette, etc. That's for another time.

OK, flame suit on, but you better have a good reason why you don't agree with me and then have a better solution.

73, Best DX!
John, KB4CRT

Can't Beat the View



Sailors sometimes put stuffed owls atop their sailboat's rigging to scare away gulls and other birds that tend to mess a mess of the deck below with their droppings. In the case of WFDA's combo antenna array Pres has built-in live protection in the form of an Osprey who frequently assumes a position top the mast and doesn't leave even when the mast is rotated. In this instance 'droppings' don't appear to be a problem. But should the Osprey make this perch his dinner table uneaten fish parts could be problematic!



W4FDA photos

The Soapbox—Comments from e-Ham.net <http://www.eham.net/ehamforum>

On poor phonetics and yelling into the mike . . . KA5N

A recent DX contest shows once again that the hams who insist on yelling into the mike and talking fast are the cause of more repeats and busted call signs than anyone else.

Trailing closely are the "funny fonetics" dudes. It seems to me that the old standard phonetics were easier to understand (Able, Baker, etc) than the new standard. (Except I never liked foxtrot. I mean imagine a call like W5FTS Wiskey five foxtrot twist samba ie an all dance set of phonetics).

Anyway, please don't yell and if you must do it slowly.

On 160 Meter DXCC ... KY6R

I don't know why - maybe its nostalgia, or maybe its just the challenge - but for some crazy reason, obtaining DXCC on 160M from a small lot is the most exciting DXCC goal I have had to date.

I use an aluminum 40M Half Square on TX with 64 buried radials and a set of K9AY Loops on RX. I'm at 8BDXCC at this point - and thought 80M DXCC was "impossible" before. Kind of funny now.

Anyone else out there feel this way? I just added VK9HR to my "counters" - which was a fun summertime 160M experience. Looking forward to East and West Kiribati - they will be easy "chip shots" from the SF Bay Area. . . . And three editions of the **ON4UN** "Low Band DXing" book are dog eared beyond recognition.

Response to a question what one should buy for their first amp ... WIQJ

FWIW... I like the AL-80B. It will do 800w CW and 1000 watts PEP SSB. The tubes are still made new and the quality of the tubes are better than the 572B's. A single tube amp has a tendency to be less problematic than a 4 tube amp like the AL-572 amp. Although the power differs the difference won't be noticeable. The style of the AL-80B amp has been around for ages and is tried and true. As far as a tuner. I haven't used any auto-tuners so I can't say, but I believe the ATR variety of Ameritron tuners are the "tough ones" of the bunch.

Are you ready for ST0R? Sierra Tango Zero Romeo QRZ? ... N3ZC

I actually gotta work for a living...so can only try after work (maybe, if not cutting grass, etc..) or on weekends..I only need "a" contact...Not going for all bands, all modes, all times of day, all directions on compass, & all golf courses in S. Sudan...

The Missing Q signals — Some Q signals have never made it to the ARRL's official list. Here are four.

QBS? - Did I tell you about the one that got away?

QBS? - (Alternate version) Should I clean the bird sh*t off my antenna so I can hear you?

QDR - Damn Right the frequency is busy! {In response to QRL?}

QRG? - Am I transmitting in or near an amateur band, and if so which one?

Where in the DX World Am I??



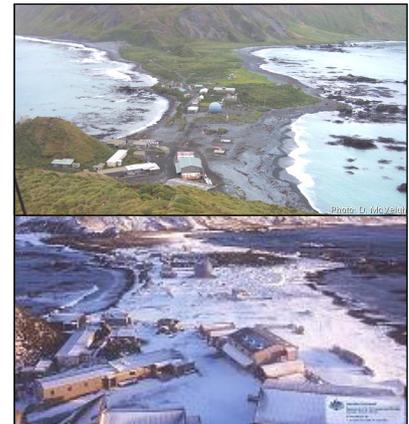
For years this island was little more than a huge phosphate pit in the western Pacific. It is now the world's smallest island nation measuring some 8.1 square miles and with a resident population of only 9265 people, not many of whom are Hams, it would seem. Although the island is not all that 'rare' as DXCC entities go it's in the top 50 of the '100 Most Wanted'.

However, Amateur radio activity here has been sporadic, usually one or two visits a year by Hams from other countries who are on the air for a week or so...and then go away. One such operation, a one-man single-mode DXpedition that lasted nine days, went QRT in July. Those who made contact are now awaiting their cards.

