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The NFDXA Newsletter



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NFDXA June Birthdays

Steve WA4B June 26

Larry K4EB June 22

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New DX Award Announced - \$1000 Prize to the Winner 'Cass Award' to Honor the late WA6AUD

Information on a new DX award has been released. "The Cass Award" has the goal of encouraging Dxpeditions to maximize the number of DXers they work by presenting a \$1,000 prize to the single -operator DXpedition that works the *most unique call signs* within a 4-week interval. The winner will be announced in March 2013.

The award is named in honor of the late Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, founder and publisher of the legendary West Coast DX Bulletin from 1968 to 1979. The publication featured the usual DX and propagation information. What made it different was Cass' editorial style—he injected a unique combination of humor and philosophy into the DX topics of the day, many of which were controversial. As often as not his target was the ARRL, especially where its policies related to DX. 'Cass', as he was known to his friends, introduced fictitious characters to illustrate pertinent points in arguments, characters with names that still live in today's DX lexicon, like the 'Old Timer' and the 'QRPer', etc.,

For more information on the Cass Award visit the Cass Award web site at www.CassAward.com.



Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD (SK)

June Meeting at WFDA QTH

The June 16th meeting of the NFDXA will be held at the Ward Creek QTH of Pres Graham, W4FDA.

Burgers and what-not are on the menu. Be sure to RSVP at <http://nfdxa.com/meeting/> at your earliest convenience.

A map and directions to Pres' place are on page 6.

1A0C QRV July 1-4

Seldom does an entity that ranks so far down the 'most wanted' list cause as much DX excitement as the appearance of someone operating from 1A, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Thirty years have passed since 1A made its way onto the DXCC list. An upcoming activation by an International team looks to celebrate the uniqueness of this event.

July 1-4 listen for **1A0C operating** from Santa Maria del Priorato, home of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

The call sign belongs to the "The Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps (CISOM)", an organization specialized in bringing assistance and relief during emergencies. This underscores the dual value of this activation. The team's aim, in fact, is to raise funds – thanks to donations and contributions from QSL requests – in order to buy radio equipment which The Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps volunteers will be able to use in case of emergencies.

They will be active on HF+6m and the QSLs for contacts with 1A0C can be requested via Francesco Cozzi, 1A0Z.

A website will be posted online soon.

– DX World

10AC QSL





NFDXA OFFICERS 2011

The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is a group of Amateur Radio Operators located in north Florida and south Georgia whose interests are DXing and Contesting. NFDXA meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at a place selected by the meeting organizer. Officers elected for the calendar year 2012 are:



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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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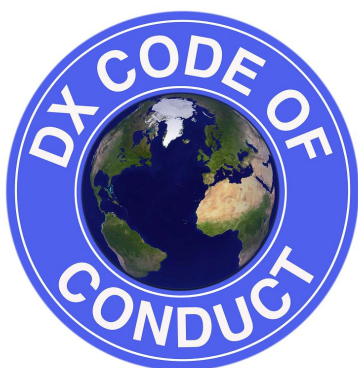
NFDXA Attendance at April 21 Meeting

| Name | Call | # Attending | Name | Call | # Attending |
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| Steve Brown | AB4UF | 0 | Dale Conner | N4NN | 0 |
| John Hale | AC4ET | 0 | Billy Williams | N4UF | 0 |
| Larry Bostic | K3LB | 0 | Mike Reublin | NF4L | 1 |
| Larry Junstrom | K4EB | 0 | Dave Mains | NO4J | 0 |
| Dick Hicks | K4UTE | 1 | Jim Iori | NU4Y | 1 |
| John Silberman | KB4CRT | 0 | Warren Croke | NW4C | 1 |
| Jim Hughes | KC4FWS | 1 | Pres Graham | W4FDA | 1 |
| Bill Walker | KX4WW | 0 | Gary Liljegen | W4GAL | 0 |
| Cory McDonald | NIWON | 1 | Bob Lightner | W4GJ | 1 |
| Mike Parnin | N4EPD | 1 | Steve Barber | WA4B | 0 |
| Ron Tivey | N4GFO | 0 | David Price | WA4ET | 0 |
| Joe Barnes | N4JBK | 0 | Robert Frey | WA6EZV | 0 |
| Ron Blake | N4KE | 1 | Dick Knox | WR4K | 0 |

Attendance NFDXA Members 10

Notice to NFDXA Membership

All NFDXA members are requested to go to the club web site and check their entry on the on the Roster page. If any changes in address, e-mail or other information are need please notify NFDXA Secretary Mike Reublin, NF4L (nf4l@nf4l.com) at your earliest convenience.



... Dots and Dashes ...

About five years ago, I was somewhat dismayed as I read an article in the "San Diego Union Tribune" technology section. The article was titled, "Ten Things That Will Disappear In The Next Few Years". Number five on the list was "Ham Radio". The author of this article was convinced that cell phones and video games would totally replace ham radio as the hobby of choice for younger generations, leaving our hobby with just a few old fogies hanging on in our declining years.

Was this guy ever wrong! I offer as proof positive my recent trip to the Dayton Hamvention. First of all, the weather and the venue could not have been better. Obviously, the sponsors of the Hamvention wanted everyone to have a good time. The commercial vendors and the tailgate area were busy, very busy, but not suffocating so. It was really fun to walk among the fellow hams, under their shade tarps, selling "treasurers" for a mere pittance. Where else can you offer ten dollars for something that cost two hundred dollars new, and have a reasonably good chance of becoming the new owner.



Larry, K3LB

Also, this year the exhibits and forums put on by the ARRL and the Hamvention were great. My interest, of course, was drawn to the sessions on DX, Contests, and Antennas. It's a real treat to talk face to face with the folks who put together great contest stations (K3LR and W3LPL) as well as the teams that go to the really tough DXpedition sites.

All this was worth the trip. But the image that sticks in my mind is the line of people waiting to take their license exam. As prone as I am to exaggerate, there was, no joke, a continuous line of well over a hundred young folks. No matter when I walked by the license exam area, there was always a line stretching down the hallway and around the corner.

