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CQ WW Officially Moves to Ban Post-Contest Log Massage With Rules Change for 2012 CQ WW DX

—by Jamie Dupree NS3T radio-sport.net



The CQ WW Contest Committee has made a rule change for the 2012 CQ WW DX Contests that seeks to crack down on post contest log changes. In addition, logs must now be submitted within five days after the contest ends.

The 'non-messaging' portion language in the CQ rules change reads: "13. Post-contest correcting of call signs by using any database, recordings or confirming QSO's is not allowed (Rule XII.2 always applies)".

The message there is very clear, that post-contest log cleanup by using outside aid - whether it is call sign databases or recordings of the contest are now clearly considered against the rules.

The reference to "Rule XII.2" is important as well, because that contains new language that could mean a variety of things to CQ WW competitors and their logs: "2. All sent and received exchanges are to be logged. In addition to the number exchange, the call sign sent by an entrant during a completed exchange, must be logged as sent by the entrant. All QSO exchanges must be logged upon QSO completion."

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ZK2 Now E6A-E6Z

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has changed the Call Sign Series (prefix) for the Pacific island of Niue. The self-governing island nation of 600 people has been in free association with New Zealand since 1974, using the ZK2 prefix. The new prefix block is E6A-E6Z. Don't forget to change your logging, contest and propagation software.

—The Daily DX, DX Coffee

Next NFDXA Meeting Aug 18

The August meeting of the NFDXA will be at the St Johns Seafood and Steaks Restaurant on Lane Avenue in Jacksonville.

Socializing begins at 5 pm. Be sure to RSVP (<http://nfdxa.com/meeting/>) so meeting organizer Mike, N4EPD, can tell the restaurant how many to prepare for.

St. Johns
Seafood & Steaks



VP5DX 2011 CQ WW Winner

It took a while but the results are now official. CQ contest officials have confirmed what the NFDXA team had suspected - but not certain of until the official results are announced. VP5DX is again the winner of the Caribbean/Central America portion of the 2011 CQ WW DX SSB Contest.

Kudos to the 2011 VP5DX NFDXA team of Ron, N4KE, Jim, NU4Y, Steve, AB4UF and Mike, N4EPD.



Ron N4KE Jim NU4Y Steve AB4UF Mike N4EPD

NFDXA members interested in making the 2012 VP5DX trip should get in touch with Ron.

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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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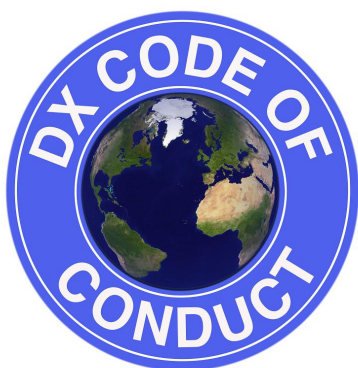
NFDXA Attendance at Meeting

Name	Call	# Attending	Name	Call	# Attending
Steve Brown	AB4UF	0	Dale Conner	N4NN	0
John Hale	AC4ET	0	Billy Williams	N4UF	0
Larry Bostic	K3LB	1	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	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	1
Cory McDonald	NIWON	1	Steve Barber	WA4B	0
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	1	David Price	WA4ET	0
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	1	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	1
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	0	Dick Knox	WR4K	0
Ron Blake	N4KE	0			

Attendance NFDXA Members 12 Guests 2

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 ...

The Saint Paul Island (CY9M) DXpedition was a great event for those of us who were not active the last time that particular "rock" was on the air. And judging from the initial pileups on the CW bands, there were a lot of us who wanted to get CY9 in the log. In fact, the CW pileups were so ferocious the first day that I resorted to making my first two QSOs with them on SSB. I'm not particularly proud of having had this moment of weakness, but the two QSOs are in their on line log so I might as well admit to it. After all, what is an anxious DXer to do when there is a CW pileup 10Khz wide that is 20db over 9. All in all, I thought the operators were outstanding, both on SSB and CW. All my CW calls were answered after having sent my call just one time. Also, it feels pretty good knowing that NFDXA has made a significant contribution in support of DXpeditions through our recent contribution to the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF).

Just a quick word about antennas (my second favorite topic after "working DX"). My beam covers 40m, 20m, 17m, and 15m (I have a dipole at 40 ft for 30m). At the Dayton hamfest I decided to cure my 10m, 12m, and 80m "antenna problem" with the purchase of an off-center-fed dipole. I chose a very well made model by Buckmaster. It's been up now for a couple of months with the center at 40 feet and the ends at 30 feet. The antenna is fed 45 feet from one end and 90 feet from the other end (135 feet total length). I'm feeding it with RG213. The SWRs are pretty good, but I just don't hear many signals. Last fall and winter I heard a lot of signals on 10m and 12m on the dipoles I put up. Am I expecting too much? Maybe some of our old timers (almost all of us fit the category) can share their experiences with OCF dipoles, and what we can expect of them, particularly on 10m and 12m. Is it reasonable to expect to work DX during a sun spot maximum with an OCF dipole?

— Larry, K3LB



Larry, K3LB



July 21 Meeting Minutes—WA6EZV QTH

The meeting was called to order by K3LB at 6:09 PM

Treasurer's Report: Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of \$1461.00

Old business -

K3LB presented certificates to the top three finishers in the half year club contest.

1st place with 1338 points, Bob WA6EZV

2nd place with 1024 points, Richard K4UTE

3rd place with 534 points, Dick WR4K

Two of the three winners (Bob and Dick) did it using stealth antennas.

New business -

Bob, W4GJ announced a new club contest that will run from August 1 through December 31, 2010.

The contest will be between the ops from NFDXA vs. the DX Hogs of Hogtown (Gainesville).

Work an entity once on phone for 1 point, and once on CW/digital for 2 points.

A score keeping site will be available, but not for the start of the contest.

The winning score for each group will be determined by the total of all entrants scores divided by the number of entrants.

Program -

Bob WA6EZV presented the program, starting with a DX Jeopardy quiz, won by Richard, K4UTE who successfully matched 20 of 26 calls with the correct country from a list of 52 country names.

Bob then gave a talk on and demoed some of the equipment used in the sport of ARDF (Amateur Radio Direction Finding).

Bob has participated in national and international contests in China, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, and Kazakhstan, to name a few. He is a two time champion of the sport. ARDF is a combination of fox hunting and orienteering, taken extremely seriously in much of the world.

Next meeting planner: (August 18) Mike, N4EPD.

Guests: Jackie Garcia, Dave Bunte K9FN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

— Respectfully submitted, Mike, NF4L, Secretary.



Faces at the July 21 NFDXA Meeting



Left side-top to bottom: Pres, W4FDA; Larry, K3LB and guest Dave, K9FN; Jim NU4Y and Warren, NW4C; The 'chow' line; Jim, KC4FWS, Mike, N4EPD and Mike, NF4L.

