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The NFDXA Newsletter



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## FT5ZM DXPEDITION UPDATE



The fourth and latest news release from the January 2014 FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition team continues to be encouraging in all aspects. In sum it states the team's equipment is in hand and is either being tested or prepped for shipment.

For those who 'collect' grid squares, special MM operations for the 3800 mile round trip are being set up to give Qs for the seldom heard squares between Australia and number 4 Amsterdam. The operation's low band capabilities are being enhanced. The team doctor has finalized his needed medical resources. Thousands of feet of coax have been measured, cut and connectors soldered. Radials have been cut to proper length. The team's K3 transceivers and band pass filters have been tested. Network and logging protocols established. Efforts are ongoing to keep Canadian and European DXers interested and informed continue. The team's income and expenses are being closely monitored to prevent waste.

Fuel, berthing, and customs arrangements have been made for the Braveheart, a New Zealand-registered ship that's a veteran of numerous Pacific, south Atlantic and southern ocean DXpeditions. "There's no turning back now," says DXpedition spokesman K0IR. The initial charter payment of \$175,000 has been made. "Our team members are now fully invested financially. Our next payment is due in December."



"If you've (already) supported us (with a donation), we greatly appreciate it," Ralph says. "If you have not yet done so, please consider helping us now. All the team members will sleep a little better knowing you have our back."

FT5 Amsterdam is currently ranked as the 4th most-wanted DXCC entity world-wide by *DX Magazine* and number 7 by *ClubLog*

## September NFDXA Meeting at W4FDA QTH



Come one and all to the Saturday, Sept 21 NFDXA meeting and help celebrate W4FDA's 92<sup>nd</sup> trip around the Maypole of Life.

Socializing from 3 pm on; catered Sonny's BBQ around 5-6 pm.

Pres says he's feeling up to seeing everyone and is looking forward to the gathering. "In fact", he adds, I'm spending much more time than usual out and about ... mainly because it takes so long to go back and forth between Wards Creek and the Mayo Clinic!"

Please RSVP (<http://nfdxa.com/meeting/>) at your earliest convenience so we'll know how much food to order.



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Name	Call	Attending	Name	Call	# Attending
Jay Garlitz	AA4FL	1	Ron Blake	N4KE	1
Steve Brown	AB4UF	1	Greg Wilson	N4CC	0
John Hale	AC4ET	0	Dale Conner	N4NN	0
Larry Bostic	K3LB	0	Billy Williams	N4UF	0
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	0	Mike Reublin	NF4L	1
Richard Hicks	K4UTE	1	Dave Mains	NO4J	0
John Silberman	KB4CRT	1	Jim lori	NU4Y	1
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	0	Warren Croke	NW4C	1
David Smith	KI4DLS	0	Mike Garcia	W1FO	1
Bill Walker	KX4WW	0	Pres Graham	W4FDA	0
Cory McDonald	N1WON	1	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	1
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	1	Steve Barber	WA4B	0
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	0	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	1
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	0	Dick Knox	WR4K	0

Attendance: NFDXA Members 13 (\* = Attend via Oovoo) Guests 0

**Notice to NFDXA Membership**

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

## —DX FEVER—

Each meeting seems to bring new ideas and stories of DX. As a result of last month's meeting we are going to attempt to catalog club assets. If you know of any item that is labeled as belonging to NFXDA please let me know about it. I will start an equipment database.

Speaking of Databases, have you landed any additional countries that need to be changed on your DXCC need list. Let me know. If you want to be added to the list then send me those you need and I will add another column.

So far, I have only one suggestion for a club contest during 2014. Care to share your idea?

Just to let you know, we thought we were going to move a bit further south, just outside the 295 loop but now it seems we are going to stay put right here. I guess this is a good thing as I was really hating the idea of trying to camouflage a new set of antennas. Thou my 80 and 160 antennas have not seen much work this time of year.

The current contest seems to have stalled as the number of new zones are far and few between. It does look like several members will list a 40 zone single band sweep by tears end. I personally still need two zones but have hope for the contests later in the year. Hope to see all of you at the September meeting. Until we meet good DX and better health.

— 73, Bob



Bob WA6EZV

### Minutes of August 17 Meeting



**The meeting was called to order by Bob, WA6EZV at 6:04 P.M.**

Everyone introduced themselves. The July minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jim KC4FWS reports a balance of: Same as last time plus a few cents.