Many of us have been licensed for over half a century and still get an unbelievable thrill from hearing a DX station respond to our call. Based on what I saw at Dayton, that same experience will be enjoyed for at least another generation or two. Our hobby is changing; not everyone enjoys CW like I do. But the "BIG TENT" of amateur radio looked alive, well, and thriving at Dayton this year. — *Larry, K3LB*



Minutes of May 19 NFDXA Meeting

This meeting was held at Cedar River Seafood, Middleburg, Saturday May 19, 2012
The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Warren, NW4C** at 7:00 PM

Treasurer's Report - **Jim KC4FWS** reported a balance of: \$1253.32

Old business - Members were asked to think about a new contest that would increase participation. Suggestions include "Worked All American Territories", or competing against another club. No decision was reached.

New Business - April meeting Minutes approved as published.

Guests - **David Smith KI4DLS (NW4C)**, **Mike Garcia W1FO (W4FDA)**

Program - Video of T32C Kiritimati 2011 Christmas Island DXpedition

Next Meeting - Saturday, June 16, at Pres Graham W4FDA's QTH; meeting arranger NW4C

Meeting adjourned : 7:21pm

- Respectfully submitted, **Mike, NF4L**, Secretary



Faces in the May 19 Meeting Crowd



NFDXA Members at the Dayton Hamvention



NFDXA's WA6EZV conducted a Fox Hunting forum at the 2012 Dayton Hamvention. Bob, an American National ARDF Team member, says upwards of 80 attended the forum followed by a fox-hunt in a nearby park.



Two other NFDXA members seen roaming the floor at Dayton included club president Larry, K3LB and John, KB4CRT. Neither reported making any major purchases but Larry attended the NIDG forum on the cost of Dxpeditions, saying afterwards he learned a lot. More on Dayton in the Dots and dashes column on page 3.

The After Beryl Report

We are doing OK here in "central" South Georgia. Looks like Beryl has decided to rain most heavily on the folks east of my QTH. Areas right along I-75 got a "little" rain but the folks more than 20 miles east of I-75 got a "lot" of rain. My rain gage has collected 1.7 inches of rain so far and will hopefully collect quite a bit more before Beryl moves completely out of the area. We need about 8 more inches to reach "normal" for the year to date.

No wind here at all; we did lose power a some time during the night (all my clocks flashing 12:00 this morning). A visual inspection of my place shows no antenna damage. All the wires and aluminum are right where they are supposed to be and there is still plenty of "conductivity" in the air. I worked VK9PN a few minutes ago on the first call (love that 40m beam at 100 ft).

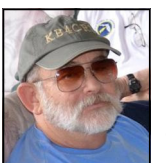
All in all, Beryl was a welcome guest in South Georgia. We would enjoy hosting her again on a regular basis as the summer heat begins in earnest. - Larry, K3LB



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All is fine in Mandarin now that power is steady and not cutting in and out. One neighbor moved his truck to the curb so it would be out of the way of and falling limbs. He did not get any falling limbs but the whole damn tree fell on it! Couple of houses got a few large limbs that fell on roofs. But for the most part, most of the yards are trashed with branches.

Tower and antenna survived. However, antenna is still rotated from the last blow we had several years ago 60 degrees to the east. I had hoped the winds would blow it back to the west. No such luck.....I guess I need to get a climber and plan a tower party to take care of it and do some other stuff on the tower. Later.....Jim, KC4FWS

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Here in Gatorburg it was mostly rain - which we needed desperately - and very little wind. There's some 'deadfall' around my northwest neighborhood, but nothing serious. There is one report of a falling tree hitting a porch on a home in southeast Gainesville, but no injuries. Aside from a few 'flickers' we didn't lose electricity. Hope everyone else is as lucky as we have been. -- Warren, NW4C



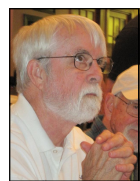
All up antennas are up, all down antennas are down, growing gills. -- John, KB4CRT



Lots of limbs down. All missed antenna and guys ... so far! -- Richard, K4UTE



Just a lot of much needed rain in Melrose. -- Cory, NIWON



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Hope everyone survived Beryl OK. So far all I have is a slightly askew R8. A tree branch fell on one of the guys. I think it'll be OK once I get the guy clear. -- 73, Mike NF4L

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Hello All, I'm really not too far from Mike NF4L but we had heavy rain and strong winds last night. The Towers are ok but I had some large limbs down. All in all not the worse storm I have seen here. Hope you all are safe and dry. -- Ron, N4GFO



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Yard a mess here. Lots of limbs down but high wires still there. Bit of a surprise. It's still raining!
-- Bob, WA6EZV



Nothing to report here, WX wise. No [known] damage. — Bob, W4GJ

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Went outside and checked. Tower is still gone. -- Jim, NU4Y



Cover Photo by N1WON



It would appear that NFDXA's N1WON is a man of many accomplishments ranging from being a top-notch DXer—Cory is the club's latest DXCC Honor Roll applicant—to being an enterprising DXpeditioner when he and WA4ET activated Gitmo on 60 meters for the first time some years back.

Now it seems Cory's become a portrait photographer of note. One of his initial images is that of noted writer James Leo Herlihy, author of such best sellers as *Midnight Cowboy*, *The Season of the Witch*, and *All Fall down*, plus numerous short stories. Cory's picture of Herlihy will be used on the cover of a biography of Herlihy written by Robert Ward and published by the University of North Carolina press.

Cory said he took the picture some time ago when Herlihy had come down to the Florida Keys. He said he'd forgotten about the image

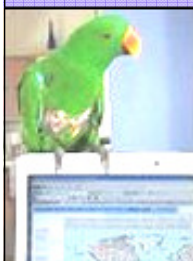
Understanding
JAMES LEO
HERLIHY



ROBERT WARD

until he received a request for permission to use the picture on the Herlihy biography cover. Cory's 'payment' for this job will be a copy of the biography autographed by Herlihy.

KB4CRT/VP2MRT in ARRL VHF 'test



Flash

For those in the club working the ARRL VHF contest keep an eye/ear peeled for NFDXA's KB4CRT who will be operating from a hilltop location in Montserrat as VP2MRT through June 12. Outside the contest, John will be operating on all bands from 80 through 2 meters primarily on SSB and some CW. Also, he's had requests from some PSK operation and says he might give it a try depending on the time he has available. John doesn't know if Flash, the resident free flying Green parrot will be joining his operation this year as he has in the past. "It all depends on how he feels, says John. After all, he's a free flyer." If you worked John QSL via his call book address.



John KB4CRT

How to get to W4FDA QTH

If traveling north or south on I-95, exit at State Road 16 and proceed west until SR 16 intersects with State Road 13. Turn right (north) on SR 13 and proceed to an unpaved driveway entrance on the left (west) side of the highway. Look for mailbox with 7585 on one side and Graham on the other. Turn onto the driveway and proceed about 100 yards to Pres' house. Park wherever but please don't block the driveway.

