



The North Florida DX Association

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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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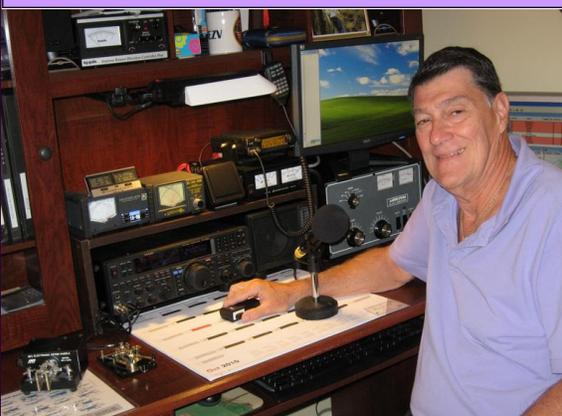


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The Big Finish — Changing of the 'Guard' during final NFDXA Meeting of 2012 - Bubba's Seafood, Saturday Dec15, 5 pm



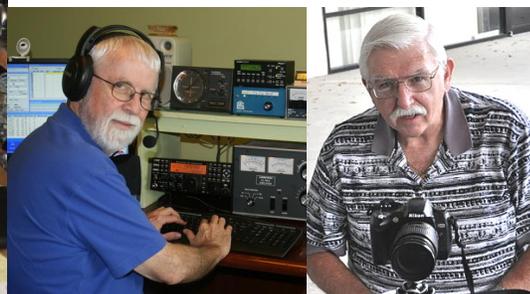
NFDXA will close out the year 2012 in grand style with a dinner meeting and recognition of its newly-elected slate of officers who will assume office at the January meeting.

Taking over the club's top leadership positions for the first time in 2013 will be veteran DXer and DF contester **Bob Frey, WA6EZV** as president. **Bob** is shown in the top left photo at his station's controls.

CW aficionado and astronomy buff **Bob Lightner, W4GJ** (bottom left) will serve as vice president.

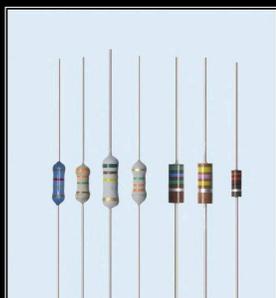
The offices of NFDXA Secretary and Treasurer will again be occupied by **Mike Reublin, NF4L** (bottom row middle), and **Jim Hughes, KC4FWS** (bottom row, R), both re-elected by acclamation to succeed themselves.

The first NFDXA meeting of 2013 will be Saturday, January 19 at a location TBA.



Close out the old and bring in the new at the Dec 15 NFDXA meeting

For those in our group who haven't been here before, the picture on the left is the place for our December meeting, Bubba's Seafood and Steakhouse, (formerly 'Salty's Seafood Restaurant'), 1965 South Lane Avenue, Jacksonville. Don't let the humble appearance fool you—this place serves good food and lots of it. Be sure to RSVP so the staff has an idea how many places to set. <http://nfdxa.com/meeting/>



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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:



President

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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 November Meeting

Name	Call	# Attending	Name	Call	# Attending
Steve Brown	AB4UF	1	Dale Conner	N4NN	0
John Hale	AC4ET	0	Billy Williams	N4UF	0
Larry Bostic	K3LB	1	Mike Reublin	NF4L	1
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	1	Dave Mains	NO4J	0
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	1	Jim Iori	NU4Y	1
John Silberman	KB4CRT	1	Warren Croke	NW4C	1
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	1	Mike Garcia	W1FO	0
Bill Walker	KX4WW	0	Pres Graham	W4FDA	0
Cory McDonald	NIWON	0	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	0
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	0	Steve Barber	WA4B	0
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	0	David Price	WA4ET	0
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	1	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	1
Ron Blake	N4KE	1	Dick Knox	WR4K	0

Attendance NFDXA Members 12 Guests 1

Notice to NFDXA Membership

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



... Dots and Dashes ...

December is the time of year that we often take a quick look back at the year that has just passed, as well as a look forward to what might (or might not) happen in the year coming up. First, a look back at "Ham Radio in 2012".

I hope that our wonderful hobby provided you as much enjoyment this year as it did for me. It was a good year for DXpeditions, even though the Sunspots in Cycle 24 have been, if anything, even weaker than predicted. Oh well, we can't do anything about sunspots, and some of the pileups were intimidating enough without a high Solar Flux.

A few of the more prominent operations come to mind: PS0F, PT0S, 3D2C, NH8S, CY9M, 1A0C, HK0NA, and of course the ZL9HR folks who are just this week returning from their trip to Campbell Island. My hope is that 2013 will see just as many "Brave Souls" striking out for exotic locations that will put even more needed DX entities into our logs.



Bob WA6EZV

Another hope that I have for 2013 is that our new NFDXA President, Bob (WA6EZV), will enjoy his tour of duty as much as I have enjoyed 2012. It was a great ride, and I have to thank the members of our club for your unwavering support. It is still humbling for me to look at the folks who come to meetings and realize that I am sitting among the most accomplished DXers IN THE WORLD.

Additionally, we have a lot of fun sharing the comical events that just seem to happen to us as we plow through our daily existence. All of this while enjoying great food and drink at some of North Florida's best restaurants. I'm grateful that we all seem to like seafood; I never get tired of eating good seafood, drinking beer, and talking ham radio. What a life.

Before signing off for the last time as club President, let me especially thank the other club officers: Warren (NW4C), Mike (NF4L), and Jim (KC4FWS). You guys are terrific, and if truth be known, carried most of the load this year. Thank you so much. I hope everyone has a great Christmas Holiday and enjoys continued good health and success in the New Year. —73 Larry K3LB . .



Larry, K3LB



November Meeting Minutes—Bubba's Seafood Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by president **Larry, K3LB** at 5:55 pm

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Jim, KC4FWS** reported a balance of **\$917.52**

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of last month's meeting (Oct 20) were approved.

Old business — There was no old business.

New business – 1. **KI4DLS** withdrew his membership application. 2. The floor was opened for 2013 officer nominations and no nominations were made. 3. A motion by **Steve, AB4UF** to close nominations was approved. The slate suggested by the board of **Bob Frey, WA6EZV, President; Bob Lightner, W4GJ Vice President; Mike Reubliin, NF4L, Secretary** and **Jim Hughes, KC4FWS** was approved by a unanimous vote. 4. Provided an Internet connection is available, there will be a trial of attending a meeting via Skype for the next meeting.

The next meeting planner (Dec 15) is **Warren, NW4C**.

Guests: **John, KB4CRT** brought **Jack, K4WSB** as his guest; **Joe, N4JBK** brought **XYL Tammy**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted, **Mike, NF4L**, Secretary.