Middle row, top to bottom: Mike, W4FO, his XYL Jackie and Cory NIWON; Bob WA6EZV our gracious host grilling the burgers, beans, brauts and chicken; Mike NF4L and his birthday cake and Bob, W4GJ.

Right side, top to bottom: Ron, N4GFO, Rich, K4UTE and Mike, N4EPD. — W4GJ and NW4C photos

A view reserved for the VP5DX contest team



Take it from NFDXA members who've been there, it doesn't get any better than this—*anywhere!*

This is the view the off-duty ops have from the second deck of Ron, N4KE's beautiful Whale Watch QTH on Middle in the Caicos, better known to the contest world as home of Multiple CQ WW Champion VP5DX.

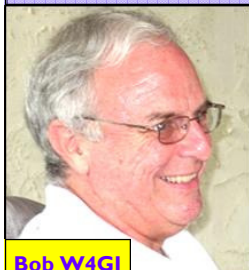
Can't you just feel the soothing touch of a soft trade wind breeze cooling your fevered brow as you sit back relaxed in an easy chair, or stretched out in the pictured string hammock after completing your 'shift' at either the run or multiple stations? Maybe even with an ice-chilled adult beverage (or two) close at hand? Hmm?

The time is drawing nigh for another trip to VP5-land.

Stay tuned and watch this space for details. — AB4UF foto

Fiction and Fact from Bob's Almanac.

What's in a 'Number' . . . 73



Bob W4GJ



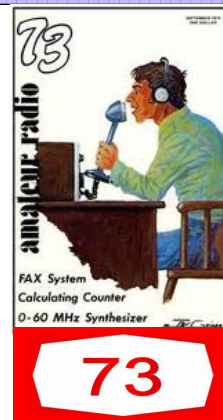
Of course 73 is our amateur radio shortcut for 'Best Wishes' For those of you nerds who watch The Big Bang Theory, Sheldon occasionally wears a tee with 73 on it. Not for ham radio but for: "The best number is 73.... Why? 73 is the twenty-first prime number.

Its mirror, 37, is the twelfth and its mirror, 21, is the product of multiplying — hang on to Your Hats — 7 and 3....

In binary, 73 is a palindrome: 1-0-0-1-0-0-1, which backwards is 1-0-0-1-0-0-1

73, something we Hams have used for years because we also knew it was

'The Best Number'..... 73, W4GJ



73



SHACK SHOTS— K3LB



(L) Operating position at K3LB (Center) Chief Op and NFDXA president Larry, K3LB (Right) Optibeam 12-4W at 100 feet; 10M bi-square.

CY9M Forced to QRT Early



St. Paul Island DXpedition operations as **CY9M** (IOTA NA-094) have ended one day in advance. The skipper of the support boat informed the team yesterday that due to a non-optimal weather forecast the team would have to leave the Cabot Strait prematurely.

As a result, at 1900Z yesterday, the team had to end operations on the 49th most-wanted entity. They broke camp quickly and boarded their boat and left for Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

The DXpedition's totals, some 33,224 QSOs, were posted online within hours of their return on Club Log

where it can be found via the following link: . (<http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=CY9M>). 12,714 of that total were unique call signs.

As expected the workhorse bands were 20, 17 and 15 meters. 760 contacts were made on 160 meters. European ops scored 17,438 contacts overall vs 13,548 Qs throughout North America.

If you worked CY9M, send your QSL request(s) to M0URX.

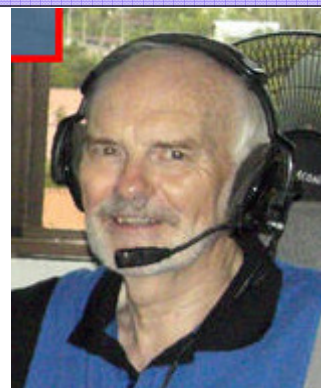
Spratly Redux



Spratly is baaack, sorta . . . The two man operation from the diving resort-hotel on Pulau Lyang-Lyang island is under-way until August 13th. The call sign is 9M4SLL

If you missed the 9M0L effort back in April—and a lot of DXers along the NA east coast count themselves in this category — here's your chance.

Steve, 9M6DXX, shown on the left, and Jim, 9M6XRO on the right have been on since the 7th using an array of seaside-mounted verticals on 80-10 meters and a pair of 400 watt linears. If you've managed to work 9M4SLL QSL via M0URX.



Future Ham? Who Knows



NU4Y's grandson now has a neat gadget to display at his next "Show and Tell" at school, a working, home-made a 'crystal' radio!

Jim cobbled together a tuning capacitor using part of a tinfoil-lined CD jewel case as a stator; then glued tinfoil to a portion of the clear blank disk that comes on top of a CD stack as a rotor, sandwiched the pair and, *viola*!, a tuning capacitor!

Then with the help of granddaddy the 7 year old wound the coil and together they assembled it, tuning in a local am station. However, Jim, says, the little fellow showed more interest in Scooby Doo on TV.



"If it weren't for Philo T. Farnsworth, inventor of television, we'd still be eating frozen radio dinners." - Johnny Carson.

Special Event Operations

R100WWS - 100 years of Russian Air Force (Until Aug 18) You still have time, but just barely. Between now and August 18 **R100WWS** is on all bands and all modes. It's a special event call sign honoring the 100th anniversary of the Russian military air force which was formed on 12 Aug 1912. Operators are members of AFARU and will be working from any areas of Russia. QSL via RV3YR (AFARU #118).

R1812SM from Russia will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Patriotic War of 1812 when the French invaded Russia. They will be on until August 31 from various battlefields in the Smolensk region. QSL direct or bureau to RV3LZ.

R10RLHA from Russia will also be on until August 31 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Russian Lighthouses Award program. There will be activity from various lighthouses, 40-10M SSB and CW. QSL direct or bureau to RAIQY.

Another month-long August special Russian operation is station **R875R** which is QRV in celebration of the 875th anniversary of the city of Roslavl, Russia. QSL via RV3LO.

Outside of Russia there are these special operations . . .

OD5ARMY During the month of August special event station OD5ARMY will be QRV in celebration of the founding of the Lebanese Army. Participants include OD5TE, Joe Tawil; OD5MV, Raja Chehab; OD5NH, Puzant Azirian; OD5NJ, Gaby Mardiros; OD5QB, George Razzouk; OD5QT, Maria Razzouk; OD5YY, Anthy Adossides; with an open invitation to other OD operators. QSL via OD5NJ.

CR5FF August 18th and 19th CT1EJB and CT2JYX will be QRV with special call **CR5WFF** from the Natural Reserve on Berlengas Island (EU-040). They have a Web page at <http://cr5wff.blogspot.pt/>. QSL via CT1EJB.

2012W from Wales, GW, will be on until **September 9**, All bands and modes, to mark the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. More info is on www.2012w.com. QSL to GW1FKY.