On the right are two views taken from roughly the same vantage point of the only settlement on this bleak and barren remote island in the extreme southwestern Pacific. There's a reason why places like this are so rare—in this case ranking as No. 13 Most Wanted World-Wide.

Technically, the island is uninhabited. But it's a World Heritage site and typically this cluster of buildings is inhabited by between 20 and 40 people, scientists, technicians and weather personnel, throughout the year. If one among that group is a Ham then DXers around the world practically salivate with the hope that this Ham is a DXer...or at least someone who's willing to get on the air and face the worldwide horde that will want to make contact with him or her.

At this writing there are three ops on the island (soon to be two), but only one has been spotted with any regularity. Good luck.



While on the subject of rare ones, the landlocked entity depicted in the two pictures on the left held the distinction for a short while of being the most wanted DXCC country in the world. Despite having oil resources, it also is one of the poorest. According to a one newspaper, it's also one of the most disease-ridden places on the planet! It is bordered by 5 other countries, several of which are equally as poor. Makes you want to stop what you are doing and rush there for a DXpedition, right?

The top photo is of the capital city's main street. There are few paved roads in this country. The bottom scene is typical of the countryside; mostly rural, dusty and quite dry — despite being bordered by what will further north become one of the world's major and most historic rivers.

Things still aren't all that quiet here after a decades-long civil war. So, if you're planning to go there anytime soon do be careful.

We're back in the Pacific and in the photograph approaching a top 25 entity that been enlarged to at least four times its natural size by 20 years of coral dredging! A number of nearby islands are not natural in that they, too, were created from dredged-up coral.

Access to this entity is strictly controlled by the US government. However, one DX publication has stated a single-handed sailor has permission to stop there and operate later this year. The length of stay wasn't specified—the Ham-operator-sailor reportedly is en route to Borneo—but supposedly the op has landing permission from the military.

As the saying goes...stand by.



The answers to this month's **'Where in the DX World am I'** can be found on Page 13

A Ham Radio Talking Dog Story

During a casual drive around rural north Florida I was on a back road and saw a sign in front of a broken down old farmhouse: "Talking Dog for Sale." I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went on the creaky porch to the front door and knocked but nobody answered. I then walked around to the backyard and saw a tired looking Blood Hound sitting there. Looking around to make sure nobody heard me I looked at the dog and asked "Do you talk?"

"Yep, I sure do", replied the dog.

Well, after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked, "So, what's the deal, how can you talk, what is your story?"

"Ah shucks, there ain't much to tell. Say, is that a Tar Heel screwdriver antenna on your car out there?"

"Yes it is", I replied, "How did you know that?"

The dog looks me straight in the eye and says:

"Well, I'm a Ham Radio operator. I was the mascot at NMA, a Costal CW Station down in Miami back when I was a young pup. In no time at all I learned the code just lying around listening to code hour after hour while my master was on watch. He would doze off and take a nap during the mid-watch. So, I worked ships and took their traffic so he could rest. When the station closed and he retired we moved up here. He set up his ham station out here in the boonies and I've been using a bootleg a call for years! Heck, I had 5 band DXCC on CW in no time."



The dog went on to say "I thought about going to work for the CIA and do some spy work for them but they were only looking for voice ops to listen in on drug runner cell phone calls which didn't interest me none. So I just stayed here, working lots of DX and doing the CW Operators Club CW T events and CW Contests."

He paused for breath-then quickly added: "Hey, why don't you buy me and we can do some CW Multi-OP contests 'cause my owner gave up doing CW. Now all he does is sideband and those dumb digital modes."

Hmmm, I thought, this would be something to write about in the CW OPS News Letter. So I said: "OK, when your owner comes back I'll see what I can do."

Just then the owner came driving up in a beat up old pickup. When he gets out I walk over and ask him how much he wanted for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars!?", I exclaimed. "That dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him for \$10.00?"

"Because he's dad-burned liar, that's why. I bet he told you about him working ships at KPH, having 5 Band DXCC and a bunch of other crazy stuff. Heck, he never did any of that. He's just a No Code Tech."



— Author Anonymous
Story submitted by Bob W4GJ



ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them.. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

— *Disorder In The American Courts*, a collection of actual statements made in court

Promotion Video for 2014 WRTC Posted on Internet

The World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) is held every four years and consists of approximately 50 two-person teams of amateur radio operators competing in a test of operating skill.