Faces at the October 20 NFDXA Meeting at Bubba's Seafood Restaurant



NFDXA meetings typically are get-togethers where members scattered throughout northeast Florida/SE Georgia who don't see each other that often get a chance to meet and greet. It's often a good excuse to indulge in a good meal as well as DX/Contest gossip. Picture 1 shows 'Captain Ron', N4EB, on the left, with Richard, K4UTE in the middle and Jimmy, NU4Y on the right. Ron and Jimmy were members of the 2012 VP5DX team. Picture 2 shows Joe, N4JBK and his charming XYL Tammy ... Talk about a rose among a bunch of thorns ... Picture 3 is ye olde *PileUp* Editor Warren, NW4C. Number 4 is veteran VP5DX contester and 1012 team member Steve, AB4UF, perusing Bubba's extensive seafood menu ... Picture 5 has outgoing NFDXA president Larry, K3LB, (r) admiring the DXCC Challenge and 5BDXCC plaques of incoming president Bob, WA6EZV ... The trio is number 6 are l-r K3EB, K4SWK and KC4FWS getting a crash course in remote control of a base station. Number 7 is NFDXA secretary Mike, NF4L, trying to hear what's going on in picture 8 where president Larry is conducting the November meeting. Picture 9 is a screen shot from Larry, K4EB's laptop of what his remotely-controlled station is hearing at that moment on 17 meters. Number 10 is John, KB4CRT, one of the 'DX Hogs' from the Gainesville area (Micanopy). The 'profile' is that of John's guest from Tampa, Jack, K4WSB. Jack is active in Tampa DX circles and an occasional guest of John's at NFDX meetings. Number 12 is a better shot of Jack. Picture 13 is Larry, K4EB, CW op and bassist extraordinaire remotely controlling his station.

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS



5G - MOROCCO There are a few days left before this one closes. Special event station **5GI2ITD** is active until Dec 16. The activity over the past month is in celebration of "International Tolerance Day" by UN members which started Nov 16. Operation has been on all bands and modes. QSL via RW6HS.

N3 – USA N3A special event station will be QRV Jan 11-22 for the inauguration of the second term of President Obama. Only six times in the nation's history has Inauguration Day fallen on a Sunday says N3A organizer W3DQ, Eric. January 20, 2013 will be the seventh time Inauguration Day has fallen on a Sunday. Back in 1821 President James Monroe's second inauguration fell on a Sunday and he consulted the US Supreme Court and moved it to the following day. All other Sunday Inauguration Days have been since pushed back to Monday the 21st.

N0D – NOW ZERO DAYS Special event station operating Dec 20-22 commemorating the end of the world as prophesized by one of the three Mayan calendars. QSL info for N0D TBA . . . but could be a bit iffy. More details on page 17 and on Now Zero Days website <http://www.nowzerodays.com/>.

OR - BELGIUM OR200HC and OP200HC have been on the air since the first of this month and plan to be QRV until Dec 31 for the 200th anniversary of Belgian writer Hendrik Conscience. Others to listen for include: **OO200HC, OQ200HC, OS200HC and OT200HC**. QSL OR200HC via ON3AIM and OP200HC via ON2CYV. Listen for operator's instructions for the others.

OU – DENMARK Special call **OUIRAEM** will be used throughout 2013 to celebrate the 110th birthday of Ernst T. Krenkel, the original RAEM. Complete details can be found at <http://www.qrz.com/db/OUIRAEM> . QSL via OZ2CBA.

PG – NETHERLANDS PGI00NOM will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Netherlands National Open Air Museum in Arnhem. PA0FAW, Fred, will be operating, December 1-28. QSL to his home call, PA0FAW.

TM - FRANCE TM6LL is a special call from the new Louvre-Lens branch museum of the famous Louvre (in Paris) which was officially dedicated and opened to the public Dec 12. The Radio Club of Hemes will have TM6LL on the air until Dec 15 to mark the event.

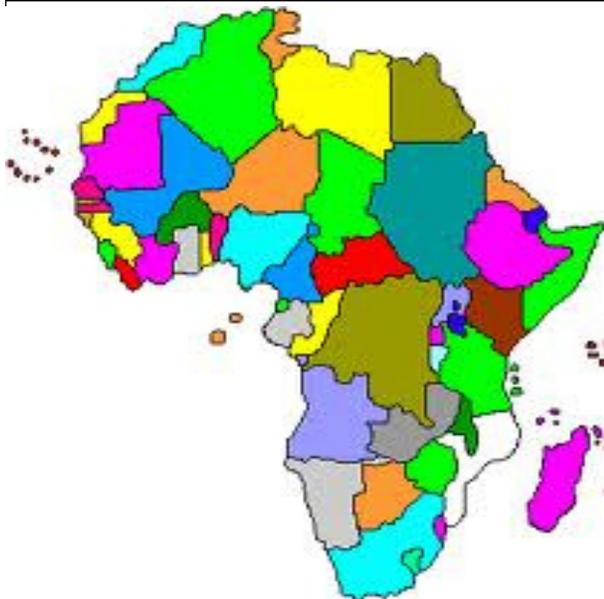
TMI - FRANCE Special event station **TMI** was on for several days earlier this month (Dec 8-10). The activity was to commemorate the scientific expeditions of the French polar research vessel "Tara". The operations were conducted by François/F8DVD and Sebastien/F8IJV from Paris during the Tara exhibit and were on 20-10 meters SSB. A special color QSL card is being printed and will be sent via the Bureau or direct (SAE with 1 IRC or 2 USD) via the QSL Manager F8DVD.

ZT – SOUTH AFRICA ZT1T is a special call sign from South Africa throughout December, up through the 12th day of Christmas, Jan 6, 2013. QSL direct to ZS1AFS, the operator (also known as G0CAJ).

Breaking News — Z21BB's TZ Mali License Still Pending

As first reported by *The Daily DX* back on Aug 6, **Z21BB, Fernando**, was told his TZ Mali license was signed and ready for him to pick up. However, on arrival, he found the license had errors, i.e., no call sign and it was issued to his office, not him. Authorities said the license was all right, he could go ahead and use it, as is - presumably with him choosing an appropriate call sign. Fernando doubted the DXCC program would like it and he's now waiting—with fingers crossed—for a corrected license. He reports that he is still in Mali and that the situation here is complicated and seems to get even more complicated by the day. "We are apparently at the brink of a military action in the north," says Fernando, "and that is not going to ease things any." His revised application was submitted three weeks ago. —*The Daily DX 10Dec2012*

DX AFRICA



3B – MAURITIUS Achmed, **3B8BAE** is a newly licensed ham on Mauritius Island and he's the protégé of his father Rachid, **3B8FQ** whom some of us have had the pleasure of working. Currently, you may find Achmed active almost daily on 28491 kHz SSB, at 1400z, as HF propagation allows. He also plans to be active on CW in the future. QSL via Ron **K5XX** who also handles cards for Achmed's Dad, **3B8FQ**. Do **not** QSL via the Bureau because there is **NO BUREAU** in Mauritius. In addition, Achmed does not do either LoTW or eQSL at this time.