4O60GBB In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Bijelo Polje Radio Club (ex YU6GBP) the special call **4O60GBP** will be QRV until the end of the year. QSL direct only via 4O3Z.

DR50DTANGO will be QRV for the 50th anniversary of the Swabia district of Germany until the end of 2012. This counts for special DOK 50DT.

SPECIAL PREFIXES - Canadian ops will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee Year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with special prefixes on **December 29th and 30th**. VA# stations will be able to use the CF prefix, VE stations will use CG, VO stations can sign CH and VY stations may use the CI prefix.

HL0YEOSUEXPO is the special event call sign for the 2012 World's Fair being held in Yeosu, South Korea. (The call sign exchange will be longer than the contact!) QSL via HL4RAZ.



With apologies to Grandma Moses ...

"DX is what we make of it . . . Always has been, always will be."

DX Operations by Area Planned or Underway



DX AFRICA

5T MAURITANIA Seldom-heard Mauritania will be QRV over the Thanksgiving holidays courtesy of a team of six Polish operators. The call sign will be 5T0SP and they plan to be active on all bands from Nov 24 to Dec 10. QSL via SP6IXF.

TZ MALI - (Z21BB/EA4BB, 9Q5BB, D2BB, ST2BF, TU5JL, etc.), Fernando, has departed Zimbabwe and is now taking up a new assignment in the Mali Republic. His longtime QSL manager W3HNNK, Joe Arcure, says Nando will have his license within a few weeks. Jo will send the scanned license to Bill Moore NC1L for approval at the DX Desk. Fernando's new call is expected to be **TZ6BB** and of course Joe will again be handling the QSLing duties. (*More on page 16*)

TT8 CHAD (Oct) - Members of the Italian DXpedition Team have announced plans to be QRV as TT8TT from N'Djamena, Chad in October 2012. Activity will be on 1.8 through 50 MHz (JK72mc) on CW, SSB and RTTY. Plans are to have three Elecraft K3 transceivers and three KPA-500 amplifiers. For antennas they will have two 5 band yagis, 20 meters yagi, two 40 meter verticals, two 80 meter verticals, a 30 meter vertical, a 160 meter Inverted V and a three element cubical quad for 50 MHz. They have a Website at www.i2ysb.com. QSL direct to I2YSB or via the bureau to IK2CIO. You can also use their OQRS.

EL2A LIBERIA (November) Plans are well advanced for EL2A, Liberia, by the VooDoo Contest Group for the CQWW CW contest at the end of November. Some of the operators are likely to be G3SXW, G4IRN, KC7V, KY7M, AA7A and N7CW.

DX INDIAN OCEAN



VU7 LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS (to Aug 22) - **VU7M** is the Lakshadweep Islands call sign for an operation that runs until **August 13-22** and particularly during the August 17-18 weekend. VU7M will also participate in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. The DXpedition has been organized by the Bangalore Amateur Radio Club, which describes the event as a "humble HF station operation". At the same time they are characterizing the DXpedition as "representing the country of India in the annual lighthouse operating event"

which would seem to make it a pretty big deal. VU7 is the 36th most wanted DXCC entity. They will operate from Minicoy Island, IOTA AS-106. Below are links to information on the island: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minicoy_Island <http://wlol.arlhs.com/lighthouse/LAK9.html> and <http://wlol.arlhs.com/lighthouse/IND17.html> Here is a link to information on the lighthouse and lightship weekend: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Lighthouse_and_Lightship_Weekend and <http://illw.co.uk/>



S7 SEYCHELLES (Oct-Nov) - Italian ops IK5RUN, Simone; I5OYY, Danio; and I5IHE, Luca; are heading to the Praslin Island (AF-024), Seychelles in late October and early November for a Vacation DXpedition with their families. This will be Luca's 4th trip and he has renewed his S79LC license. Simone and Danio are waiting to receive their new Seychelles call and have respectively requested S79XX and S79YY. Plans are to be QRV on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 30, 20, 15, 10 and maybe 40 meters between October 20th and November 4th. They will have a KX3, a K2 and an Ameritron ALS-500 amplifier. Antennas include a multiband vertical and dipole. QSL via operator's home call.

8Q7 MALDIVES (October) It's back to Vilamendhoo Island, Maldives (AS-013) for G3VDB, Jim, from approximately October 29th to November 11th for another holiday style operation as 8Q7EJ. QSL via G3VDB.

FR REUNION ISLAND (Sept-Oct) DJ7RJ is going back to Reunion island and will operate as **FR/DJ7RJ** from Sept 26 to Oct 21, 2012. Will plans to operate 160-10m, CW and SSB and will pay special attention to the low bands for US and JA. QSL direct.

DX Operations by Area Planned or Underway



DX ASIA

T6 – AFGHANISTAN (Underway) 9A7TJ, Maj, and 9A3QM, Vlado, have obtained their Afghan Amateur Radio licenses. T6TJ and T6VT respectively. Both are both located in the ISAF camp Marmal in Mazar e Sharif City (capital of Balkh province). Maj will operate mainly on the Digital modes using an FT2000 while Vlado will be mostly on SSB with an FT-857, both using wire antennas. The two are not on holiday, but their activities will be holiday style, workload permitting. Both expect to be QRV until the end of September, 2012. QSL both via 9A6AA.

T6 AFGHANISTAN (Underway) DL4ST, Stefan Seifert, is back in Afghanistan. When he was last there in 2008 and 2009 he was QRV as T6AC. His new license is valid effective July 11th through January 11, 2013 as T6SS. He has been active recently from Mazar-e-Sharif (grid locator MM36oq) on 20 CW running an IC-7000 and Flex 1500 with

RM KL-500 amplifier. Activity is expected to continue on all bands and modes using a Sandpiper MV-6+3 vertical until the end of September. QSL via DL4ST.

9M2 WEST MALAYSIA (Oct) - Starting October 5th JA1XXI will be operating from a seaside holiday bungalow in Port Dickson, West Malaysia as 9M2/JA1XXI. Activity will be on 14.220, 21.220, 28.500 and 50.110 MHz until October 15th. QSL via JA1XXI either direct or via the JARL QSL bureau.

V8 BRUNEI (Nov) Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) are teaming up with the Gemilang Amateur Radio Club for a DXpedition to Brunei in late November. The international team, which is made up of mostly ops from the 9N7MD DXpedition, will be QRV from November 11th to 23rd as V84SMD with activity on 1.8 through 28 MHz on CW, SSB and RTTY. Plans are to have four or five stations with between 15 and 18 ops for a 24/7 operation. They are still looking for CW ops. You can contact team leader I2VGVW, Gabriele, at gabrielei2vgw@gmail.com. DXers who need V8 on any bands or modes are encouraged to take part in their online survey at <http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd/brunei-survey>. QSL via IK2VUC either direct, via the bureau or OQRS. After four to five months they anticipate uploading logs to LoTW.