Unlike most on-the-air competitions, all stations are required to use identical antennas from the same geographic region, eliminating all variables except operating ability.

The WRTC Sanctioning Committee is responsible for choosing the sponsor and location for each event. Previous WRTCs have been held in Seattle (1990), San Francisco (1996), Slovenia (2000), Finland (2002), Brazil (2006), and Russia (2010).

Hosting rights for the 2014 WRTC have been awarded to the New England WRTC2014 Organizing Committee. This organization is a newly-formed independent group, and not part of any existing organization, national society, or club.

To watch the WRTC promotional video click on the link below:

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2011/world_radiosport_team_championship.htm

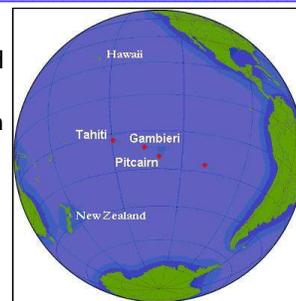


VP6 Pitcairn DXpedition Planned for late January 2012



Operators Jacques F6BEE, Nigel G3TXF, Gilles VE2TZT, Michel FM5CD and Vincent F4BKV have announced a major DXpedition to the famous, mythical Pitcairn Island (OC-044, CQ Zone 32) in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.

Efforts will be made to give this extremely rare entity to deserving DXers on as many bands as possible, but especially on the low bands.



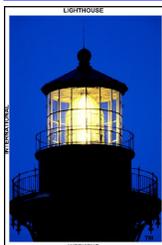
The team's plan is to be active as **VP6T** between January 20-29th, 2012.

Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. The VP6T log will be uploaded to LoTW during the operation if possible, if not immediately after the operation. They try to update their VP6T log on "ClubLog" several times a day during the operation. This will help you track your progress across the bands.

QSL Manager is Nigel, G3TXF. In addition to the usual routes (Direct QSLing, QSLing via the Bureau and E-mail requests for Bureau cards to "QSL at G3TXF dot com"). They will also be using the new "Online QSL Request Service (OQRS) provided by ClubLog."

—Southgate ARC News 31July2011

International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend August 20-21



The **ILLS Weekend** is an [amateur radio](#) event held on the third full weekend of August. The event started in 1995. Today more than 420 [lighthouses](#) in over 50 countries participate each year.

The basic format of the event is that a local amateur radio club will set up a radio station either in, or adjacent to, a lighthouse. They will then operate from that station over the weekend, with the goal being contact other amateur stations, particularly those operating from other lighthouse sites. There is no fixed format, and no competition (such as contacting the most number or most distant stations); rather, the event is simply a networking event between amateur radio groups, with lighthouses as a focus.

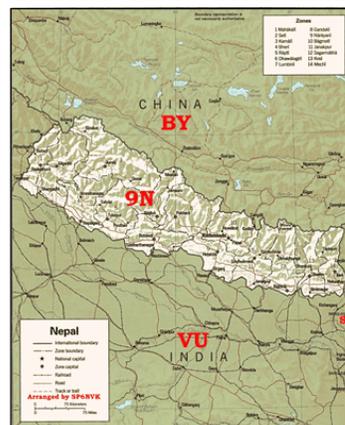
For more information or to register for this ILLS event go to: <http://illw.net/>

—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Lighthouse_and_Lightship_Weekend

Other DX News and Notes



It looks like **Nepal** is one of those situations where we may go from strict diet to a potential feast—in this instance from the present where there is word that **Fernando, WP4FE** has been issued a Nepalese license with the call **9N4FE**. He says he'll be active, occasionally, in his free time at the mission hospital where he's working. Fernando says he'll be on 20 meter SSB with a TS-120S into a Comet H422 mounted on top of a water tank.

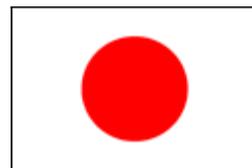


Presently, no one is active in this tiny mountain kingdom that's squeezed between to giants, China (BY) to the north and India (VU) to the south. So this is good news. If you hear work Fernando—and better yet, work him— QSL direct via POB 88, Kathmandu, Nepal.