**Old business** - Pres, W4FDA has ben feeling up and down.



**Richard, K4UTE** is still the leader in the club contest in the beam category, **Bob WA6EZV** tops the vert/wire effort.

The intra club meal is tentatively set for either Sept. or Oct.

#### **New business -**

**Club Contest** - A reminder to be thinking up a new club contest.

**Dr. Jay Garlitz AA4FL** was elected to membership in NFDXA. He has licenses for Tarawa, Fiji and Banaba, and hopes to operate from the islands on the November T33A Dxpdition.

**Equipment** -There was a discussion of creating and maintaining a list of club equipment; who has custody of each piece.

**Next meeting planner** (Sept) is **Dale, N4NN**.

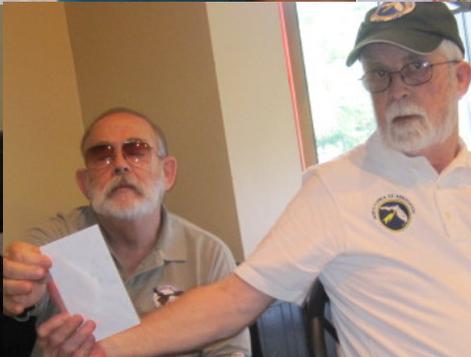
**Guests:** There were no guests in attendance

**Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

— Respectfully submitted, Mike, NF4L, Secretary.



# Faces in the crowd . . . St Johns Seafood, Saturday August 17



**Random shots from the August NFDXA meeting...**  
Top row, l-r: Mike, N4EPD; Cory, NIWON; Warren, NW4C ; Jim, NU4Y and Steve, AB4UF  
2nd row, l-r: Bob, W4GJ and Jay, AA4FL; The monthly meeting begins with food selection  
3rd row, l-r: Rich, K4UTE; John, KB4CRT and Mike, NF4L; Mike, W1FO and Bob, WA6EZV  
Bottom row, l-r: Ron, N4KE; St Johns Seafood waitress Melissa welcoming us back and taking our orders



## The World According to NU4Y

I spend my mornings reading the Newspaper and checking the WWW for interesting stuff. I like to go to QRZ.com and read the antenna and technical articles in the forums. Here are some of the things seen recently with some other observations and interesting things seen and heard.

One gentleman wrote about a crank up tower stuck in the up position. Obviously the tower could not be climbed to repair the pulley assembly and was looking for ways to get it down. Many suggestions were brought up including man lift, crane, building a scaffold etc. The best answer I thought was: "In case of an erection lasting over 4 hours seek immediate medical attention."



There have been some discussions of AFCI circuit breakers. AFCI is a breaker in your panel that protects against arcs. Arc fault breakers are the new standard to be installed in bedrooms (and other areas) of a house to prevent fires. These new breakers have a lot of electronics built in. <http://forums.mikeholt.com/showthread.php?t=111163> RFI seems to be a problem with some of these units. One YouTube video shows breakers opening up in a house 4 doors down from a ham running only 50 watts on 17 meters. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsILD0FceIs> We got away from the TVI problem with the conversion to digital TV, but now the TV will go off at your neighbor's house. The new National Electric Code seems to indicate that these AFCI breakers will be required in many more circuits during install and retrofit in the future.

On the other side, one ham was having interference from neighbors Plasma TV. I have one and can tell you it is a real broadband noise generator. He explained to his neighbor about the problem, and the neighbor went out and bought a new LED TV. He brought her 2 big bags of chocolate. Talk about luck.

Did you hear about the guy from Duck Dynasty? They were in New York for some interviews. While waiting to check into the hotel, he asked an employee where the restroom was. The employee escorted him down a hall, opened the door to the outside and pointed down the street. He then walked around the corner and back into the hotel. His wife asked him where he had been. He said, "I got kicked out of the hotel". They laughed about it, said "it was facial profiling".

Tim Tebow is unemployed, but unlike a lot of other NFL players he has no criminal occupation to fall back upon. Also, after the wonderful first season game by the Jags, there has been a call again for the Jags to hire Tebow. One person wrote that Tim deserves better than that.

Tony Stewart has won his first race since breaking his leg. It appears he was racing his wheel chair against another employee around the race shop.

The transistor was developed by Bell Labs about 60 years ago. It is estimated that at this time there are 11 Billion transistors for every person on Earth.

Fox News is now the #1 rated news show on TV. They have found a niche market. Yes they have, 50% of the people.

Skype is working on a 3D body double. They are working out the kinks but it supposed to project a life size projection so you can attend meetings via the internet. Wow does that bring up ideas.