3B – MAURITIUS **3B8/FIBCS, Jacques**, has been active from Mauritius Nov 27- Dec 14. He's been mostly on 20 and 15M SSB, RTTY and PSK. If you worked him QSL to FIBCS via his home call.

5X - UGANDA Members of the F6KOP team expect to be active as **5X8C** Feb 6-18, 2013, from a location some 20 Km from Entebbe airport. The team announced it will comply to the last IARU band plan on 40m for the region, and that the frequencies of the PSK and RTTY modes have been moved to

7040 and 7042 kHz. For more details see <http://www.5x2013.com/>

6W – SENEGAL Francis F6BLP will again be QRV as **6W7SK** from Saly Portudal, Senegal Jan 4-18, 2013. Mainly CW activity on 10 to 80M (covering the eight bands). If possible he also hopes to be active on 160M with an Inverted L. QSL via LoTW, EQSL, Direct, French Bureau (REF).

6W – SENEGAL and J5 – GUINEA BISSAU HA3AUI, Peter, is going back to West Africa Jan 25-Mar 10 of next year. He'll be operating as **6W2SC** from Senegal and **J5UAP** from Guinea Bissau on 7 through 28 MHz on CW and could make side trips to an IOTA from both locations. QSL via HA3AUI direct and by OQRS. Check out Peter's web site at: <http://cqafrika.net/>

7P – LESOTO Chris, ZS6RI (ex-9J2RI, ZD9IR, 5H9IR, EL8RI), will be active as **7P8RI** from Lesotho beginning Dec 17 for 20 weeks - with a two week on and two week off rotation (similar to his 9J2RI activities). Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via details on QRZ.com. For updates, visit his Blog page at: <http://zs6ri.blogspot.co.uk/>

SU – EGYPT A team from the Egyptian Radio Amateur Society for Development ([ERASD](#)) plans activity from [Nelson Island AF-109](#) during mid-April 2013. Belonging to the Nile Delta and Sinai Region Group, this IOTA has never been activated. The group hope to be active for one week on all HF bands. More info forthcoming.

TO7 – MAYOTTE DX World.net reports that DL7BC, Hartwig, plans a return trip to Mayotte, Mar 25-Apr 12. His flights are booked and he has applied for the call sign **TO7BC**. Hartwig hopes to do more digital modes this time around. QSL to his home call, http://www.qslnet.de/member/dl7bc/en_TO7BC.htm.

XT – BURKINA FASO The [Italian DXpedition Team](#) has announced its next DXpedition will be to Burkina Faso for 15 days (all bands / all modes) between Feb and Mar 2013, exact dates TBA. Further info to follow according to Pilot station IK7JWY.

ZD9 – GOUGH ISLAND ZS1KX/ZS7KX (ex ZS6KX), Gerard, is currently on Gough Island (AF-030) until October 2013. He is licensed to operate as **ZD9KX**. Gerard is using a rock bound transceiver with the following frequencies: 14.175, 18.145, 18.155, 21.210, MHz and hopes to soon have 7.078 MHz. His current antenna is like a dummy load, however he is planning to put up some inverted V antennas.

DX ASIA



9M2 – MALAYSIA PA0RRS, Rich, has been QRV from Penang Island Malaysia (AS-015) as **9M2MRS**. He's using an FT-450D and homebrew pseudo G5RV Jr mounted on a hotel balcony. The antenna loads up on 7 through 50 MHz, although he did make some QSOs on 80 meters. He has been heard between 2230 and 0015Z on 30 and 20 meters CW. Better hurry on this one as Rich will be returning home on Dec 25th. QSL via PA0RRS (see QRZ.com) and daily LoTW and eQSL.

T6 – AFGHANISTAN KI4MRH, Mike, is now working as **T6MH** in Afghanistan. He has been spotted with some regularity on 80 through 10 meters, (except 30 meters) on SSB and digital modes (PSK-31/PSK-63/JT-65). He will be in Afghanistan until Oct 2013. Mike is running 100 watts on SSB and 30 watts on the digital modes. He is using a 40 meter Inverted Vee and 20 meter vertical. QSL via W2GR direct w/GS's, SASE, IRC.

XU – CAMBODIA FGC ([Foundation for Global Children](http://www.foundationforchildren.org)) is conducting a DXpedition to the Kingdom of Cambodia until Dec 17 to support a vocational training center for persons with disabilities, and especially for landmine victims. The center teaches skills such as repairing radio, TV and motorcycles so that they can become an active member of society and can be self-supported. They are QRV on 160–10m (possibly 6m). CW, SSB and digital with three stations on simultaneously and focusing on 160-80m. QSL via JH1AJT // ClubLog and OQRS available later.

XV – VIETNAM **XV4Y, Yan** (ex-XV4TUJ) says he plans to be active on 80 at North American sunrise in the 1300-1400Z range this winter. He says he's had some good signal reports and a couple QSOs recently but noise is still high with the rainy season not yet over. Yan hopes things will improve in the remainder of December and January. He's operating with 100 watts to a low 80M dipole for transmit and small coaxial loop for receiving. He will look for Europe at his sunrise, about 22Z, but it won't be every morning. He finds his sunrise conditions generally better than at sunset. You can follow Yan on Twitter @XV4Y. QSL via OK1DOT or LoTW and eQSL. <http://xv4y.radioclub.asia/>.

XV – VIETNAM DD0VR, Heli (OM), and DE3BWR, Bigi (YL), are heading to Vietnam. Heli has been issued the call XV0VR and will be traveling throughout the country until early January. Their travel schedule is as follows: Dec 18-20 Cat Ba Island (AS-132), Dec 21-22 Hue, Dec 22-24 Danang, Dec 24-26 Nha Trang, Dec 26-28 Mui Ne, Dec 28-30 Can Tho, Dec 30-Jan 2 Phu Quoc Island (AS-128), Jan 2-4 Ho Chi Minh City. Plans are to be QRV on CW and SSB on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. On CW Heli will be QRV with 10 watts and on SSB running 500 watts using an Elecraft KX3 (or KX1 on standby) with a Tokyo High Power HL-1.1 KFX. For antennas he has a homebrew vertical with 36 radials, single quad for 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via DD0VR either direct or via the DARC QSL bureau.