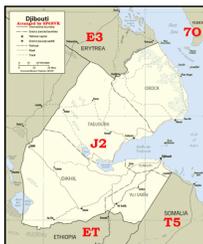
The feasting part could come in November when a multi-national team from the Mediterranean DX Club will hit the airways Nov 13-21 as **9N0MD**. Check out their website: <http://www.mdxc.org/nepal2011/> Activity supposedly will be on all bands and all modes. Stay tuned.



The 'other' JDI is being spotted now and then...**JDI/JG8NQJ** is operating now and then from Marcus Island in the **Minami Torishima** group (OC-073 for those involved in the NFDXA cub marathon). **Take** is there until mid-October, then is away until late December when he returns. Presently, Take has been spotted on 30 and 17 meters, but after December he'll be active on all bands. will post to an on-line log: <http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?jdl-jg8nqj>. QSL route direct via JA8CJY or by the bureau.



One operator in **TZ6 Mali** shows up now and then. That's **Tom, TZ6TR**, a German ham working for a development company in the Tomboutu region with an IC-706MKIIG into several wire antennas 80 through 6 meters SSB. Thus far Tom has QSL'd only through eQSL which is not accepted for DXCC credit. However, for all those who want a paper QSL for DXCC credit Tom says he'll post an address soon on QRZ.com. He is NOT going to reveal his German call to avoid QSLs being sent to the wrong address.



J28FJ is now active from Djibouti City on 40 through 10 meters SSB and will be there until next spring. The op is **Jacob**, whose state-side call sign is **KB0ZIA**. He says he's kinda new to the "DX thing" and that it's going to be a learning experience as this is the first time he's operated outside the US. Jacob's using a Yeasu FT-857D with an Atlas-120 and hopes with additional equipment to work some digital. QSL via the KB0ZIA CBA.



The ever-elusive Monk Apollo continues to be just that at this writing; elusive! In late July and early August he was reported operating SSB from the monastery at Mt. Athos on several bands including 20, 10 and 6 meters. Most of the time he's been on around 1800Z. **The Daily DX** (<http://www.dailydx.com>) notes the frequencies where he's been active include 14.245, 28.460-28.480 and 50.155-50.165 MHz. If you happen to 'catch' him QSL via his call book address.



— Flag and map illustrations from <http://www.hamatlas.eu/index.php?setlang=ENG&lang=ENG>
 — Monk Apollo and Monastery photos from <http://www.qrz.com/db/>

NG3K August 2011 DX Calendar (Edited) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Start	End	Entity	Call	QSL Via	Details
2011 Aug01	2011 Aug17	American Samoa	KH8 [spots]	WA8LOW Direct	By WA8LOW + others as WA8LOW/KH8 + others; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; yagis on 40-6m, verticals on 160 and 80m; high power
2011 Aug02	2011 Aug20	Bolivia	CP6 [spots]	LotW	By DF9GR as CP6/DF9GR fm Santa Cruz; 80-10m; CW SSB PSK RTTY; QSL also OK via DF9GR, Buto or direct + eQSL
2011 Aug05	2011 Aug10	Belize	V3IUB [spots]	LotW	By KU5B; 80-6m, perhaps 160m; SSB CW + digital; QRV for NAQP CW; QSL also OK via KU5B
2011 Aug05	2011 Aug14	Benin	TYIKS [spots]	LotW	By EA3QS IZ4AKS IW3SQY IZ8GCE IT9YVO fm Grand Popo; HF + 6m w/ focus on low bands; QSL also OK via IZ8IYX + OQRS
2011 Aug07	2011 Aug21	Madeira	CT9 [spots]	IK2DUW	By IZ2DPX as CT9/IZ2DPX fm AF-014; HF, perhaps 6m; QSL OK via Buro or direct; fm CR3L station
2011 Aug08	2011 Aug11	Gibraltar	ZB2 [spots]	VA3ITA	By VA3ITA as ZB2/VA3ITA; 6 2m; SSB CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Aug08	2011 Aug21	Balearic Is	EA6 [spots]	LotW	By EA3PT as EA6/EA3PT fm Minorca; 40-10m, focus on 17m; SSB; holiday style operation
2011 Aug09	2011 Aug16	Guernsey	MU0MCV	M0MCV	By M0MCV fm EU-114; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Aug11	2011 Aug15	Sint Maarten	PJ7	LotW	By AF6WU as PJ7/AF6WU and KJ0DVA as PJ7/KJ0DVA fm NA-105 (WLOTA 0711); mainly 20 17 15m; SSB
2011 Aug13	2011 Aug20	Market Reef	OJ0UR	M0URX	By PD9DX ON8AK ON5UR fm EU-053 (ARLHS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH OJ0-001, WLOTA LH-0542, Admiralty C4472)
2011 Aug17	2011 Aug24	East Kiribati	T32JB	15JHW	By 15JHW fm Christmas I; SSB CW RTTY; holiday style operation
2011 Aug18	2011 Aug25	Sint Maarten	PJ7ROJ	LotW	By JH1ROJ fm NA-105; HF; CW SSB; 500w; HF6V + yagi
2011 Aug19	2011 Aug28	South Cook Is	E5IAAO		By ZL1AAO fm Rarotonga (OC-013); holiday style operation
2011 Aug21	2011 Sep08	Curacao	PJ2 NEW	Home Call	By DL1THM as PJ2/DL1THM, DH2AK likewise fm (SA-099, WLOTA LH-0942); holiday style operation; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2011 Aug22	2011 Aug30	Turkey	TA4	ON6ZK	By ON6ZK as TA4/ON6ZK; mainly 14.060 MHz, CW; 5w; whip; holiday style operation
2011 Aug27	2011 Sep03	Market Reef	OJ0CC	LotW	By PA3ALK PA3BAG PA2A PA2AM fm EU-053 (ARLHS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH OJ0-001, WFF OHFF-038, WLOTA 0542, JP90nh); HF; SSB CW RTTY PSK; QSL also OK via PA2A, Buro or direct + eQSL
2011 Aug29	2011 Sep30	Crete	SV9	WB2GAI	By WB2GAI as SV9/WB2GAI/p fm Chania (EU-015); 80-10m; CW; US QSL direct, others via Buro
2011 Aug30	2011 Sep06	Luxembourg	LX	PA1AW	By PA3EWP as LX/PA3EWP, PA9JO PA7FM PA1AW likewise; 160-2m; all modes