If traveling south on State Road 13 from Jacksonville continue past the intersection with State Road 16 which will merge with SR 13. Several miles south of the intersection begin looking for a tall tower on your right, slightly west of due south. As you round a curve to the right (see map), Pres' driveway is on the right, just past a speed limit sign. Look for the mailbox. If coming from west, cross the St. Johns River, on the Highway 16 bridge and bear to the right (south) onto State Road 13 at the intersection. Then, proceed as outlined above..



706T and 600CW: All Things Considered by Christian Diemoz, IX1CKN

(Reprinted with permission from the May 23 edition of DX Coffee <http://www.dxcoffee.com/engl/>)

Here's a post DXpedition commentary re the 706T and 600CW operations by an Italian DX blogger. The general theme of this piece is praise for both operations, for all they accomplished in spite of the obvious personal danger involved. Finally, the actions of the 706T team in not working any Israeli stations is discussed in several paragraphs near the end of the article.

— Editor

As the words of this story take form on your computer's monitor, the teams of **706T** (Socotra Island, Yemen) and **600CW** (Galkayo, Somalia) have already landed home. That's why what we're discussing here is most appropriate – as operations came to an end (which gives us basic permission to reflect on any such expedition) along with the safe return of all operators – it's apropos that we reflect on aspects of these two radio adventures which will certainly take their places in the annals of the first half of 2012.



Christian, IX1CKN - QRZ.com

First and foremost, we as an amateur community owe our thanks to these two teams, one a Russian-American led by Dimitri, RA9USU, the other an all Italian team captained by Sil-

vano, I2YSB – thanks for their choice commitments, undoubtedly driven by their passion for DX, but also by elements anything but trivial in their initial assessment.

Sometimes, we as hams tend to forget how to be human. When placed in front of a map we see only colors which would indicate the rarity of a country to the extent which it would apply to DXCC. In regard to this supposition, the activation of Yemen and Somalia could be viewed like this. In the 2011 ranking of "DX Magazine" the first of the two entities was in 5th place worldwide (one down with respect to 2010 entries), while the 2nd was in 40th (destined perhaps to fall even more, considering that a DXpedition there had already been announced at the time of the compilation). In general terms, two activations – yet intrinsically different from one another (**Yemen was but a mirage for decades in the world of radio**, while Somalia wasn't quite as elusive), but still interesting, especially for younger DXers, just starting their career.



However, we should keep the colors of the "[Global Peace Index](#)" in mind, the indicator which is calculated on the basis of 23 principle values (among which include the number of those in prison, total homicides, conflicts internal and external, respect for human rights, political instability and the export of arms) and an additional 32 indicators (participation in political processes, the balance of tourism, the literacy rate, infant mortality and unemployment) – allowing you to create a list of the safest countries in the world.

Now, even reading the report upside down (research of the world's most dangerous places) you realize that the choice of our colleagues was a step that most of us would have struggled to emulate. The 2011 ranking of the "Global Peace Index" (created by "[Vision of Humanity](#)") sees Somalia at the bottom of the list (ranked #153), which thusly conveys the unenviable distinction of "**Most Dangerous Country on Earth**." Yemen, in contrast, is "only" 138th, while still in the top 20 worldwide.

Perhaps, in our pursuit of a new band or mode, we've not had time to reflect on the "how," and "where" it is that Silvano and his colleagues found themselves; in this sense non-existent since 1991, the year that civil war broke out, a government with control of all national territory. Perhaps the effort of getting through a pile-up led us to forget and put aside the attack in 2010 by the forces of al-Shabab at a hotel, which resulted in **the deaths of four members of parliament**. Perhaps, when thinking of our colleagues on the continental mainland, it didn't cross our minds, when two years ago, forty-nine boats, having crossed the waters after rounding the horn of Africa, were **subjected to acts of piracy**, with 1016 members of their crews taken hostage.

As we consider Yemen, we find ourselves focused on the fact that an amateur radio license had not been granted in the last twenty years (this was communicated by us at DXCoffee, thanks to a reliable source). However, even if the street violence situation looks better (but chances for potential terrorist attacks are still 5/5, by that meaning that such an eventuality is certain), we're still talking about a country where visitors each year, seen numerically, account for 2% of the population. Investment in education of the population does not exceed 5% of the gross domestic product (adult literacy at only 60%) and **where hostility toward foreigners is at level four on a scale of four**.

Now we should turn our thoughts on the fact that all the above means, on a conceptual point of view, to leave for a DXpedition by accepting the fact that one's physical vulnerability is not an absolute value, and practically, to plan a budget for supervisory / security personnel. Now, with the radio turned off, with Somalia and Yemen finally in the log (the numbers achieved by the two expeditions allow us to presume that anybody really interested managed to work them), we can **exercise a little intellectual honesty** and ask ourselves whether, in spite of our passion, determination and even a modicum of folly (for ham radio), we would have agreed to leave for one of those two locations.

You can bet that in at least eight out of ten cases, the answer would be "no." This does not mean that the teams of 706T and 600CW are made up of senseless and reckless individuals, with no mind to how this might affect their families. We **should give back in like measure for that which has transpired, by way of thanks and gratitude to the handful of radio stars involved in the activations of Socotra Island and Galkayo**. They have willingly made possible for each of us to conquer one more piece of the DXCC puzzle. There was an implicit acceptance of risk of sufficient magnitude. (Continued next page)

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Some may argue that the stars of such operations are deserving of a page in the history book of amateur radio and that, for an objective such as this one, some risks are worth taking. To such individuals must be said that an OM can be inhuman (**the license qualifies us as operators, not necessarily as "courteous people"**), but if a human being stopped being like this, alas, he could no longer be a ham. Responsibility is the first real virtue of an OM, and our search for those famous "fifteen minutes" (although in this case the duration of 15 days) is not enough, in spite of our freedom to choose; and individual motivations should remain unchanged in justifying even the slightest condition relating to our physical security.