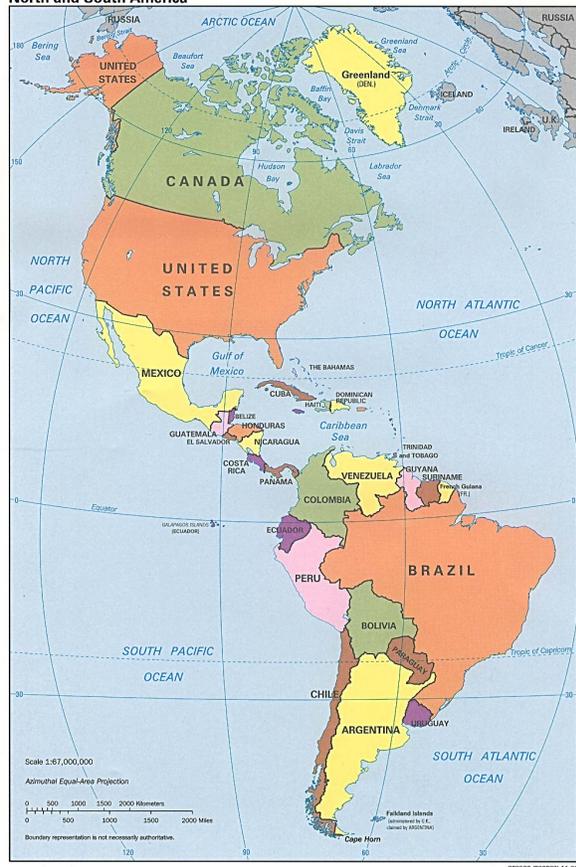
YI – IRAQ The "Iraq Amateur Radio Society" (IARS) club station **YI1IRQ** is back on the air as of Nov 14th. The last legitimate airing of YI1IRQ was in August 2008. Visit the IARS Web page at <http://www.iraqi-ars.org/>

MYANMAR (BURMA) DXPEDITION IN THE WORKS??

A name and call-sign familiar to many Florida DXers is back in the news. Charles 'Charley' Harpole, K4VUD, currently living in Thailand and licensed as HS0ZCW, has applied for a "DXpedition-like operation permission" to mount a "Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Expedition" to that much sought-after DX entity. In his application Charley notes it would be ideal for operators from Thailand to bring ham-radio-style fellowship to the nation with which they share a long and common border. K4VUD is a former faculty advisor for the UCF Ham Radio club.

DX NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

North and South America



. **6Y- JAMAICA.** Lester, W8YCM, is currently on his annual trip to Negril, Jamaica (NA-097), and is active as **6Y5/ W8YCM** until the new year. Activity has been on 17-10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

C6 – BAHAMAS Drew, N2RFA, will once again be active as **C6ABB** from Nassau, Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1115) Feb 10-21, 2013. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17 meters. Drew plans to operate on some of the Digital modes (PSK31, RTTY and possibly SSTV). QSL via home call sign direct or LoTW and also eQSL.

CE0 – JAUN FERNANDEZ ISLAND A 10-man team, who were active earlier this year as [D64K](#), will be QRV from Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernandez Archipelago during mid-April, 2013. Full info forthcoming.

FG – GUADALUPE [FG4NO – Saintes Island IOTA NA-114](#) From Jan , 2013, **Nicolas FG4NO** will be operating from Saintes Island (IOTA NA-114) from Terre de Haut city, Guadalupe. He is the only OM on the IOTA at the moment and he also lives here.

KP2 – US VIRGIN ISLANDS SM4KYN, Anders is on St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands until December 15th. He's operating from the KP2M station using his **KP2/SM4KYN** call. He may also spend five days operating maritime mobile as **VP2V/SM4KYN/MM**. QSL via SM4KYN.

OA – PERU **OA4/PA3GFE** will have Peru on the air Dec 20-Feb 1. Look for Martijn on 80-10M CW and digital

modes. QSL to his home call sign direct or bureau, or on LoTW.

TG9 – GUATEMALA Look for DL5RMH to be operating as **TG9/KF9LSG** from Guatemala until mid-January 2013. He has applied for and hopes to receive the call **TG9IDX**.

V47 – ST KITTS W5JON/V47JA, John, will again be operating from his Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104), West Indies vacation home Feb 20 - Mar 21, 2012, including the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Listen for him on 1.8 through 50 MHz (FK87pg) on SSB. He'll have a Kenwood TS-590S and SB200 Amplifier. His antennas include dipoles, S9, a 31-foot vertical, and 3-element 6 meter yagi. QSL via W5JON and LoTW.

VP2M – MONTSERRAT **VP2ME**, Montserrat, by Will, AA4NC, will be QRV Feb 13-20, 2013. Plans call for operations on 30, 17 and 12 CW, SSB and RTTY, plus the ARRL DX CW 'test Feb 16-17. QSL on LoTW.

ZL9HR DXPEDITION MAKES 35,607 QSOs

ZL9, CAMPBELL ISLAND (Update). Members of the Hellenic Amateur Radio of Association of Australia (HARAOA) ZL9HR team are now QRT from Campbell Island (OC-037, WFF ZLFF-019) as of about 1600z, December 8th. From the log on their Web page, as of 0243z, December 7th, ZL9HR has made a total of 35607 QSOs with 13456 Unique callsigns (22273/CW, 12584/SSB and 700/RTTY). Breakdown by continent is: 239/AF, 0/AN, 4952/AS, 12949/EU, 14586/NA, 1858/OC and 1023/SA. Remember, QSL via EB7DX direct, LoTW or use the OQRS for Bureau and direct requests.

For more information and possible updates, visit their Web site at: <http://www.campbell2012.com>

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DX PACIFIC - OCEANA

5W – SAMOA Ralph, **H44RK**, has been issued the call **5W0RK**. Ralph has been QRV since Dec 8 and plans to be active on 20 through 10 meter SSB and on digital modes until Mar 1, 2013. QSL via NR6M.

5W – SAMOA A multi-op DXpedition to Le Lagoto (AH36tn), Samoa is schedule for Apr 2013. Plans are to have four stations QRV simultaneously as **5W0M** on 3.5 through 50 MHz on CW, SSB and RTTY plus 2 meter EME. They will have amplifiers and various antennas for activity Apr 4-18. More on their web page: <http://5w0m.hkmann.de/>

H40 – TEMOTU PROVINCE **H40FN** from Temotu by DK9FN, Sigi, is planned for Dec 22-Jan 7, targeting 1825, 3505, 7005, 14005, 18075, 21005, 24905, 28005 and 52000. Every QSO on this expedition will automatically get a bureau QSL, or go direct to HA8DD. Sigi also has operating tips on his H40FN QRZ.COM site.