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Start/End	Entity	Call	QSL Via	Details	
2011 Sep01	2011 Sep10	Liechtenstein	HB0 NEW	OK1XD	By OK1XD as HB0/OK1XD; 80-10m; focus on digital; QSL OK direct, but Buro preferred
2011 Sep01	2011 Sep30	Rotuma	3D2CJ	HL5FUA	By HL5FUA 6K2GCW fm OC-060; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; begin and end dates uncertain
2011 Sep01	2011 Nov30	Egypt	SU	HA3JB Direct	By HA3JB; HF; CW RTTY PSK31, some SSB
2011 Sep02	2011 Sep14	Malta	9H3JN	PB2JJ	By PB2JJ; 80-10m; mainly CW, some SSB
2011 Sep04	2011 Sep09	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ6 NEW	K5WW	By K9VV as PJ6/K9VV fm Saba I; mainly CW, perhaps SSB; 100w; wires; holiday style operation
2011 Sep05	2011 Sep11	Gibraltar	ZB3M	ZB3M Direct	By ZB3M; SES for Gibraltar National Day; see qrz.com for QSL info
2011 Sep14	2011 Sep19	Svalbard	JW9DFA	LotW	By LA9DFA fm Spitsbergen (EU-026); HF, possibly 6m; mainly CW, some RTTY SSB; QRV using JW3C for Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW (Sep 17-18); QSL also OK via LA9DFA, Buro or direct
2011 Sep15	2011 Sep22	Lesotho	7P8JK	WB6OJB Direct	By WB6OJB
2011 Sep16	2011 Sep26	Timor Leste	4W6A	LotW	By VK8NSB 9M6DXX (also 4W6AA) 9M6XRO VK8DX MW0JZE M0URX VK2IA fm Atauro I (OC-232); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 4 stations; verticals; QSL OK via M0URX, Buro or direct

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY (September 24-25, 2011) Check here for pre-contest activity too.