So, the "no" that many of us would have uttered, faced with the question of living such an experience, should respectfully bear in mind the reflections of others in our reading over the past several days, **the alleged communications restrictions** (we have not heard from the team regarding this) in contacts with Israeli stations imposed by Yemeni authorities on the team of 7O6T. Starting with the fundamental assumption that **the Amateur Service is not put into operation by divine investiture, rather by permission of a government entity**; in light of its acceptance and in light of norms which might include specific rules (and normally there are even if it's easier not to read them) for contacts with other countries. This matter of factly begs for an objective approach to the question. What is needed is the ability to look at the issues devoid of shabby moralization and far out solutions, such as calling for non-acceptance of the DXpedition by DXCC (even under the tear jerking premise "that another new one would fall off my list.")



DXCC does not assign values to the level of democracy of an entity; it's not Amnesty International. It recognizes that an activation has occurred in accordance with procedures and requirements and makes it valid for the achievement of the given award. If the license is legitimate and the DXpedition has been conducted with all the necessary elements, recognition is granted and no other element should become subject to evaluation. If, in order to obtain a license, the team is required to accept certain restrictive conditions for certain contacts, we may consider such unethical. However, from our point of view, and we must somehow not allow ourselves to pretend to forget that if these provisions (issued by a competent authority and approved) had not been signed, we would not be here discussing 7O6T because, quite simply, the license would not have made it past the offices of the Ministry of Tele-

communications. **Politics has no place in radio (behind the microphone)** – and this is an inviolable principle and one to defend – but it's impossible, given the nature of a government action, that this does not influence the development of dispositions which regulate radio (which we may not like, but are bound to accept when we are guests of another country).

All the same, talent and creativity are like raging waters: when they storm down into the valley, not a single thing or person is in a position to stop their advance. For this, some have dared suggest the possibility, for the team, not to observe the practice once the station has been activated, and far from the ministerial offices after having formally accepted the provisions, to more or less come up with clever stratagems to circumvent them. Perhaps, somebody didn't notice on the expedition website that the **"Yemen Support Team" included the Republic's Minister of Information himself**. Let's say frankly that violating a rule with a government official in the room would be suicidal. Furthermore, ask yourself if in a country, given the situation we discussed a few lines back, you were to risk a criminal offense out of deliberate inobservance of a rule, what would happen. My guess, once again, is that you would reply with a simple "no" – the kind of answer which would satisfy the question.



Author Christian Diemoz has written 13 articles on a variety of Ham radio-related topics for the Italian Internet DX magazine DX Coffee, <http://www.dxcoffee.com/>. Christian was first licensed as a Ham in 2010. He is now licensed in three countries: KC2YXI (US-General); HB9EYT (Switzerland) and IX1CKN (Italy) where he operates mainly SSB, PSK and RTTY with occasional forays into SSTV. He combines his interests in Ham radio with mountain climbing where he likes to operate portable after reaching the mountain-top. To see more of his writings go to <http://www.dxcoffee.com/eng/author/ix1ckn/>. IX1CKN wishes to thank Mark Kelley, W0BG, for his assistance in translating to English.



Special Event Operations

Now through June 30

VK100WIQ - In celebration of 100 years of Amateur Radio in Queensland, Australia special event station VK100WIQ will be QRV during the month of June. More details can be found at <http://www.qrz.com/db/vk100wiq>.



Now through August 31

RI150V from Russia from club station RK3VVA is now until August 31 to celebrate the 150 years of Russian statehood. <http://www.r3v.ru>.

Now through July 2

SN750K - Look for Polish special event station SN750K to be QRV from May 18 to July 2nd in commemoration of the 750th anniversary of the city of Kresznica. Operators will be SQ1KSL, Weronika, and SQ1KSM, Slawek. QSL via the bureau.

Now through July 5

Special call signs will be on the air for the 14th UEFA European Football Championship, being hosted by Poland and Ukraine. Call signs with these prefixes will be active and there are awards for working them: **3Z2012, HF2012, SN2012, EM2012, EN2012 and EO2012**. They will be on from June 1 through July 5. QSL via UR5GDJ. <http://efc2012.pzk.org.pl/>.



June 12-Sept 12



R200V is a special call from Russia to mark the 200th anniversary of "The Patriotic War of 1812," when Napoleonic France invaded. Look for R200V June 12 until September 12 from historical sites near Smolensk and Moscow. QSL bureau to RK3LO or LoTW and eQSL.

June 18-July 2

VC390IC - In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Kitchener Waterloo Amateur Radio Club (KWARC) special event call sign VC390IC will be QRV from June 18 to July 2nd. QSL via VE3NQG/VE3RGG.

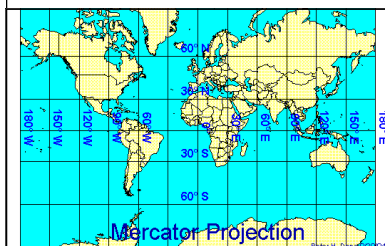
June 30-July 2

EH8TID - This will be a special event of a different sort if all goes well—operating from near the top of a volcano! EH8TID will be QRV from near the top of Teide Volcano, in the Teide National Park, the Canary Islands, the highest point in Spain. Last operation was in 2007 using the call sign AN8TID. To commemorate their 5th anniversary of that operation, and the Teide National Park being added to the UNESCO World Heritage List, the team will be active as EH8TID this time. Operations will take place from the same location as last time: the La Rambleta del Teide, 3555m ASL, and less than 163m from the top of the mountain. The area is highly protected, and therefore; they are only authorized to use vertical and wire antennas and only 100 watts. Operating will be EA8ARG, EA8AY, EA8BFH, EA8BRW and EA8CW. The operation is 80-6M CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. <http://www.eh8tid.tk/>.



Longest call signs ever?

In what has to be one of the longest ever Amateur Radio call sign special event station **YL2012USCARS** (will that even fit in your log?) was QRV from June 1st to 4th for the American Cars Fan Meeting, in Latvia. Another big mouthful could be heard during the American Beauty Car Show in Haapsalu, Estonia June 1st through the 8th when special even station **ES2012ABCS** was be QRV. QSL both operations via ES2TT.



And here's another loooong call sign for an operation that's still underway. Special event station **ON500MERCATOR** is QRV until the end of this year to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Gerhard Mercator, the cartographer named for the Mercator projection world map, QSL via ON7KO.



— The Daily DX

DX News —North America



Wild Ponies on Sable Island

SABLE ISLAND CY0

As many of you have no doubt read/heard CY0/VE1AWW on Sable Island is now QRT until November at the earliest. Station operator Al Wilson took down his radio towers and antennae after a migrating Tern was found injured on the ground near one of the structures. According to Alan it was the opinion of the Migratory Bird Sanctuaries administrators that if a protected tern dies by striking his tower or antenna he would be open to prosecution. There-



Tower, Antenna on CY0

fore, he decided not to put his antennas back up until November when the terns will have migrated off the Island. Sable Island is located some 190 miles southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia in the Atlantic Ocean. The island's year-around residents are approximately five people and numerous wild Sable Island ponies living among the shoreline's wind-swept sand dunes.