H40 & H44 - SOLOMON ISLAND AND TEMOTU PROVINCE Ralph, **H44RK**, has announced he's planning a DXpedition in and around the Solomon Islands next year via his sailing boat Hafskip. The trip will start around April (2013) from Vella la Vella (OC-149) and continue through many Islands through to Temotu Province. From there he'll be operating from other islands as we head slowly back to VK4-land. In the Temotu Province, Ralph will sign **H40RK**. Some of the islands that he mentions (all count for DXCC as Solomon Islands) are: Solomon Islands (OC-047), Rennell Island (OC-127), New Georgia Islands (OC-149), Florida Islands (OC-158), Shortland Islands (OC-162), Russell Islands (OC-168), Ontong Java Atoll (OC-192) and Stewart Islands [aka Sikaiana Atoll] (OC-285). Ralph is interested and looking in sponsors for this trip. He can be contacted at: ralph.honiara@gmail.com

H44 – GUADALCANAL VK3OT, Steve, has had his Guadalcanal and Temotu license from 1979-80 reissued for 2013. He is looking at March-April 2013 for an expedition. He will be on HF and 6 with M2 antennas and probably a kilowatt. His call signs will be **H44OT** and **H40OT**. QSL via VK3ZAZ.

PACIFIC TOUR - Bob, 5B4AGN, is planning a lightweight Pacific trip for Feb 2013. Look for him to be active as **KH2/G3ZEM** from Guam (OC-026) between February 9-13th (2013) and as **V63ZM** from Micronesia Feb 13-23. Activity will be on 80-10 meters but may include 160m if a useful antenna arrangement can be made. He will use his K3 radio and KPA-500. QSL via M0URX.

T2 – TUVALU Rob GM3YTS, Tom GM4FDM, Gav GM0GAV and Clive GM3POI will be active from Tuvalu as **T2GM** between Mar 12-23, 2013. Focus on EU. QSL via GM4FDM.

T88 – PALAU Mike JA6EGL, Yas JA6UBY and Yu JE6DND plan to be active as **T88SM**, **T88CP** & **T88HK** respectively from Palau (OC-009) Jan 9-14, 2013. QRV on 80-10m, CW and SSB. QSL direct to individual home calls.

YJ0 – VANUATU VK2BXE, Michael, has set up a semi-permanent station at Port Vila, Vanuatu including an FTdx5000MP and VL1000 amplifier including a "series of loops and dipoles." He plans to start up as **YJOMB** on Dec 22nd "into the New Year".

ZK3 – TOKELAU Operators Hans/DL6JGN and Guenter/DL2AWG will be active as **ZK3N** from Nukunonu Atoll (OC-048) between Apr 23-May 8, 2013. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will be using a TS590 with a Tokyo Hy-Power solid state amp; K3 with a 500 watt solid state amp; AV640 and Tripod Leg for 40-10 and GP for 80m. QSL via DL2AWG. Watch QRZ.com for possible updates.

DX INDIAN OCEAN



8Q – MALDIVE ISLANDS You still have some time to catch **8Q7AU** in the Maldives. The operator is HB9OAU, Claudio, who started up in late November with plans to go to Dec 11. Claudio has been ORV 80-10M SSB. QSL direct or bureau to his home call.

8Q – MALDIVE ISLANDS Look for HB9TUZ, Max, to be operating as **8Q7MS** from Gangehi Island, in the Maldives starting Dec 26th and active through Jan 3. Max will be on SSB only on 80 through 10 meters. QSL via EQSLI only.

8Q – MALDIVE ISLANDS For three weeks in February G7COD, Andrew, plans to be QRV again as **8Q7AK** from Embudu Island. Exact dates are not known as of press time. Listen for him on 3.5 through 24 MHz on CW and SSB. Target CW frequencies will be 3503, 7003, 10103, 14003, 18073, 21003, 24893 and on SSB on 3795, 7063, 14190, 18133, 21253 and 24953. QSL via G7COD.

DX EUROPE



EA – CANARY ISLANDS Now through Dec 20t **EA8/DGIBH** will be operating from Lanzarote, Canary Islands (AF-004) running 10 watts to a vertical, mostly on 20 meters. QSL via DGIBH.

OZ DENMARK OZ2CBA, Frank, is planning to "bringing the Christmas light" from Denmark to Germany as he will be QRV as **OZ/XPISC** and **DL/XPISC** on and Off depending on where he happens to be at the moment. He started back on Thanksgiving day and plans to continue through Jan 6. Activity is on SSB on both HF and UHF/VHF. QSL via OZ2CBA.

SV - GREECE Greece has announced its new licensing structure. There will be two classes: **SV prefixes** will have full privileges and **SY prefixes** are entry level with access to 40, 20, 15 and 10. On 40 and 20 the SY's will have the voice sub-bands. On 15, 10, 2M and 70cm they will have full privileges.

Z3 20th ANNIVERSARY In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Z3 prefix being issued to the Amateur Radio operators of Macedonia 27 **Z320** call signs will be used throughout the year 2013 starting with **Z320A** and running through the alphabet to **Z320Z**. In addition there will be **Z320RSM** which is the Z3 Ham Federation. QSLs for all the Z320 stations are to be via the operators instructions.

DX ARCTIC—ANTARCTIC



JX – JAN MAYEN JX9JKA has extended his stay on this sub-Arctic island until April 11, 2013. He is on SSB and digital. QSL direct only to LA9JKA

VP8 – SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS UA3HK (ZS1OIN), Oleg Neruchev, is heading back to the Antarctic starting March 2013 through March 2014. He's heading to the Russian Bellingshausen Base on King George Island in the South Shetland Islands (**VP8/h**) and will be QRV as RIIANU. Oleg will be QRV on 1.8 through 28 MHz on CW and SSB running an FT-1000MP and Acom 2000A using a SteppIR 3 el Yagi up 12 m and an 18 m vertical for transmitting with beverages aimed at North America and Europe.

VK0 – ANTARCTICA Mawson Station, the Australian Antarctic station is expected to be activated in February, 2013. Again, the operator will be Craig and his call sign is **VK0JJJ**. For more about Craig's life 'waaaay down under, check out his blog site at: <http://craighayhow.blogspot.com.au/>

Food For Thought

Joe Papworth, K8MP, has earned a reputation in the Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club as being a top-notch CW contest and DX op. In addition to his radio activities Joe has exhibited a flair for writing and has published a number of articles in the club's month newsletter, *The DX Hog*. Joe's writing tends toward the whimsical with engaging titles such as *Doctor Strangekey* or *How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Code*.

His most recent contribution to *The DX Hog* is a conversation—or maybe not—between a 'civilian' who's curious as well as suspicious of the antennas on a Ham's car, and asks him about it. With Joe's permission the article is reprinted below.—Editor



Joe K8MP in the 'shack' with son Brian KB8ENW

MIB: Men in Black ... Cars

From a recent conversation (or maybe not...)

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"I noticed you have some antennas and a special license plate on your car. What does that plate mean?"

"Oh, that's a special plate. The K8MP was assigned to me by the United States Government."

"And what about the antennas?"

"They go with the two-way radio I have in the car."