2011 Sep24	2011 Sep29	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP NEW	G3ZAY	By G3ZAY as FP/G3ZAY fm Miquelon I (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417, GN17tc); HF; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Sep27	2011 Oct07	Rotuma	3D2R	YT1AD	By YT1AD K3LP K1LZ PY5EG N6TQS UA4HOX SV2BFN WD5COV N6PSE AA4NN VK3FY VK3FGRC VK3FT RZ3AA YU7AV YT3WW; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY SSTV PSK31
2011 Sep28	2011 Oct05	Svalbard	JW8DW	LotW	By LA8DW fm EU-026; QSL also OK via LA8DW, Buro or direct (w/ IRC + SAE -- no GS)
2011 Sep28	2011 Oct26	East Kiribati	T32C	G3NUG	By Five Star DXers Association fm Christmas I; focus on Europe and low bands
2011 Sep30	2011 Oct12	Vanuatu	YJOVK	LotW	By VK3QB VK3HJ VK3BUF VK3JDI VK3GK NQ7R N6MUF M0HLT fm Port Vila Efate I (OC-035, RH42df); 160-10m, focus on WARC; SSB CW RTTY PSK31; QSL also OK via VK2CA, Buro or direct



NFDXA-CQ DX Full Marathon Standings Aug 03, 2011

Call	Entities	Zones	IOTA	Total
AB4UF	0	0	0	0
K3LB	174	40	80	294
K4EB	232	40	158	430
K4UTE	248	40	161	449
KB4CRT	7	7	4	18
KC4FWS	1	1	0	2
NIWON	185	35	85	315
N4EPD	0	0	0	0
N4GFO	0	0	0	0
N4JBK	0	0	0	0
N4KE	0	0	0	0
N4NN	0	0	0	0
NF4L	151	35	70	256
NU4Y	0	0	0	0
NW4C	72	31	31	134
W4FDA	71	26	28	125
W4GJ	171	36	0	207
WA4B	0	0	0	0
WA4ET	0	0	0	0
WR4K	136	34	69	239

Full-MARATHON RULES

Between 1 Jan 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 a free dinner, including dessert! Who knows, other prizes may be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

DX
The Ultimate Contact Sport

WAE DX CW Contest August 13-14

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Here's your chance to fatten your Marathon country total by working European countries that are trying to work the rest of the world. Don't need any Euro entities? Then work all the world entities that are trying to work Europe! Jump in-the water's fine.



The VP5DX Scorecard—Jim, NU4Y

- 2001 VP5DX Multi-Single Carib/CA trophy ops AB4UF, N4EPD, NF4L, K4UTE, WR4K, N4KE, NU4Y)
- 2002 VP5B won over VP5DX
- 2003 VP5DX Multi-Single Carib/CA trophy ops (AB4UF, NF4L, N4EPD, N4KE, K4UTE, WA4ET, NU4Y)
- 2004 VP5DX won 21 mhz Carib/CA trophy NU4Y operator
- 2005 VP5DX won 21 mhz Carib/CA trophy NU4Y operator; VP5KE #1 North America 28 mhz Op N4KE
- 2006 VP5DX Multi-Two #1 North America score 7,356,720...(It really was multi-single had about 30 contacts due to mis-communication and had to re-classify our log - score was #1 north America m/s)
- 2007 VP5DX Multi-Single trophy, ops (N4KE , NIWON, NU4Y) #1 North America
- 2008 VP5DX Multi-Single Carib/CA trophy.. #1 North America. ops (AB4UF, N4KE, NU4Y)
- 2009 VP5DX Multi-Single Carib/CA trophy ops (AB4UF, N4KE, N4EPD, NW4C, NU4Y) #2 North America
- 2010 Results not out yet. VE3EJ looks like NA #1

Welcome Back KX4WW



Will KX4WW

One of the founders of the group that ultimately became the North Florida DX Association has swapped the heat and humidity of the nation's capital for that of North Florida. **Will 'Willy' Walker, KX4WW** and **XYL Nancy**, now a retired Navy Captain, have completed their move from Washington and are settling in on a 5-acre, soon-to-be antenna-festooned homestead outside of MacClenny. Will has announced on several occasions that his ultimate goal is to put up a world-class DX-contest station at this QTH. In the early 1970s, KX4WW, then WB4EYX, along with W4ORT (SK), held meetings with Jacksonville-area hams who had similar DX and contest interests. These gatherings evolved into formation of the North Florida DX Association. Says Will, "Pres (W4FDA) was in the "first class" of original members along with about 8 others"



Capt Nancy

BAE Systems tests T-shirt antennas

Wired reports that BAE Systems have teamed up with the UK's National Physical Laboratory to measure the efficiency of radiation emitted from wearable antennas embedded into T-shirts.

Wearable antennas could be a useful way of building communications networks in war-zones or of monitoring and transmitting the health of the wearer.