EY TAJIKISTAN Vladimir, the peripatetic, hamming Russian globetrotter, is now QRV in Tajikistan on 30, 20, 17 and 15M CW as EY8/UA4WHX for who knows how long--maybe a week or two before he heads back to Kazakhstan for more operations as UN/UA4WHX.. QSL both calls via UA4WHX

APPROVED OPERATIONS FOR DXCC (As of July 30)

NCIL, Bill Moore, and the ARRL DXCC Desk have approved the following operations for DXCC credit:

9X0PY	Rwanda - December 24, 2011 - January 7, 2012
H44UD	Solomon Islands, the 2012 operation
S21YD	Bangladesh 1994, 1995, 1998 and 1999

If you have had any of these operations rejected in the past send an email to NCIL, Bill Moore, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, at bmoore@arrl.org. Most likely you will not receive a reply to your email, so check your LoTW account and check the daily standings at <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-standings>.

DX Operations by Area Planned or Underway



NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN DX

JW2 BEAR ISLAND, SVALBARD (Until Nov) LA2US, Erik, is on Bear Island (NA-027) as **JW2US**, until November of this year. He's running an FTDX5000MP, which puts out 200 watts, into a Carolina Windom 40 for activity on 7 through 28 MHz, mostly on SSB and some CW. Bear Island counts for Svalbard for DXCC and the DXCC Diamond Challenge. It does count as a separate country for the CQ DX Marathon.

ARUBA P40 (Until Aug 21) - W6NF, Jack, and XYL K7MKL, Shelley, plan to be vacationing from Aruba at the P49Y rental station until August 21. During the SARTG RTTY Contest Shelley will be operating as **P40S**. Outside the contest the two will be operating casually. Jack's call will be **P40NF** and will be mostly on CW on 20, 15 and 10 meters. "If there is a 6-meter antenna available at P49Y, or if I can find one and get it in the air, I will be spending time on 50MHz in hopes of finding some success working EU/AF/SA in addition to our NA brethren" says Jack. They will be using a K3 running QRO on HF and barefoot on 50 MHz.

PT0S ST PETER AND ST PAUL ROCKS (November) – This expedition coming up in November and it's sponsored by the Araucaria DX Group and the TX3A team (HA7RY and AA7JV). The actual operation is not until November 9 or 10 through the 22nd, or 23rd. Another date refinement is November 10-22 of actual operating, weather and sea

dependent, but time will tell. TAKE NOTE: Radio expeditions have been banned from the rocks but this expedition has received a special permit from Brazil allowing it, which authorities say will be the last one for a long time. The group plans a strong low-band focus with special attention given to 160 Meter QSOs for Japanese DXers. "Well equipped JA stations will be able to work us," the Araucara Group says, "We strongly urge them to be active." <http://pt0s.com/>.

VP8 FALKLIN ISLANDS As of the beginning of this month a newly installed 3-element SteppIR beam should improve VP8LB's signal quite a bit from Stanley, down in the Falklin Islands. Bob now is QRV 80 through 10 meters.

XP GREENLAND (September) OZ1BII will be active from Kangerlussuaq, [Greenland](#) as **XP2I** between September 13 – 17th, including activity in the [Scandinavian Activity Contest CW](#). Henning says he plans CW activity on useable HF bands from the XPIAB QTH. QSL via OZ1BII.

EUROPE DX

9H MALTA (Sept) – Gust, ON6KE, has scheduled a QRP operation on Malta, **9H3AK** that will be QRV September 22-27, operating on 40, 30 and 20 CW with a YouKits HB-1B, that puts out something between one and five watts into a 20M dipole. Look for him between 14050 and 14060 making casual QSOs, plus 10116 and 7040. Gust says he's more likely to be on the air in the local evenings than at other times of day. QSL via eQSL and LoTW only. <http://www.qrz.com/db/9H3AK>.



OJ0 MARKET REEF - One of the more popular European contest and DXpedition locations is the tiny island entity of Market Reef, OJ0, located in the Baltic Sea in the Aland Islands between Sweden and Finland. Finland and Sweden share ownership of Market Reef but only Finland gets to claim it as a separate DXCC entity. The island's signature lighthouse which was built by the Russians, plays an interesting role in the OJ0 story. Here's the link: <http://dxccsleuth.wordpress.com/2012/08/06/the-cartographic-curiosity-that-is-market-reef/>



DX PACIFIC - OCEANA

3D2C CONWAY REEF (Sept-Oct)

A 16-man international team will activate semi-rare Conway Reef (#35 Club Log- #46 DX Mag) on all bands plus 5MHz and 6m/CW-SSB-RTTY from Sept 26 to Oct 6. Details at: <http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html>

NH8 SWAINS ISLAND (Sept) -Craig, K9CT, and Joe, W8GEX, are happy to report that preparations for the NH8S Swains Island DXpedition are on schedule. The 20 man international team should be on the island from September 4, thru September 17. Swains is #31 most wanted worldwide. They will operate all bands with SSB, CW and RTTY. There will be a great emphasis placed in working Europe where Swains is most needed. We will have several receiving antennas aimed that direction. The QSLing will be

handled by Joe, AA4NN, with help from his XYL Margaret. Plans are to upload logs daily to ClubLog.

V84 BRUNEI (Nov) The **November 11-23** V84SMD DXpedition to Brunei now has a most wanted survey for bands and modes at <http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd/brunei-survey/>.

ZL9HR CAMPBELL ISLAND (Nov) This operation is planned for November 28-December 9. The call sign and landing permission have been received. Permission to use the New Zealand Meteorological Service buildings has been received too. Cash deposits are being made for transportation and word of the plans is being put out worldwide. There will be 10 operators. They are funding the upfront costs of about \$100,000, plus the individual operators travel expenses to and from New Zealand for the operation. The boat and crew have been notified and equipment is being shipped by container from Sydney, Australia to Bluff, New Zealand, where there will be a quarantine inspection of the boat and gear. Another requirement is that a New Zealand official goes along. The multiple day landing permit for non-scientific and non-environmental purposes is rare, the organizers say. The official web site is: <http://www.campbell2012.com/>.

H40FN TEMOTU PROVINCE (Dec-Jan) Temotu will be activated **December 22-January 7** by DK9FN, Sigi, who says his flight ticket has already been booked. Sigi's new 12-month license was issued July 3, and is valid until July, 2013. Target QRGs are 1825, 3505, 7005, 10105, 14005, 18075, 21005, 24905, 28005 and 52105. Note the unusual six meter frequency: the explanation is there are no H40 privileges on 50-52 MHz. Also on 160 meters the Te,out privileges begin at 1825. Because of demand, emphasis will be given to 160, 40, 30 and 20M. Sigi notes on the previous visit he worked a lot of 80, 17, 15, 12 and 10.