I tried to size the new beam for VP5DX into a 6" shipping tube (or fishing pole carrier) but just couldn't make it fit. I have ordered an 8" tube, but now that it was shipped I see it weighs in at 17 lbs. The beam is 37 lbs, making the whole thing 54 lbs. I will have to figure out what to move to get it down to 50 lbs. It is bad enough to pay extra for an oversized piece, yet again oversized, and overweight. The tube should be here this week, will see then.

Next month, CQ contest. — 73 Jim

## NFDXA's WIFO INSTRUMENTAL IN DAYTONA COLLEGE GRANT

Daytona State College recently received a directed program grant from the Mexican government to continue its efforts to help Spanish-speaking immigrants in central Florida attain a GED as well as assisting them in their quest to become American citizens. The college was selected to receive this aid for the third straight year through the success of several instructional programs designed and administered by Miguel (Mike) Garcia, WIFO .

Mike is known by members of NFDXA primarily for his first-rate amplifier repair/ and construction work. But he has another life and it, too, involves helping others.

WIFO doesn't publically tout his collegiate credentials but he is a <sup>k n o w n</sup> and respected instructor to many within the Spanish-speaking immigrant community. In addition to the **English as a Second Language** course he currently teaches at the Daytona State College DeLeon Springs campus, Mike has designed a GED program to serve those Spanish-speaking immigrants who are working primarily as agricultural laborers in and around that area. "Learning new things in their native language relieves some of the stress of earning a GED," Mike notes.

Mike is semi-retired after service in the Navy and is modest about his achievements--as he is with most things. He notes he's the first in his family to be a "college professor"--and that's a pretty big thing in our culture, he notes. "Having a GED is important," Mike says. "and having better language skills will help (these students) achieve their goals."

This is the third straight year, Daytona State has received this grant from the Mexican government to continue this initiative. Over 100 immigrants have already benefitted from grants awarded to Daytona



Mike, WIFO, pictured with his favorite ride

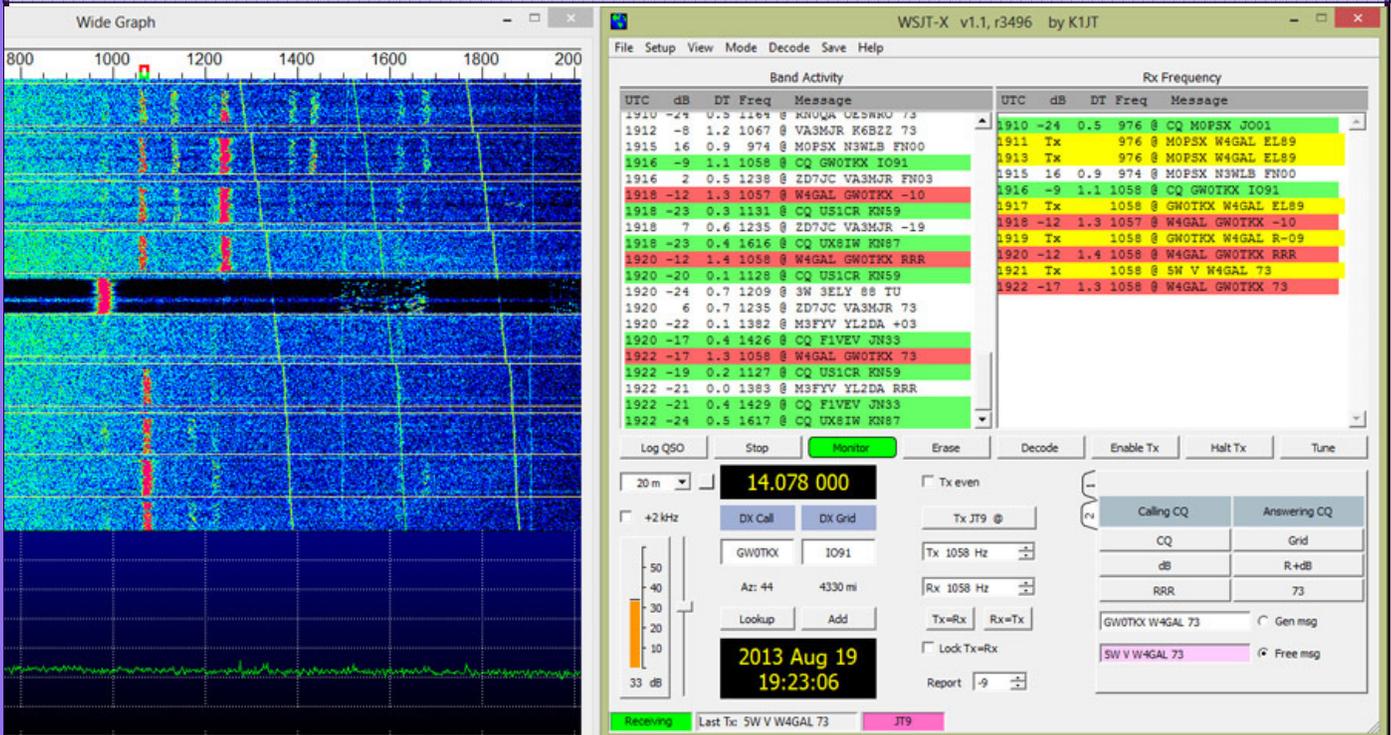
State by the Mexican government through its consulate in Orlando to provide scholarships and financial assistance to low-income Mexican-Americans and international students from Mexico seeking to better themselves through education. Currently, an estimated 90 students, enrolled primarily in adult education programs (as well as some college-credit), will receive assistance for tuition and expenses such as testing fees, educational supplies and textbooks.