SAINT PAUL ISLAND CY9M



Wreck divers at Saint Paul Island

Preparations continue for a full-scale DXpedition in late July to Canada's remote Saint Paul Island in the Gulf of St Lawrence. Still to be decided is exactly where the team will land or where stations will be set up. Despite its being only 15 miles from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Saint Paul is uninhabited. It's small, barely three miles long by a mile wide. It's located in the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and is frequently fogbound. Historians have documented over 350 shipwrecks around the island.



CY9 Saint Paul Island

Shipwreck diving is a big business here. From a navigational standpoint it's a dangerous place and most mariners steer clear of it. There are steep cliffs on all sides which present a major obstacle for anyone trying to get from a boat to shore. Deep ravines and other natural obstacles make travel across the island difficult. All that being said the CY9M team expects to be on the island July 26th and QRV for 5 or 6 days. Saint Paul is either the 40th or 49th most wanted DXCC entity depending on which survey you follow.

DX News —Caribbean and South America

HAITI HH



John HH2VA

If you need a contact with Haiti for whatever reason John, HH2VA is quite active these days. John is a lay missionary working with a number of Christian organizations and presently is at the Mission Evangelique Baptiste de Sud d'Haiti as a Director of Communications and Information Services. He can usually be found checked in on one of several 20 meter nets; the Canadian Net at 14.122.5, the Maritime Mobile Net on 14.300 and on one of the two currently active hurricane networks on 14.313 or 14.325.



John uses a dipole set up as an inverted V and runs an FT-80C with an output of around 50 watts

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS VP8/S



Oleg RIAN

RIIANF is the Russian club station at Bellinghousen Station, King George island in the South Shetlands and Oleg Sahkarov, RIAN is the chief operator. Oleg says they've been busy setting up the station for the upcoming winter season; that emphasis is being placed on the low bands, especially 160 meters. Oleg says they are ready and have a 500 meter Beverage set up. In addition, RIIANF has a 17 meter vertical and a 3-element SteppIR for 20 through 10 meters. They have already made 6,000 QSOs and have posted a log at <http://www.hrdlog.net>



DX News — Indian Ocean

DIEGO GARCIA VQ9



VQ9 Diego Garcia hasn't been all that active in recent months, but it appears this is about to change. Chuck, W4XP arrives at the naval support facility in the south central India Ocean August 9 and has big plans. When Chuck got his VQ9 license last year he said at lot of the club station equipment at VQ9X was not in working order. The station antennas from 160 through 6 meters checked out OK, as did an AL-1200 linear and a 6 meter amp. However, the station's transceiver was dead. This trip Chuck brought along his personal Elecraft K3 to replace the club station's non working rig. Chuck plans to focus on 6 meters but may check in on the HF bands as time permits.



THE MALDIVES 8Q7



Kuredu Island

Juergen OE4JHW will vacationing on Kuredu, one of the 1200 islands in the Maldives this September where he says he hopes to get on the air as 8Q7OE from the 3rd through the 14th. Juergen says his 'main modes' will be SSB and BPSK on 40 through 10 meters, that his 'mode of choice' at night will be BPSK since it won't interrupt his wife's sleep. This isn't a 'hard core' 24-hour DXpedition but Juergen says he'll try to have 8Q7OE on the air as often as possible. For gear he'll have a Yeasu 857D, 10M fiberglass mast, and ground planes for 40 through 10 including the WARC-79 bands. For a backup antenna he'll use a Buddipole



Juergen OE4JHW

DX News — Asia and Pacific



BRUNEI V8

V84SMD will be QRV in Brunei from Nov 13 - 22nd. The operation is being organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club. 90% of the multinational team will be from the 9N7MD expedition group. The activity will be on 160-10M including the three WARC-79 bands, CW, SSB and RTTY. As many as 18 operators and 5 stations are expected. The gear: Icom 7000s and Elecraft K2 rigs, three 5-band spiderbeams, 80M vertical, 160M inverted L, 40M vertical, vertical dipole for 30 and receiving beverages. Signed on as ops so far are:

FIHRE, F5EOT, F6BIV, I2VGW, I8YGZ, IK2LTR, IK2GNZ, IZ8CCW, ON7RN, UZ2HKC, V85AVE, V85AX, V85TX and YB3MM. QSL direct, bureau or OQRS to IK2VUC. Logs will be put on LoTW four to five months after the operation. <http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd> will be operational soon.



AMERICAN SAMOA AH8



N3QQ, Yuri, is planning to team up with N7RO, Dick, for a one week reconnaissance trip to Pago Pago, American Samoa starting June 27th through July 3rd. While there they will be QRV as KH8/KL7RRC on 7 through 28 MHz in their spare time, as the main goal while there is business. They also plan to meet with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and will be searching for a potential boat ride to the very rare Rose Island (OC-190), which they are aiming to do in the December 2012 to January 2013 time frame. QSL via N7RO.



Next NFDXA Meeting Saturday, June 16 at W4FDA QTH

Am I a Lid? By Ronan Torres, F8AFC

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Ronan, F8AFC

I have a transceiver that costs more than my sports car and I don't know what all those knobs are made for. I just purchased it because this is the latest model (and the most expensive one) on the market, but I don't have time to read its manual of operation.

I have a "few hundreds Kg" antenna up on a giant tower (I know, I'm lucky) only because I wanted to be the "biggest gun" in my area. I don't really care neither how it works nor what "radiation" and "elevation" angle means; I'm just making report exchanges with it, and I'm happy like this.

I have a super-fast PC connection that allows me to see rare DX before all others. It also automatically configures all my equipment to work it at the first call.

I can even program everything in the shack even when I'm at the office or when I'm sleeping in the night-time. This is very practical indeed to get more slots. I often have good surprises when I wake-up and see some nice low-bands QSO's logged.

I have an "all-codes" reader directly connected to my PC and that automatically spots what it decodes (even if I haven't work the station spotted). I'm now even working on a SSB skimmer ! Of course I have an "all code" coder!