TX5 - CLIPPERTON ISLAND (Mar 2013) An major expedition to Clipperton Island is planned for March next year, 2013, with up to 24 operators. Cordell Expeditions is organizing it. A TX5 callsign is expected. The large operation will have as many as eight stations and be on all bands and modes, and DXA, a satellite-link system with near real time log updating. So far on the team are KK6EK, DL1MGB, NP4IW, DL3DXX, DJ5IW, SP5XVY and DL8LAS, with more operators being sought. www.cordell.org/CI/index.html

1A0C QSL Card



On the left is a preview of the front and back of the 4-sided QSL card for the July 1-4 **1A0C** DXpedition which made nearly 41,000 QSOs. Euro Qs outnumbered those from NA by a 3 to 1 margin. The four-page card is scheduled to be printed late this month (most of Europe vacations in August) with the first mail out scheduled for late September.

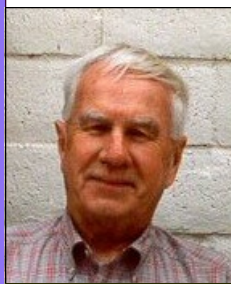
Geography Quiz - Curious Facts About Certain Countries

This is a two-part quiz. Depending upon your definition of what is-is not a country, and whether or not you count Taiwan, as of this writing there are approximately 196 countries in the world. Hams in general and DXers in particular are usually pretty sharp when it comes to countries and Geography. So, NFDXA clubbers, just how sharp are you?

Try your hand at playing this Geography Quiz game. The questions will focus on *little-known* facts and topics that most people wouldn't know about a particular country. Given the complex nature of our planet there are bound to be a couple of facts about the countries in the questions that follow that you will find surprising. The answers are on page 13.



1. Which country do you think covers the most times zones?
2. Which country is considered most likely to disappear beneath the waves?
3. Which country has the most overweight population? Hint, it isn't the US.
4. What country makes its the highways out of coral?
5. Which country has 350 sheep for every person?
6. Name the oldest sovereign state in the world?
7. Which country has the most lakes in the world?
8. In what country are you *least* likely to meet your neighbor?
9. Which country has the largest number of military tanks?
10. Name the country that has no rivers, nada, none?



WA6AUD (SK)

The late Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, published *The West Coast DX Bulletin*, a predecessor to today's Internet-based DX information publications, for an 11-year period from the late 60s through the 1970s. His column, *DX IS*, was a unique blend of humor, philosophy and DX information, usually told in story form with characters that over time took on a life of their own. The "QRPer" was not a 'QRP operator' per se, but rather the typical DX op looking for an answer to a DX-related question of some sort. The ultimate arbiter in all situations was the "Old Man" who had worked everything and had all the answers. Canadian Paul Dunphy, VE1DX, became custodian of Cassidy's 11-year collection of stories copying his writing style using all the same characters to get a present-day DX-related point across. These stories will be featured in the PileUp from time to time beginning this month with *The Pot Stirrer*.



VE1DX

The Pot-Stirrer

One of the local QRPers came around the curve at the bottom of the hill and just stood there, looking up the hill. As we may have mentioned before, living on a hillside has its advantages . . . but it also has its disadvantages. The disadvantage this morning was we couldn't quite make out the expression on the QRPers face. Usually they plough right on up and it's possible to get a look at their expression. This often helps in making the decision whether to get out the ice tea or bar the doors and take the phone off the hook.

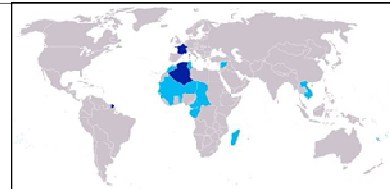
The QRPer stood there, hands on his hips for a full five minutes and then, just as we were distracted by the squawk of the 2-metre spotting repeater, he made his move . . . beating his way up the hill full stride. By the time we had turned back to look his way, eye contact had been made and we were trapped. Not that this was necessarily a bad thing, but our option of locking the door and going into hiding had been lost. The QRPer made it to the verandah and stood looking at us with a pensive stare. In hindsight, even had we studied him with binoculars while he was down on the road, we wouldn't have been able to read a lot from his expression.

The QRPer just sat there and stared and stared. We'd never seen anything like it! This one, in particular, always had something to say . . . he'd always had an opinion on everything DX related. There was cause for concern. "What's up?", we finally asked, for even after all these years we too could be worn down. He just looked at us and continued to stare. We were becoming concerned. Something must have rocked the foundations of the DX world. This was serious. We tried again. "How are the bands?" Nothing. We gave it a final shot; "The ARRL has put the DXCC listings back in QST, right?" The QRPer just looked at us with a blank stare.

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Geography Quiz Answers

1. When one thinks of countries covering multiple times zones the usual suspects are the large countries like Russia with 9 zones, etc. But in this instance if you count *everything* including the mother country's overseas territories and possessions, la belle France (**F**) is the clear leader by spanning a total of 12 times zones ranging from Europe through the Indian Ocean to New Caledonia and Clipperton Island in the Pacific. In this instance the US would be the running-up with its territories and possessions covering a total of 11 times zones.



2. With global warming and the anticipated melting of a large portions of the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic, keeping your head above water will be more than just a cautionary warning in some parts of the world. Extremely low-lying countries ranging from the 700-plus island-nation of the Bahamas to the Netherlands in Europe to delta entities like Bangladesh and the island kingdoms in the Pacific are keeping a very close watch. But no one is paying more attention than residents of the tiny island nation of the Maldives (**8Q**), a double chain of 26 atolls in the Indian Ocean a little more than 200 miles south of India. With an average height of 1.8 m above sea level the Maldives is the lowest nation on earth.



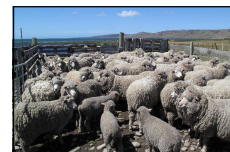
3. No, the United States is not the nation with the most overweight population—although one might be forgiven for thinking so after watching all the 'heavyweights' roaming the food courts in the shopping mall or viewing the endless weight-loss ads on television. With an astounding 95% of its population being overweight the small Pacific island nation of Nauru (**C2**) is the fattest nation on earth by far. Its obesity epidemic is primarily attributed to the importation of western 'fast food' that coincided with the increase in island's standard of living due to its phosphate exports.



4. The island of Guam (**KH2**) doesn't have any natural sand but it has lots and lots of coral. So this long-time US possession makes its roads and highways out of ground-up coral in a mix of oil to create asphalt rather than importing sand from abroad.



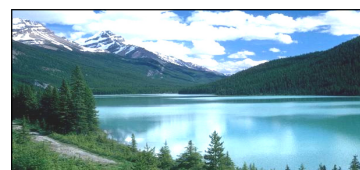
5. When asked this question almost everyone remembers the oft-repeated comment 'there are more sheep than people in New Zealand'. Well, there's another nation that tops New Zealand in the sheep vs a vie people department. It's the Falkland Islands (**VP8**) down off the extreme southeastern coast of Argentina that takes the sheep-per-capita honors. There are 350 sheep for every person on the islands.