"What do you use it for?"

"I send coded messages to other government personnel. Some are even foreign nationals. They have been permitted by their governments to send and receive coded messages as well."

"Can I see the radio?"

"Sure."

"Wow, that thing is small. It's amazing you can transmit to other countries with it. What do those numbers mean?"

"Those represent one of our special channels or frequencies. They are for our use only. Currently, the radio is tuned to 14.030 megahertz and that's what the numbers mean. If I turn this knob you can see the frequency changes. We use thousands of such frequencies to handle all the information we pass along."

"Can I listen to it?"

"Sure, I'll turn up the volume."

"That sounds like something from a James Bond movie."

"Yes, it's in code."

"What did he just send?"

"UA3RGW."

"What does that mean?"

"That is the code name for his station. Every one of us has his own. You already know that mine is K8MP."

"Where is he?"

"He's in Moscow."

"WHAT???? This can't be legal. I knew something was fishy here."

"Nope, it's perfectly legal. Look, here's my permit from the Federal Communications Commission."

"Wow. But isn't it dangerous to have your code name on your license plate? It's like advertising that you're a spy."

"Well, it does raise some eyebrows sometimes. But at the same time, it's a good way for others who do this to recognize me. Sometimes we even pull off the road and exchange the messages in person. That way we can maintain a degree of radio silence."

"That's great thinking. After all, your plate just looks like a typical vanity plate so most folks wouldn't think anything was up. Heck, when I first saw it, I thought it meant the owner's name was Kate Empy until I saw you get in the car."

"You're not the first person to think that. At stop lights, I sometimes look in the rear-view mirror and see folks staring at it, trying to decipher it. The other day, a guy behind me even whipped out his cell phone and took a photo of my license plate and another of the big antenna on the fender. I've been mistaken for a cop too. . Folks often come flying up behind me and then hit the brakes when they see the all black car with antennas and a cop-sounding license plate number."

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

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Details
Dec01 Dec12	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ5J	LotW	By JA1MZL JJ1LIB JN1RVS JJ1CBY JA1DXA JN1HOW JH1ROJ fm Sint Eustatius (NA-145); 80-6m; CW SSB RTTY; verticals + Spiderbeam; focus on low bands for JA + Asia
Dec01 Dec13	Bahamas	C6AEE	N2GG	By N2GG fm Grand Bahama I (NA-080); 80-10m; SSB, some CW
Dec01 Jan31	Bahamas	C6AGT	AK4BM Di- rect	By AK4BM fm Green Turtle Cay (NA-080); 40-10m; SSB, perhaps PSK31 + JT65; possibly QRV w/ 20m QRP fm nearby uninhabited islands
Dec02 Dec11	St Lucia	J6	LotW	By N7UN as J68UN, W6ABM N7QT W4VAB WB8ISG KA9P W5TDY as J6/home_call fm NA-108; 160-10m; 3 stations; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest (J68UN); QSL also OK via home_call
Dec02 Dec18	Curacao	PJ2	PA0VDV	By PA0VDV as PJ2/PA0VDV fm SA-099; 30 17 12m; CW; QSL OK via PA Buro or direct
Dec03 Dec10	Aruba	P40CX	K8CX	By K8CX fm SA-036; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest
Dec03 Dec31	Canary Is	EA8	Home Call	By IK1PMR as EA8/IK1PMR and PA3LEO as EA8/PA3LEO; QSL OK via Buro, direct, or email request; operation to continue until Feb 12, 2013
Dec04 Dec10	Nicaragua	YN5ZO	LotW	By K7ZO; 40-10m; SSB RTTY; Spiderbeam + 40m dipole; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest (SO HP phone); QSL also OK via K7ZO
Dec04 Dec12	Micronesia	V63XG	LotW	By JA1XGI fm Yap I (OC-012); 40-6m; mainly CW, some SSB + digital; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
Dec05 Dec17	Cambodia	XU1A	JH1AJT	By JH1AJT; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; yagi, dipole, GPs; 3 stations; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka, Kanagawa 259-0111, Japan
Dec06 Dec10	Fernando de Noronha	PY0FRP	PY7RP	By PY7RP fm SA-003; 40-10m; 100w; yagi + G5RV; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest; OQRS available
Dec07 Dec11	Bahamas	C6AVA	N6AWD	By K6VVA fm NA-054; 40-17m; mainly CW, some SSB; 200w; verticals
Dec08 Dec09	Belize	V31NO	W3NO	By AD8J W3NO; M/S, mixed mode for ARRL 10m Contest
Dec08 Dec09	Cayman Is	ZF1A	LotW	By AE9YL K9MK K9LA fm NA-016; QSL also OK via K6AM; QRV outside contest with ZF2YL ZF2MK ZF2LA (QSL via home_call)
Dec08 Dec31	Samoa	5W0KR	NR6M	By H44RK; mainly 20-10m; including PSK modes
Dec10 Dec13	Ogasawara	JD1BL	JJ5RPT	By JJ5RPT fm Chichijima I (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, JCG 10007, Grid QL17); 40-10m; CW SSB + digital + satellite
Dec10 Jan05	South Cook Is	E51E	EB7DX	By 5B4AIF fm Aitutaki I (OC-083, BH01cd); SSB RTTY, perhaps CW; 400w
Dec12 Jan04	Vietnam	XV0VR	DD0VR	By DD0VR DE3BWR; 20-10m; CW SSB; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct; QRV fm Cat Ba I (AS-132) Dec 18-20 and Phu Quoc (AS-128) Dec 30-Jan 2
Dec19 Jan07	Seychelles	S79QT	DC8QT	By DC8QT fm Mahe (AF-024); 40-10m; SSB RTTY PSK31; holiday style operation
Dec22 Jan07	Temotu	H40FN	Auto Buro	By DK9FN; 160-6m; direct QSL OK via HA8DD
Dec22 Jan02	Namibia	V5	Home Call	By DL3DXX as V5/DL3DXX and DK1CE as V5/DK1CE; 160-10m; DL3DXX using SSB CW, DK1CE using CW
Dec22 Jan12	Namibia	V5	DJ2HD	By DJ2HD as V5/DJ2HD; 160-10m; SSB RTTY
Dec24 Jan06	Palau	T8CW	JA0FOX	By JH0IXE fm Koro I (OC-009); 160-6m; mainly RTTY PSK31 JT65A
Dec26 Jan03	Maldives	8Q7MS	eQSL	By HB9TUZ fm Gangethi I (AS-013); 80-10m; SSB