When, exceptionally, I'm within a pile-up, thanks to my super dual/triple/rx/tx VFO's, I'm able to transmit my call a few times in a row while, at the same time, making the "police" on the DX frequency finally hear the DX passing my call.

Even if I don't hear anything I keep on calling simplex and in the split to double my chances. I check afterwards on the on-line log if he got my call OK.

If I'm still not in the log, I do some remote operations.

If I'm not in the log, I use some pirate call-signs to insult the DX operation onto the clusters. "Deaf", "poor expedition", "please go back home" etc are already saved in my cluster spot memory.

If I'm still not in the log after all this, I overwhelm the manager's inbox asking to triple check, asking for skeds in the middle of their nights if necessary, and even proposing a few bucks to get that last green slot that I need when sending my direct 3D-QSL card.

I may have forgotten a few things, please feel free to add any additional examples !

Finally, I just do radio to be the first, the best, and don't care about pseudo "ethics" when being on the air. I am what I am, and I'm proud of it.

See you ... on the air !

Ronan, F8AFC

PS : Hope you'll forgive this "French humor" taste, at least a bit, HI !



Three to Listen For

During this lull between Dxpeditions truly interesting DX seems to be hard to come by. But don't get too complacent as there is good DX out there lurking in the weeds. You just have to listen a little harder than usual.

For example, a really good catch would be **EP3PK** in Iran. **Pooyan** can sometimes be found high up in the CW portion of the 20 meter band—somewhere around 14.050. You'll have to listen pretty close as he's only running 150 watts into an extended double zepp. You're biggest problem if you do find him will be fighting off the Euros. QSL via IK2DUW or LoTW.

In the far Pacific, **KH9/WA2YUN** is on Wake Island but his work prevents him from operating with any regularity. **Colin** has been spotted on 6m and says he'll make an effort to be on during contests. He'll be on Wake for another year.

Finally, don't get your hopes too high on this one but **Sid** says he will have limited operations on PSK and SSB as **XZ1K** from Kwanthoung, Myanmar (Burma) where he does volunteer work in the schools there teaching English. He's been spotted infrequently but with the notation that his signal was extremely weak

Accept challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory — General George Patton

June 2012 DX Calendar (Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)

| Dates | | Entity | Call Sign | QSL via | Source | Details |
|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 2012 Jun01 | 2012 Jun10 | Bonaire | PJ4HZ | K9HZ | DXW.Net 20120527 | By K9HZ fm Kralendijk (SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279, FK52ud); 160-6m; all modes |
| 2012 Jun01 | 2012 Jun24 | French Polynesia | FO | F4EBT | F4EBT 20120415 | By F4EBT as FO/F4EBT fm Tahiti and Moorea I (OC-046); Raiatea I, Huahine I, Bora Bora I, Maupiti I (all OC-067); 100w; holiday style; Direct QSL preferred, Buro OK |
| 2012 Jun03 | 2012 Jun11 | Marquesas | TX5VT | F5IDM | ATDX 20120515 | By F5IDM fm Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, Ua Pou, and Ua Huka islands; 20m; SSB SSTV WSPR |
| 2012 Jun05 | 2012 Jun30 | Marshall Is | V73 | G3ZVW | DXW.Net 20120605 | By G3ZVW as V73/AF6SU from the V73AX club station on Kwajalein; QSL OK via G3ZVW, Buro or direct |
| 2012 Jun06 | 2012 Jun09 | Corsica | TK | IW5ELA | IW5ELA 20120602 | By IW5ELA as TK/IW5ELA fm Calvi; 40 20 15 12m; mainly CW |
| 2012 Jun06 | 2012 Jun12 | Montserrat | VP2MRT | LotW | KB4CRT 20120415 | By KB4CRT fm NA-103 (WLOTA 1475, FK86vs); 80-2m; SSB, some CW, perhaps PSK; QRV for June VHF Contest; US QSL direct w/ SASE, others 2 GS or IRCs |
| 2012 Jun06 | 2012 Jun14 | Bhutan | A52 | Home Call | JF1OCQ 20120424 | By JA1JQY as A52JY, JK1EBA as A52BA, JA3MCA as A52MA, JA1KJW as A52KJ fm Thimpu; 160-6m, focus on 6m (breakable beacon on 50.125 MHz; SSB CW RTTY |
| 2012 Jun07 | 2012 Aug06 | Montserrat | VP2MDD | M0AEP | DXW.Net 20120519 | By M0AEP fm NA-103 (GK86vr); focus on 12 10 6m; SSB CW; QSL OK via RSGB Buro or direct: 11 Ferriby Road, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN18 5LE, UK |
| 2012 Jun08 | 2012 Jun10 | Belize | V31IZ | JO1CRA | ATDX 20120205 | By JR1IZM; HF |
| 2012 Jun08 | 2012 Jun24 | St Martin | FS | LotW | VA3RJ 20120601 | By K9EL as FS/K9EL fm NA-105 (DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383, FK88); QSL also OK via K9EL |
| 2012 Jun09 | 2012 Jun11 | Cuba | T48K | DK1WI | CO8ZZ 20120525 | By team fm FL10mw for ARRL June VHF QSO Party; mainly 6m (w/ 100w + 5 elements), some 2m (w/ 50w + quad) |
| 2012 Jun10 | 2012 Jun30 | United Arab Emirates | A6 | LotW | OPDX 20120604 | By DL9WVM as A6/DL9WVM; 80-10m; QSL also OK via DL9WVM, DARC Buro or direct |
| 2012 Jun11 | 2012 Jun22 | Tanzania | 5H9CP | NK8O | ATDX 20120205 | By NK8O; HF; CW |
| 2012 Jun15 | 2012 Jun18 | Mariana Is | KH0N | JA6CNL | JA6CNL 20120519 | By JA6CNL; 80-6m; CW |
| 2012 Jun17 | 2012 Jun29 | Malta | 9H3ZZ | LotW | N6GQ 20120413 | By N6GQ; QSL also OK via N6GQ |
| 2012 Jun17 | 2012 Jun30 | Iceland | TF | VE3IKV Direct | VE3IKV 20120508 | By W4TAA VE3IKV as TF/VX3T fm the south coast; 6m; CW SSB; 100w; 8 ele yagi |
| 2012 Jun22 | 2012 Jun27 | Guernsey | GU | M0PNN Direct | OPDX 20120402 | By Telford and District Amateur Society as GP3ZME/p fm EU-114 (WAB WV27, IN89qk + other sites); 160-6m + VHF UHF; QSL also OK via G3ZME Buro |
| 2012 Jun27 | 2012 Jul03 | American Samoa | KH8 | N7RO | DXW.Net 20120417 | By N3QQ N7RO as KH8/KL7RRC fm Pago Pago; focus on 40-10m; spare time operation; EU QSL via UA9OBA |
| 2012 Jun30 | 2012 Jul09 | Montserrat | VP2MSR | | DXW.Net 20120519 | By G3USR; HF, focus on 12 10m, also 6m |