6. It depends . . . The answer to the question which country is the oldest sovereign state depends on your definition of a sovereign state. But, if one goes by the 'first acquisition of sovereignty' then Egypt (**SU**) would be the first because its first dynasty was formed in 3100 BC.



7. The country with the most lakes in the world is our friendly neighbor to the north, Canada (**VE**). With over three million lakes, 9% of Canada's total territory is actually *fresh water*! In fact, over 60% of all the lakes in the world are found within the borders of Canada.



8. The least likely place in the world to meet a next door neighbor would be in Mongolia (**JT**). At only 4 people per square mile Mongolia has the distinction of being the least densely populated country on earth. In contrast, consider Hong Kong. The Mong Kok district of Hong Kong has 340,000 people per square mile, the highest population density in the world!



9. The country with the most tanks in the world by far is mother Russia (**UA**) with an estimated 21,000 of the tracked battle-wagons! However, most of them are outdated and in the opinion of military analysts are essentially 'tributes to its past'. In contrast, although far outnumbered the US tank inventory (16,000) is considered to be much more advanced.



10. It's Saudi Arabia (**HZ**). It sounds a bit strange, doesn't it? For a country as big as Saudi Arabia one would think there has to be at least *some* flowing water somewhere. But there isn't! Nearly all of Saudi Arabia's fresh water comes from desalination plants or underground reservoirs.



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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2012 Aug04	2012 Aug18	Crete	SV9 [spots]	SV1GSU	ATDX 20120802	By SV1GSU as SV9/SV1GSU fm EU-015; 40 20 15m; SSB PSK CW
2012 Aug04	2012 Aug19	St Lucia	J68HZ [spots]	K9HZ Di-rect	VA3RJ 20120719	By K9HZ fm NA-108 (WLOTA 1336, FK94mb); 40-6m; CW SSB, focus on RTTY
2012 Aug04	2012 Aug31	Lebanon	OD5ARMY [spots]	OD5NJ	OPDX 20120806	By OD5TE OD5MV OD5NH OD5NJ OD5QB OD5QT OD5YY; SES to celebrate founding of Lebanese Army
2012 Aug05	2012 Aug17	Malta	9H3EA [spots]	IK0PEA	IK0LNN 20120703	By IK0PEA fm Bugibba nr Valletta; HF; mainly SSB + digital; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2012 Aug07	2012 Aug12	Solomon Is	H44USMC [spots]	H44RK	VK4CC 20120807	By H44RK; 40 20 17 15 10m; SES commemorating US Marine landings on Guadalcanal
2012 Aug07	2012 Aug13	Spratly Is	9M4SLL [spots]	LotW	425DXN 20120721	By 9M6XRO 9M6DXX fm Pulau Layang Layang (AS-051); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via M0URX OQRS
2012 Aug08	2012 Aug16	Corsica	TK [spots]	LotW	VA3RJ 20120802	By IZ3DBA as TK0/IZ3DBA fm EU-014 (DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA 1390); QSL also OK via IZ3DBA, Buro or direct
2012 Aug08	2012 Aug20	Comoros	D64K [spots]	IV3DSH	IW3SQY 20120327	By IW3SQY IV3DSH IZ4AKS IZ8GCE IT9YVO C31CT SP3DOI fm Ngazidja I (AF-007); 160-6m, possibly including 60m; all modes
2012 Aug09	2012 Aug25	Chagos	VQ9XP [spots]	LotW	DXW.Net 20120605	By W4XP fm Diego Garcia (AF-006, WLOTA 1645, MI62); focus on 6m w/ some HF; spare time operation; QSL also OK via W4XP direct
2012 Aug10	2012 Aug12	Svalbard	JW [spots]	Home Call	VA3RJ 20120316	By LA6VJA as JW6VJA and LA6TMA as JW6TMA fm Longyearbyen (EU-026, WLOTA 0125); CW SSB + digital
2012 Aug10	2012 Aug20	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP [spots]	VE2XB	DXW.Net 20120618	By VE2XB as FP/VE2XB fm NA-032 (DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417, GN17); 160-6m; SSB CW; 500w; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2012 Aug12	2012 Aug20	Aland Is	OH0	LotW	YL3DQ 20120806	By YL3DQ as OH0/YL3DQ fm Eckero; 80-10m; CW RTTY; QSL also OK via YL3DQ
2012 Aug13	2012 Aug22	Lakshadweep Is	VU7M	VU2JHM	N6ML 20120728	By VU2UR VU2LX VU2GSM VU2GGM VU2LU VU2JHM fm Minicoy I (AS-106, WFF-VU-103, WLOL ARLHS LAK009, MJ68mg)
2012 Aug14	2012 Sep03	Tanzania	5H3ME	DL4ME	DL4ME 20120620	By DL4ME; 80-6m; focus on CW, some digital; holiday style operation
2012 Aug15	2012 Aug21	Aruba	P40NF	W6NF	ATDX 20120713	By W6NF fm SA-036 (WLOTA 0033, FK52al); mainly 20 15 10m, perhaps 6m; mainly CW
2012 Aug15	2012 Aug22	Senegal	6W	LotW	ATDX 20120705	By M1KTA as 6W/M1KTA; SSB PSK CW; QSL also OK via M1KTA
2012 Aug16	2012 Aug20	Belize	V31	AF6WU	ATDX 20120525	By AF6WU as V31WU and AF6KJ as V31DV fm Caye Caulker (NA-105); HF
2012 Aug18	2012 Aug19	Sri Lanka	4S7LGT	4S7LGT Buro	ATDX 20120725	By Radio Society of Sri Lanka members fm Barbeyrn I (AS-171); HF
2012 Aug22	2012 Aug29	Gambia	C5	M1TKA	ATDX 20120713	By M1TKA as C5/M1TKA; HF; SSB PSK CW
2012 Aug27	2012 Sep03	Crete	SV9	ON6DSL	ON6DSL 20120609	By ON6DSL as SV9/ON6DSL/p fm EU-015; SSB; 5w; dipolel QSL OK via ON Buro or direct

While NASA's Deep Space Network has no problem in hearing the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, the question might be if a ham radio station with its simple equipment might be able to do the same. If you want to give it a try there are two papers from NASA that might be of assistance. The first describes the operation of the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. It can be found at tinyurl.com/mro-operations. The other is titled Mars Express and the NASA landers and rovers on Mars - Sustaining a backup relay in an interplanetary network. Its URL is tinyurl.com/space-communications. Both of these documents are in Adobe .PDF format. – **AR Newsline 10Aug2012**

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[CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY](#) (Sep 29-30, 2012) Check here for pericontest activity too.

CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 27-28, 2012) Check here for pericontest activity too.