Jan-Feb 2013 DX Calendar (Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Details
Jan04 Jan18	Namibia	V5	Home Call	By DJ2BQ as V5/DJ5BQ; 80-10m; RTTY	
Jan05 Jan18	Senegal	6W7SK	LotW	By F6BLP fm Saly Portudal; mainly CW; G5RV; QSL also OK via F6BLP, Buro or direct	
Jan09 Jan14	Palau	T88	See Info	By JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6UBY as T88CP, JE6DND as T88HK fm OC-009; 80-10m; CW SSB; QSL via home_call direct	
Jan12 Jan20	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	LotW	By K8PGJ fm Grand Cayman I (NA-016); 20 15m; SSB; mornings + early afternoons weekdays; QRV for NAQP on 40 20m; QSL also OK via K8PGJ	
Jan17 Mar10	Senegal	6W2SC	HA3AUI Direct	By HA3AUI; 40-10m; CW; some IOTA + WFF activity; dates approximate; OQRS to be available after return to HA	
Jan25 Mar10	Guinea Bissau	J5UAP	HA3AUI Direct	By HA3AUI; 40-10m; CW; some IOTA activity; dates approximate; OQRS to be available after return to HA	
Jan26 Feb02	Cayman Is	ZF2TA	K8AQM	By K8AQM fm NA-016; 20-10m; CW SSB	
February					
Feb01 Feb27	Uganda	5X8C	LotW	By 20 ops; 6 stations; QRV 12 days during Feb; QSL also OK via FINGP, REF Buro or direct	
Feb09 Feb13	Guam	KH2	M0URX	By 5B4AGN as KH2/5B4AGN fm OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064; 80-10m, perhaps 160m; high power	
Feb10 Feb21	Bahamas	C6ABB	LotW	By N2RFA fm Nassau, Providence I (NA-001, WLOTA 1115); 80 40 20 17m; digital activity (PSK31 RTTY, perhaps SSTV); QSL also OK via N2RFA direct or eQSL	
Feb13 Feb21	Easter I	XR0YG		By G7VJR G3TXF MD0CCE G3ZAY; HF	
Feb13 Feb23	Micronesia	V63ZM	M0URX	By 5B4AGN; 80-10m, perhaps 160m; high power	
Feb15 Feb27	Burundi	9U4U		By ON PA GM team; during second half of Feb; organized by Belgian Rockall Team; call sign requested	
ARRL DX Contest, CW (Feb 16-17, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.					
Feb18 Feb28	Solomon Is	H44KW	G3SWH	By G3SWH G3RTE fm Guadalcanal (OC-047); 80-10m; cw; QSL OK via OQRS, Buro, or direct	
Feb20 Mar21	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts (NA-104, FK887pg); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB; dipoles, vertical, yagi on 6m; QRV for ARRL DX SSB; QSL also OK via W5JON	
Feb21 Mar07	Burkina Faso	XTIT	OQRS	By 11HJT I2YSB IK2CIO IK2CKR IK2DIA IK2HKT IK2RZP JA3USA; exact dates to be set	
Feb22 Mar02	Burkina Faso	XT	Home Call	By JA1CJA as XT2CJA, JA3IVU as XT2IVU, JH3AEF as XT2AEF, JA3VWT as XT2VWT; 80-10m; CW SSB + digital	
Feb28 Mar10	Clipper-ton I	TX5K	N2OO	By KK6EK + international team as TBD; all bands; all modes	
March					
ARRL DX Contest, SSB (Mar 2-3, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.					

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

Men in Black ... Cars *(Continued from page 11)*

"This is all so interesting. How long have you been doing it?"

"I started during the Cold War."

"WHAT??? Now I'm suspicious again."

"Relax, it's nothing bad. Actually, I have been teasing you a bit in the way I have explained things. This radio is something you have probably already heard about. It's a Ham radio."

"No way. I have seen Ham radios in movies and they look nothing like this. They were huge, with great big knobs and gauges and even had vacuum tubes in them. And they certainly didn't have lit up numbers like yours does. No, this is not a Ham radio. I really think you're some sort of spy. And that's OK with me, as long as you are working for our side."

"Think what you want but it really is a Ham radio."

"I just don't believe you because Ham radios died out when cell phones came in. This is something different. Speaking of cell phones, why don't you guys just use those?"

"We prefer to stay off the grid."

"There you go again. What are you hiding? And I want to know what that Russian guy told you."

"It was routine stuff."

"Oh yeah? Like what?"

"Really, it was nothing to get excited about."

"Then you shouldn't have a problem telling me what it was."

"All right. He simply said that I had a good signal into Moscow and that his name was Boris."

"That's all?"

"Pretty much. Oh, he did say something about his XYL."

"XYL?"

"That's our code word for wife."

"I'm pretty much convinced you're a spy now. And I bet you use that code word for wife to protect your wives from harm. I'm kind of surprised that the Ruskie, oops... I mean Boris, would even mention he had a wife, er, I mean an XYL. You know, for her safety and all that."

"There is really no danger. Boris and his wife are just regular folks like you and I. I'm sorry I mislead you before. IT IS REALLY JUST A HAM RADIO !!!

"I'd like to believe you but there are too many things that don't add up. Say, you never told me what Boris actually said about his XYL."

"Oh, he only mentioned her name."

"What is it?"

"Natasha..."

I hope to see you all at the next meeting but if I don't, please have a fun and safe Holiday. And I'll see you in 2013, at Joe's Place.

— Joe, K8MP

HL Licenses Now Available to All ... With one exception

A new Ham Radio development from "The Land of the Morning Calm."

Licensing authorities in South Korea have now opened up Ham Radio to all foreigners except North Koreans.

South Korean hams will, reportedly, be applying for US reciprocal licenses as well. South Korea's ham organization, KARL, is reportedly seeking to broaden relations with the US ARRL, in conjunction with its loosening of its license structure.

Foreigners applying for operating permission in South Korea may now request a Korean call sign, that is HL#Zxx or HL/ homecall approval.

(Editor's Note — For those who have not experienced a full-blown winter on the Korean peninsula my recommendation would be to give some serious thought on holding off until the weather warms up a bit.)

"If we knew what we were doing they wouldn't call it research, would they?" - Albert Einstein.



CQ Contest CQ Contest..

Jacksonville NFDXA members have challenged Gainesville area NFDXA members and friends, aka 'The DX Hogs, Hogtowne, Ltd.' to a DX contest.



The contest started on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 and ends Monday, December 31, 2012 (both at 8:00 PM local time).

Each participant can earn 1 point per DX entity during this time period on phone/SSB. Two points can be claimed for CW or digital contacts, for a possible total of 3 points for each entity. QSO's must be made from each participant's home QTH or mobile. Work 160M thru 6M.

The total points accumulated by each club will be divided by the number of participants from each club/group.

Click on your call below to go to your log. If you make a mistake entering a contact, erase the wrong check box and save your log. Use the CQ entity list.

World Wide Iron Ham Contest

Members of the Araucaria Dx Group are proud to announce the **World Wide Iron Ham Contest** starting at 1200Z on December 29th.