Work the DX that **IS** today because you can't work the DX that **WAS**...and the DX that **WILL BE** hasn't arrived yet-**W2IRT**

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| Dates | | Entity | Call Sign | OSL via | Source | Details |
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| 2012 Jul02 | 2012 Aug25 | South Cook Is | E51AND | AB7FS | OPDX 2012050 | AB7FS fm Rarotonga I (OC-013); straight key CW around 14.050 MHz |
| 2012 Jul07 | 2012 Jul21 | Corsica | TK | LotW | F5NQL 2012031 | By F8BBL as TK12IOTA fm Olmeto beach; 80-10m; mainly CW; Jul 14 as TK12IOTA/p fm Lavelli I (EU-164) Jul 18 fm Sanguinaires I (EU-104) |
| 2012 Jul09 | 2012 Jul17 | St Pierre & Miquelon | FP | LotW | DXW.Net 2012032 | By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm NA-032; 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY PSK31; QRV for IARU HF Contest; QSL also OK via KV1J direct or eQSL |
| 2012 Jul12 | 2012 Aug02 | St Kitts & Nevis | V47JA | LotW | W5JON 2012041 | By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts (NA-104); 80-6m, incl 60m; SSB; QRV for RSGB IOTA Contest; also W5HAM using V47HAM at times |
| 2012 Jul16 | 2012 Jul20 | Guernsey | MU | OT9Z Buro | VA3RJ 2012051 | By ON9Z ON3JA ON3NT as MU/OT9Z |
| 2012 | 2012 | Jersey | MJ | OT9Z | VA3RJ | By ON8ZZ ON3JA ON3NT as MJ/OT9Z |
| 2012 Jul26 | 2012 Aug02 | St Paul I | CY9M | LotW | DXW.Net 2012021 | By AB5EB et al, especially 160m and 6m, propagation permitting; all modes; QSL also OK via M0URX |

RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29, 2012) Check here for pericontest activity too.

| August | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| 2012 Aug01 | 2012 Aug07 | Albania | ZA1TC | See Info | TA1HZ 2012050 | TA1HZ fm Durres; QRV European HF Championship; QSL OK TCSWAT, Box 73 Karakoy, 34421 Istanbul, Turkey or via TA QSL Buro |
| 2012 Aug01 | 2012 Aug08 | Costa Rica | TI5 | N0TW | N0TW 2012020 | By N6OPR N0TW as TI5/K6MQ; QRV for 10-10 Summer QSO Party |
| 2012 Aug01 | 2012 Aug31 | Comoros | D64K | IV3DS H | IW3SQY 2012032 | By IW3SQY IV3DSH IZ4AKS IZ8GCE IT9YVO C31CT SP3DOI fm AF-007; 160-6m, possibly including 60m; all modes; exact dates TBA |
| 2012 | 2012 | Do- | SV5 | LotW | IZ2DPX | By I2RNJ as SV5/I2RNJ and IK2IHY as SV5/IK2IHY fm Rhodes; 100w; |
| 2012 Aug09 | 2012 Aug25 | Chagos | VQ9XP | W4XP | DXW.Net 2012060 | By W4XP fm Diego Garcia; focus on 6m w/ some HF; spare time operation |
| 2012 | 2012 | Svalbard | JW | Home | VA3RJ | By LA6VJA as JW6VJA and LA6TMA as JW6TMA fm Longyearbyen |
| 2012 | 2012 | Belize | V31 | AF6WU | ATDX | By AF6WU as V31WU and AF6KJ as V31DV fm Caye Caulker (NA- |

| September | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------------------|---|
| 2012 Sep02 | 2012 Sep10 | Reunion | FR | DF8AN | DXW.Net 2012030 | By DF8AN as FR/DF8AN; mainly CW |
| 2012 Sep04 | 2012 Sep18 | Swain's Island | NH8S | AA4NN | N4AA 2012022 | By AA4NN DJ7JC DL3DXX I8NHJ K5AB K6MM K6TD K9CT KH7Y N2TU N6HC NA6M ND2T NI6T SM5AQD W4BUW W6KK W8GEX WB4JTT WB9Z |
| Sep07 | Sep21 | Niue | ZK2GJ | W7GJ | W7GJ | By W7GJ; 6 2m; EME |
| Sep08 | Nov15 | Niue | ZK2 | ZL1RS | DXW.Net | By ZL1RS as TBD; 6 2m |
| 2012 Sep12 | 2012 Sep19 | Svalbard | JW8DW | LA8DW | VA3RJ 2012050 | By LA8DW LA9HH fm Spitsbergen I (EU-026, WLOTA 0125); QRV for SAC CW Contest (Sep 15-16) |
| 2012 Sep22 | 2012 Oct06 | Hawaii | KH6 | VK2IR | VK2IR 2012021 | By VK2IR as KH6/VK2IR and VK2NN as KH6/VK2NN; 40-10m; holiday style operation |
| 2012 Sep25 | 2012 Oct06 | Conway Reef | 3D2C | YT1AD | DXW.Net 2012011 | By YT1AD et al; 160-10m, incl 60m (5.4035 MHz); CW SSB RTTY SSTV PSK31; QSL OK via Buro or direct |



Greek CW Contest



SV5DKL has posted complete rules for the Second Greek Telegraphy Club (GTC) CW Cup. The GTC will run October 6 at 12Z to 12Z October 7.

The event was primarily conceived by SV1NA/SK.

Complete details on the second running of this contest can be found at this URL:

[http://www.raag.org/
category.asp?](http://www.raag.org/category.asp?)