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The Pot Stirrer— *Continued from page*



Son of a Gun! Ever since the Early Days of DXing, there never had been a QRPer so stoic. So we hauled him up to the Old Timer. This time there was no stream of words and no arm waving and pounding of fists to drive the point home. QRPers always find some concern about DX or, more commonly, a newly perceived flaw in the DXCC program they thought they had found. The Old Timer looked over at the QRPer for a moment, and then back at us. "What's wrong with him?", we asked in a truly concerned tone. "Nothing", the Old Timer replied, "it happens every few years. Usually with one of the newly minted QRPers like this one. They can't understand the confusion, so they seize up for a few days. He'll be OK by New Year's."

We thought about it for a few minutes. "Of course!", we replied, smacking ourselves in the forehead as it became clear. "This is the first time he's seen the Pot-Stirrer in action." The Pot-Stirrer was Slim's cousin and he was more active than Slim, but usually he got ignored. The Pot-Stirrer rarely worked HF, and more recently had been showing up on the Internet. "It's the FT5 Pot-Stirrer, isn't it?"

The Old Timer nodded in agreement. "Yep . . . and he did a real good job. One whine and he had a couple of hundred bites. Even a few of the Big Guns bit this time. And when a newly minted QRPer sees all these guys sling the DX muck at each other for the first time, they often end up forgetting that DX IS! They become disillusioned with DX and DXers. A few give up altogether. And while Slim just steals your QSO, and maybe your green stamp, a Pot-Stirrer and the Legion of Hand Wringers that listen to him steal DXers from the hobby. That's the way it's always been and that's the way it always will be. But this fellow, he won't quit. He still understands that DXers are a cut above the rest. And while this is a learning process for him, he'll be back. He has to . . . look at the bands. There's DX for all! The Great Days of DXing have returned!"

We thought about this as we led the QRPer back down the hill. The Palos Verdes Sundancers had worked four long years to bring the flux back up. The Old Timer was right. There is DX for all, although for some more than others. We wondered if the Pot-Stirrer was a DXer or not. We still wonder. It's a good question. Meanwhile, **DX IS!**

—<http://www.ve1dx.net/Stories/stories.html>

TZ Mali to Be Reactivated



EA4BB

EA4BB, Fernando, has been on a mission in Bamako, Mali for five weeks now where it appears his stay will be longer. However, before settling in he's going back to Zimbabwe shortly to pack his gear and ship it to Mali.

In spite of the fact that Ham Radio licenses supposedly aren't being issued these days in Mali Fernando's optimistic. He says he's been told that when he returns to Mali his Ham Radio license will be signed and ready and likely it should be with the TZ6BB call sign.

Fernando says he will probably stay in Zimbabwe for about two weeks before returning to Mali. He hopes to make some last QSOs from Z21BB before taking apart the station, which he says will be a real sad thing to do because he's spent "three years in this wonderful country and (made) tens of thousands of wonderful QSOs from there."

Nando's QSL manager, W3HNN, says the TZ license should be in hand within a couple weeks. Fernando has previously operated as 9Q5BB, D2BB, ST2BF and TU5JL.

QSLing for Fernando's TZ operations will be handled by W3HNN.



160 Meters takes Back Seat to Kayaking and Fishin'

N4NN hasn't been heard much on 160 meters in recent days. It seems Dale's swapped his 'radio time' for the sounds of silence as he paddles his new Diablo Adios kayak through the northeast Florida tidal waterways with son Ryan in search of "Flounders and Reds"...

Ryan, it seems, has done pretty well in the fish-catching department, as shown in this video after he won several prizes in a recent fishing tournament.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfPKL_lrYOs&feature=player_embedded

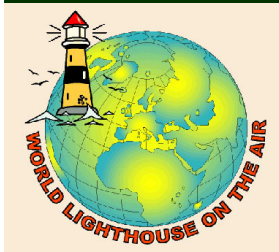
It's been fun, says Dale, with loads of quality time fishing with his son lots of good tasting fish on the family table.



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**



As a reminder
the
**International
Lighthouse/
Lightship
Weekend**
takes place on
August 18th and
19th. Complete
details can be
found at
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as well as many
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CQ Contest CQ Contest..



The WAE contest, organized by **DARC** (Deutscher Amateur-Radio-Club), starts again with the CW round this weekend. The SSB and RTTY rounds will follow respectively in September and November.

The goal is to work as many European stations as possible.

The rules are valid for all the three contest rounds and can be found at: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc/en/rules/>

As usual, here is an abstract of the rules:

Date and time: August 11th, 0000 UTC through August 12th, 2359 UTC.

Bands: 3.5 – 7 – 14 – 21 – 28 MHz.

Categories:

- **SINGLE-OP LOW** Max. output 100 watt – all bands.
- **SINGLE-OP HIGH** Power more than 100 watts – all bands.
- **MULTI-OP** The 10 minute band change rule is enforced, except for new multipliers.

SWL

The exchange is formed by the RST report with a progressive number and eventual QTC's (see the rules for further details).



Upcoming DX Contests

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| + Hawaii QSO Party | 0400Z, Aug 25 to 2200Z, Aug 26 |
| + YO DX HF Contest | 1200Z, Aug 25 to 1200Z, Aug 26 |

September 2012

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| + All Asian DX Contest, Phone | 0000Z, Sep 1 to 2400Z, Sep 2 |
| + DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest | 1100Z-1700Z, Sep 2 |
| + WAE DX Contest, SSB | 0000Z, Sep 8 to 2359Z, Sep 9 |

2012 CQ WW Rules Change—Continued from page 1

The release of the rules on the CQWW web site was not accompanied by any public explanation of the changes from the CQ WW Contest Committee, but this rule seems to indicate that the CQ WW Contest Committee is ready to use SDR recordings of the contest to check the **transmitted** signal of someone in contention for a top award, to see what has been sent in the exchange.

Other changes in the 2012 CQ WW rules are visible almost immediately, dealing with power, as the committee refined the language that warns about excessive power in your contest category: "You must not exceed the total output power limitation of your chosen category on any band. Total output power on any band at any time is measured at the output of the active amplifier(s)," reads the new language, emphasizing the precise point where power is to be measured. There is also new language on multi-op efforts:

"Multi-Operator Categories (all-band operation only): Any public QSO spotting help is allowed. Any number of operators is allowed. Total output power must not exceed 1500 watts on any band at any time," reads the new language.

From "Fair Play" to a Specific Ban on Log Massage

A year ago, the CQ WW Contest Committee rolled out a public relations campaign designed to publicly pressure testers over the idea of post-contest log changes, often referred to as "log massage," arguing it was against the spirit of true competition. "Your contest result is a measure of your contesting skill," argued CQ WW Contest Committee member Doug Zwiebel KR2Q in a 2011 CQ WW webinar, where the CQ WW CC argued to testers that changes to a log - with outside aid after a contest - is considered outside the bounds.

But in 2011, the CQ WW Contest Committee only called the use of post contest data sources "unsportsmanlike" - now there is a specific new rule meant to make entrants think twice about using the internet, a recording, or other sources to fix some mistakes in their log. The newly issued rules for the 2012 CQ WW DX Contests are available on the CQ WW web site. (<http://cqww.com/rules.php>)

"If you ain't calling you ain't winning." - Testers' Maxim.