Given that they are worn on the body, it is particularly important to understand their performance. The human body absorbs electromagnetic signals so researchers were concerned that the signal could lose power if worn too close.

Read the full *Wired* article at:

<http://www.wired.co.uk/news/archive/2011-08/01/wearable-antennas>

(Editor's note: One cannot help but wonder what effect the 'shape' of the T-shirt wearer would have on the radiation pattern?)



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Top Photo — C2I Nauru ... This tiny western Pacific island was activated in mid-July by a one-man SSB-only operation as **C2IYY** by Finnish operator Pekka, OH2YY.

The two photo composite on the right shows the only place you'll find people on the barren, windswept, sub-Antarctic island of **Macquarie, VK0M**. Three Hams are currently stationed there. Only one, **Kevin, VK0KEV**, is occasionally on, usually SSB in his spare time 0530-0645Z (14.205) and 0745-0845Z (7.138)

The two photo composite on the left is from the 341st and newest DXCC entity, the **Republic of South Sudan** which was recently activated by a QRM-plagued DXpedition, **ST0R**, from the capital city of Juba shown in the top photo. The bottom photo is typical of the rural countryside.

The bottom photo is of a remote US western Pacific territory, **Johnston atoll, KH3**. Controlled by the military, this island was used in the past as a nuclear test site as well as a storage area for poison gas and Agent Orange. However, **Susan, W7KFI**, has announced she has permission to land and will operate from Johnston atoll as **KH3/W7KFI**, possibly by late 2011. Susan's stop at Johnston is part of a planned single-handed sailing voyage leaving Hawaii in the late summer going to Borneo (V8). W7KFI had announced this same activation plan in 2010 but her trip was cancelled due to weather and needed vessel repairs.



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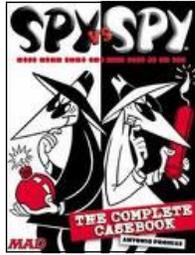
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How many of you remember the old 'Spy Vs. Spy' comic in Mad Magazine? Well here's something that reads like it's right out of that genre. Its a story about the Internet foreign intrigue that will leave you smiling and maybe wanting something sweet to eat.

According to published news reports, British spies successfully hacked into an al-Qaida web-site to replace instructions on how to build a bomb with – ready for this? Recipes for making cupcakes!

Nope, we are not kidding. The cyber offensive reportedly took place last year when the English language magazine aimed at Muslims in the West called Inspire was launched by supporters of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

British intelligence officers based at the Government Communications Headquarters, which is the state eavesdropping service, attacked the 67-page magazine, leaving most of it garbled. Instead of being able to read how to "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom," readers were greeted with computer code which actually contained recipes from The Best Cupcakes in America, published by U.S. talk show hostess Ellen DeGeneres.

The Washington Post reported that the British action followed a dispute between the CIA and the newly formed U.S. Cyber Command. The cyber unit had wanted to block the al Qaeda magazine but the CIA, which had countered such an attack, would expose sources and intelligence methods, won the debate and declined to allow an attack on Inspire. So the U-K did it for them and reports say that it took almost two weeks for magazine to post a corrected version after it had been sabotaged.

An unnamed British security source said the Washington Post report was accurate but could not confirm details of the reported cupcake operation.

— *Southgate Amateur Radio News, Amateur Radio Newslite, various published news reports*



The Last Word



We in the amateur radio community owe a very large apology to the operators and sponsors of the recently concluded STOR Dxpedition. In all my years as an active Ham operator—and I'll even toss in the 25 years I was inactive—I've never heard such a deplorable mess. 'Keystone' Frequency Cops are bad enough but there's no excuse for the ongoing deliberate QRM.

The STOR team devoted considerable time, effort and a lot of money to provide us, the so-called 'deserving', with a brand-new, never-worked-before DXCC entity from a place ranked as one of the most dangerous and disease-ridden in the world. Sadly, the response from a noisy minority in our Ham community was childish, petulant behavior more suited to an Animal House imitation than the airwaves.

No doubt, the 'Big Guns' were able to crash through. But I wonder how many Qs were lost to the little pistols? Supplying everyone with a new country was the principle stated goal of this DXpedition.

Simply put, Ham Radio, particularly those of us who dare claim to be DXers, had better clean up some segments of our act before someone does it for us. — **Warren NW4C**