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MID=10&LANG=EN](http://www.raag.org/category.asp?IT-MID=10&LANG=EN)

--TheDailyDX

Between 1 January, 2012 and 30 June, 2012 work as many DX stations as you can, all bands, all modes. There are 14 possible points for each DX entity. Put in your contacts from the first of the year. Go to <http://nfdxa.com/2012/>, log in, click on your call sign, make your entries and click the "Log It" button. To delete a call, uncheck all three modes on your log page and click the "Log it" button.

| Call Sign | Country/ Modes | Bands | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| AB4UF | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AC4ET | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K3LB | 148 | 304 | 452 |
| K4EB | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K4UTE | 355 | 575 | 930 |
| KB4CRT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KC4FWS | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KX4WW | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NIWON | 10 | 20 | 30 |
| N4EPD | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N4GFO | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N4JBK | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N4KE | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| N4NN | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N4UF | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NF4L | 14 | 19 | 33 |
| NO4J | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NU4Y | 33 | 40 | 73 |
| NW4C | 19 | 22 | 41 |
| VP5YZ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| W4FDA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| W4GAL | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| W4GJ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WA4B | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WA4ET | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WA6EZV | 330 | 694 | 1024 |
| WR4K | 202 | 332 | 534 |

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National Geographic—Our Sun and Socotra



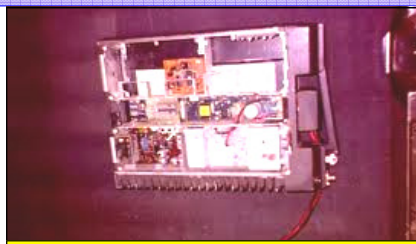
The June issue of National Geographic magazine features two articles that DXers might have an interest in. The cover story is about the sun and contains some great images from the Solar Dynamics Observatory. Towards the back of the issue is a short piece on Socotra Island, site of the recent 706T DXpedition. Too bad the June issue came out after the 706T effort which ended May 15. In case you don't subscribe to National Geographic check with your public library. Chances are they have it in their reading room.

GB3WGI: UK TO NORTH AMERICA 2 METER BEACON COMING SOON

A new United-Kingdom based trans-Atlantic beacon is coming to the 2 meter band. Located at Lough Navar Forest in Northern Ireland at a height of 1145 feet above average terrain, the GB3WGI beacon will have a clear take off over the sea toward North America. The system will radiate on 144.487MHz initially with an Effective Radiated Power 100 Watts relative to a dipole, with plans to increase this if licensing allows.

This new propagation beacon is being made possible by a donation of a transmitter by Brian Justin, WA1ZMS, the man behind the US 70MHz beacon, and United Kingdom Notice of Variation holder, Gordon Curry, G16ATZ who is providing the site and site services. No date has been announced for the installation of the beacon, but plans are already under way.

The Notice of Variation is the U-K equivalent to a United States Special Temporary Authority. It was issued by telecommunications regulator OFCOM on May 18th.



2M Transatlantic Beacon

TZ Mali QRT...for awhile

If TZ Mali is on your 'want list' it looks like it is going to be there for some time to come. The Italian group that had hopes of activating Mali last April had to cancel at the last minute when the country's government was suddenly overthrown by a military coup. The military felt the government wasn't giving it enough support to fight Tuareg rebels who had gradually taken over much of eastern Mali which is mostly desert.

Now it seems the rebel Tuaregs have allied themselves with a desert group that has known ties to al Qaeda and proclaimed: "The Islamic Republic of Azawad is now an independent and sovereign state." Does this mean we now have two Malis al la Sudan?

Things could get interesting at the DXCC desk if this drags on.

Late Word Sunday 10 June from VP2MRT

Hi Warren

Bands started out non existent but yesterday they became somewhat usable but noisy. Not many Qs so far but the week is only half over. Flash came to visit yesterday. Not quite as friendly and not often, because, he has a girl friend! Not a mate yet but well see. She's bossing him around the aviary, Funny how all nature seems to be the same! Small photo attached. Now if that doesn't look henpecked, I don't know what does. Later — John VP2MRT



Flash and 'Friend'

ODDS ENDS

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DX World of Ham Radio

(<http://www.dx-world.net/>),

The DX Magazine (<http://www.dxpub.com/>),

DX Italia (<http://www.dxitalia.it/>),

DARC DXNL (<http://www.dxhf.darc.de/>),

Pete's DX Newsdesk (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>),

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Finally, off air and word of

mouth from those who turned

on their radios, operated and

then told **The PileUp** what

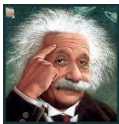
they heard.

— NW4C

It's the Law!

Law of Gravity

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.



Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.—Albert Einstein

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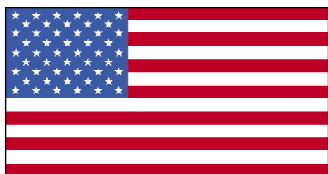
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And so it goes . . .

Technology



After having dug to a depth of 10-feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years. They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a working telephone network more than 150-years ago.



Not to be outdone by the Brits, in the weeks that followed an archaeologist in America dug to a depth of 20 feet. A story was subsequently published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of copper wire 250-years old, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50-years earlier than the British."



Well hell, Marconi was Italian and they wouldn't be outdone, so the famous Italian archaeologist Guido Renaldo was contacted to do a dig. Guido reported that after digging as deep as 30-feet in his backyard in Padua, Italy, he found absolutely nothing. Guido has concluded that as of 250-years ago, Italy had already gone wireless.

— *Anonymous*

The Last Word—Stirring the Pot

Sometime during the night of June 8th an image of Number 2 Most Wanted Navassa showed up in my mailbox with the notation "Watch This Space!"

Talk about a wake-up call! It's been kind of quiet DX-wise at the NW4C QTH and just the thought no matter how remote that a Navassa operation might soon be in the offing was enough to start all the chat rooms a-buzzing. FWIW the particular image I'm referring to is posted at <http://kp1.us/>. Supposedly the domain belongs to a Ham who was involved in a previous Navassa operation. Now a lot of people are running around in circles trying to connect the dots.

I'm not claiming to have any special insight on when a Navassa operation will take place. I'm only certain that one WILL take place, most likely it will be within the next year or two. It's no secret the group that activated K5D Desecheo is one of several seeking permission to activate Navassa. There are others but the K5D organization demonstrated how it could be done.

So much depends on the permitting process and getting it right—all the i's dotted and t's crossed. It's time consuming...and then after all this work the powers that be will select the applicant, a time frame approved, and the official announcements made.

In the meantime, a little 'tease' now and then will keep the interest up—such as the posting of a mysterious map saying 'watch this space'. This will keep the chat rooms buzzing and the DX nets humming.

Stirring the pot, it's all we've got at the moment. It will have to do until the real thing comes along. Until then, may the good DX be yours.

—**Warren, NW4C**