CQ CHANGES PUBLICATION DATES FOR CONTEST RESULTS; MAJOR RESULTS TO APPEAR FOUR MONTHS EARLIER

CQ magazine is starting a major reorganization of its editorial content in order to publish major contest results much sooner. Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, says contest results on average will appear four months sooner than at present. The new schedule will be phased in over the course of 2013 and will be fully in place by 2014.

"The phase-in is necessary because of new and old dates overlapping," Moseson explained, "as well as scheduling needs for non-contest articles including our special focus issues and Dayton new product reports. As a result, some contest results will be temporarily relocated in 2013 and some specials will be rearranged as well.

This schedule change has been made possible by the fact that the vast majority of contest entrants submit their logs online, as well as advancements in technology for log-checking, plus the earlier log submission deadlines and advances in publishing technology.

—CQ Communications <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>

Short takes from the Aug 1 ARRL Contest Update

Here's a Ham who's in the news - the new Prime Minister of Serbia is Ivica Dacic, YUIYU. One wonders if a tribander will suddenly appear over the presidential residence? (Thanks Z39Z)

Keep Looking Up! There's a lot going on overhead lately. Here's a neat story about a [satellite](http://gizmodo.com/5929857/tiny-satellite-to-scrrawl-morse-code-messages-across-the-night-sky) (<http://gizmodo.com/5929857/tiny-satellite-to-scrrawl-morse-code-messages-across-the-night-sky>) that will beam 200 watts of Morse code down to Earth as visible light! Deployment from the ISS is scheduled for Sep 6.

— <http://www.arrl.org/contests/update/?issue=2012-08-01>



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DX Italia (<http://www.dxitalia.it/>),
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Pete's DX Newsdesk (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>),
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— NW4C

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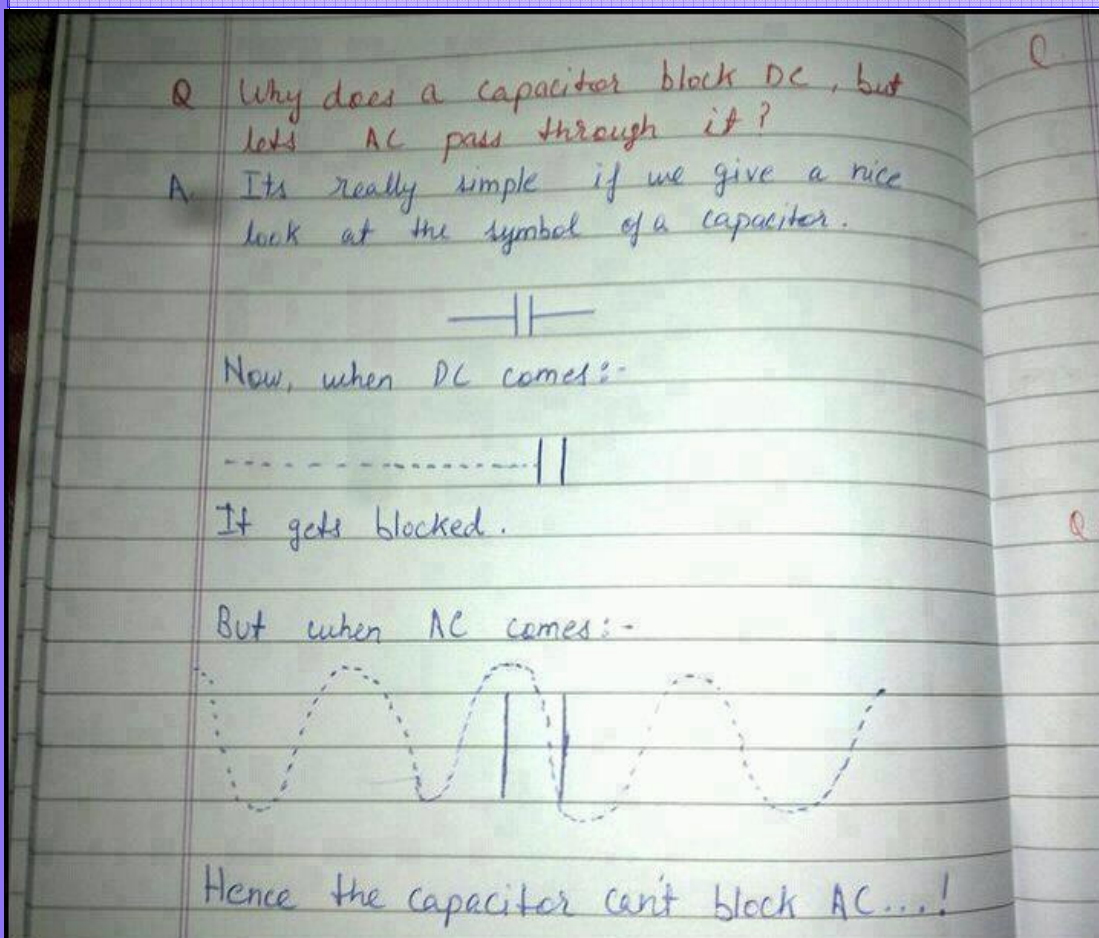
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And so it goes . . .



The Last Word—You Never Know

First there's what amounts to a civil war in Mali, one of the 25 poorest countries in the world, and a long scheduled Italian DXpedition has to be canceled. Then there's an inconclusive coup when the military doesn't think it's getting enough government support to fight the rebels. The Taureg tribes in Mali's eastern desert areas form an alliance with a so-called Saharan branch of al Qaeda, proclaiming they're an independent Islamic Republic—and within weeks the alliance falls apart. Now comes word that EA4BB, a well-traveled Spanish op (9Q5BB, D2BB, ST2BF and TU5JL), has a Mali ham license and is expected to be QRV as soon as he retrieves his equipment from Zimbabwe where he's been for three years as Z21BB. (See story on page 8) And yes, reportedly Fernando's TZ ticket will end in a double-B as well. You never know . . .

Then there's the current bloodbath in Syria where President Bashar al-Assad is resisting international pressure to step down despite months of anti-government protests that have given way to civil war. The UN says it's registered almost 150,000 refugees in the four countries that border Syria—the death toll is unknown but is assumed to be well into the thousands. Ham radio supposedly is shut down in Syria yet three different YK stations have been spotted, one as recent as July 31. You never know . . .

And probably the biggest surprise of all – the recent full scale 706T Yemen DXpedition pulled off by a group from the national radio association of Russia. They showed up and 162,000 QSOs later they went home and Yemen is no longer the number 5 most wanted. You never know...

I mention these examples for the benefit of those who argue certain entities like P5 or (fill in the blank) should be taken off the DXCC list because ham radio isn't allowed now and/or hasn't been allowed in years.

As Forest Gump famously opined, you never know . . .

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