Participants operating in this event can operate a maximum of 8 hours on each of the three modes (CW, SSB and RTTY) during the 24 hour contest.

Complete contest rules can be found at this address: http://www.araucariadx.com/ih/IRON_HAM_CONTEST_ENGLISH.pdf.



**"If you ain't calling
You ain't winning."
- Contesters' Maxim.**

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Call	Points	Call	Points
↔AB4UF	0	↔K3LB	453
↔K4EB	144	↔K4OCF	149
↔K4UTE	434	↔K4REY	102
↔KC4FWS	46	↔K4WJ	152
↔N4EPD	0	↔K9FN	266
↔N4GFO	0	↔KB4CRT	51
↔N4JBK	0	↔KB4HF	156
↔N4KE	0	↔N1WON	51
↔N4NN	0	↔NW4C	32
↔NF4L	307	↔W4GAL	0
↔NU4Y	0	↔W4GJ	561
↔W1FO	88	↔WA4ET	53
↔W4FDA	17	↔WA4KBD	38
↔WA4B	0		
↔WA6EZV	357		
↔WR4K	280		
Totals	1673		2068

New Web Site for IARU



The DX Coffee web site reports that IARU, the International Amateur Radio Union, launched its new website in late November. The new site appears to be quite straight-forward and user-friendly and here's a link: www.iaru.org. Hams world-wide are invited to stop by and check it out.

— DX Coffee <http://www.dxcoffee.com/eng/>



Radio-sport.net to go QRT



Jaime NS3T

NS3T says his **Radio-sport.net** site is going QRT after five years of operation. Jaime's site (<http://www.radio-sport.net>) was devoted to news about ham radio contesting. According to Jaime, "The decision was not an easy one to reach, but with an increasing work load in my real job as a reporter covering Congress and politics, and as a father with a wife and three small kids, there just isn't time enough to dedicate to this work." **NS3T** expresses his thanks to all who contributed stories, pictures and tips to radio-sport.net. The site went on line just before the Dayton Hamvention in May, 2007.

ODDS ENDS

Credit for much the DX news, illustrations and information contained in this publication goes to a variety of sources including, but not limited to the following:
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NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX Page (<http://www.ng3k.com/>),
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Pete's DX Newsdesk (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>),
ARRL (<http://www.arrl.org>),
Finally, Off-air and word of mouth from those who turned on their radios, listened, operated and then told **The PileUp** what they heard.

— NW4C

It's the Law!

Variation Law

If you change frequencies in the pile up, the one you *were* on will always be the one the DX station came back to . . . (works every time).

HAMS PROVIDE REALISTIC WAR DEPARTMENT SET FOR LINCOLN FILM

Members of the Morse Telegraph Club are reported to have played an important role in the production of the Steven Spielberg motion picture "Lincoln."



Jim WB8SIW

Jim Wades, WB8SIW, is the International President of the Morse Telegraph Club. He says that several members provided period telegraph instruments for use in the construction of the War Department Set. Wades acted as a Technical Advisor for the production, working with set designers to develop the War Department telegraph scenes. WITP, WB0TUA, N7JKD and Roger Reinke provided telegraph instruments to equip the sixteen operating positions portrayed at the War Department set. Nine of the sixteen telegraph positions depicted in the War Department were fully operational.

In addition, K4BAV, and his son had minor roles as Extras. K4BAV also worked with production staff and the actors to explain telegraph technology and the role of the telegrapher.

The Morse Telegraph Club is an association of retired railroad and commercial telegraphers, historians, radio amateurs and others with an interest in the history and traditions of telegraphy and the telegraph industry. —AR Newsline ,ARRL, RAC, WIA

PROTECTED BEETLE SPECIES CAUSES CANCELLATION OF 2013 PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST



Dubiraphaia brunnescens

The Palm Springs Hamfest slated for Saturday, Jan 26, 2013 has been cancelled because an endangered species of beetle lives in and around the shows venue. The cancellation came after the city of Riverside County, California, acted to protect the Dubiraphaia brunnescens beetle habitat.

According the Desert RATS Amateur Radio Club that sponsors the event part of the area in which previous Palm Springs Hamfest had been held has been deemed a protective habitat for this insect. As such, it is therefore no longer available as an event site.

To make matters worse, the radio club was not notified of the situation in time to locate another venue for the 2013 event. Current plans call for the next Palm Springs Hamfest to be held the third weekend in March of 2014

at a venue that is ham radio friendly rather than beetle protected. —AR Newsline

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N0D: A SPECIAL EVENT STATION CELEBRATING DECEMBER 21, THE END OF THE WORLD

Only a few days left. That's right! The end is finally near. According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the End of the world will occur on December 21, 2012. To celebrate this—literally—once in a lifetime event, **Special Event Station N0D (Now Zero Days)** will be activated for three days during and possibly after the end of the world. December 20; is a celebration of the end of the world. December 21, the day of destruction, we will be on the air as long as possible. December 22...that is a little iffy right now.



Amateur radio stations around the crumbling globe are invited to contact N0D, who will be operating from a secret undisclosed location. QSL with SASE to the address in QRZ. If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so hold on to your SASE until the 22nd at least.

You can celebrate Doomsday by contacting **N0D** directly on the air. Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. <http://www.nowzeroday.com/>. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as an Official Doomsday Station followed by your Doomsday number .

<http://nfdxa.com>

The Last Word

Oh what a year it's been. It was a great one to be a DXer, that's for sure. Major Dxpeditions operated from places not heard in many a year and rumors are flying that new and even more rare places are about to be activated in the months ahead.

NFDXA's world class contest team (**N4KE, NU4Y, N4EPD and AB4UF**) powered VP5DX to what looks to be another Caribbean-CA Championship---and their posted score may position them for additional awards.

The club has added another member to its long list of those who've made the Honor Roll. **Cory, NIWON**, reached the magic number in mid-year only to have a last minute deletion by the DX desk (RIMV) take his prize away. A few months wait for some overdue QSL cards and Cory made it over the top. Another member, **John, KB4CRT** has moved to within one confirmation to make HR. Wouldn't getting that 'last one' be the perfect way to bring in the new year?

The intra-club contest has brought out all sorts of activity not seen in recent years. A tip of the DX hat to outgoing president **Larry, K3LB**, for coming up with ways to get us out of our easy chairs and in front of our radios.

Our incoming president, **Bob, WA6EZV** brings the club a wealth of experience to the NFDXA as a world class competition DF'er. In addition, Bob was also a former ARRL DX card checker back in Ohio.

Yep, things are lookin' real good here in NFDXA's little corner of the DX world - and the sun-spot peak is still ahead of us! To paraphrase the old Gator chant, 'It's GREAT to be an NFDXer' -- NW4C



Warren NW4C