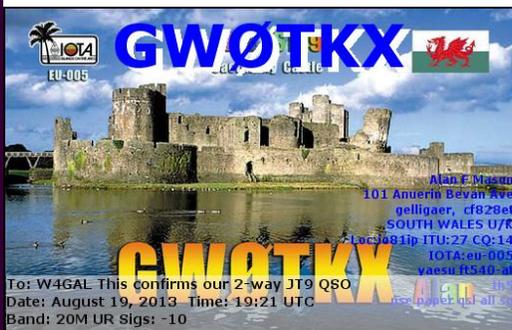
Instructor Mike Garcia (front center) poses with some of his students outside First Baptist Church of DeLeon Springs where Daytona State College conducts adult education classes funded in part by a grant from the Mexican government. — Photo by Daytona State College

Bravo-Zulu, to NFDXA's WIFO, 'Professor' Miguel (Mike) Garcia.

# Why JT9? by Gary Liljegren, W4GAL



A screenshot of a JT9 QSO with GWØTKX in Wales, UK. W4GAL was running 5 watts into a vertical in North Florida



## An unbelievable mode

A quick conversation with someone far, far away (something like a contest QSO), and running minimal power, with an antenna in the attic... if that sounds like your type of fun, JT9 is the perfect mode. It's unbelievable. When you hear the description of how it works with very weak stations, it doesn't sound possible to copy another station that is below the noise level. Ham radio to me with bouncing signals off the ionosphere is next to miraculous anyway, and this is the cat's meow.

I have an HOA restricted antenna farm which means two S9 monoband verticals for 40 and 20 that are based on a concept discussed by Robert Glorio-so, W1IS in August 2011 QST.

They are painted with Ace Hardware camouflage-brown and are nearly invisible from the street. I get out quite well, but I've had a lot of experience with CW and PSK. I was introduced to JT9 a few months ago by Keith Hunt, WC4U. I had heard of JT65 but didn't know anything about it, and I had never heard of JT9. I did know about Joe Taylor, K1JT because of his Arecibo moon-bounce fame, and other accomplishments.

I downloaded the WSJT-X software and Meinberg NTP timing program to sync the computer clock, downloaded a display program called **pskreporter**, I already had the Signalink USB and I was in business. First QSO, W1UU, second one was W6NT, and the third (he was calling CQ) was K1JT. Gee.

## Who hears you when you call CQ?

When I started into ham radio as a Novice in January, 1955, I can remember wondering frequently if anyone was hearing me. The answer was usually no because I didn't understand what I was doing, I was using a terrible antenna, and I was producing pages of logged CQs and no answers. Compare that to today with JT9. As an example, I had a JT9 QSO with Brendon Tadgell, VK4HIA in Australia. Brendon was running 1 watt and I was running 5 watts. According to the WSJT-X display on my computer, that was a 9081 mile trip. I then checked the [www.pskreporter.info/pskmap.html](http://www.pskreporter.info/pskmap.html) website to see who else "heard" my signal. Lots of folks. (Continued on next page)

## Why JT9? (Continued from page 7)

I am having great success running somewhere between one and five watts, and I frequently look to see what stations, in other continents, have reported copying my signal. Fun!

### Power

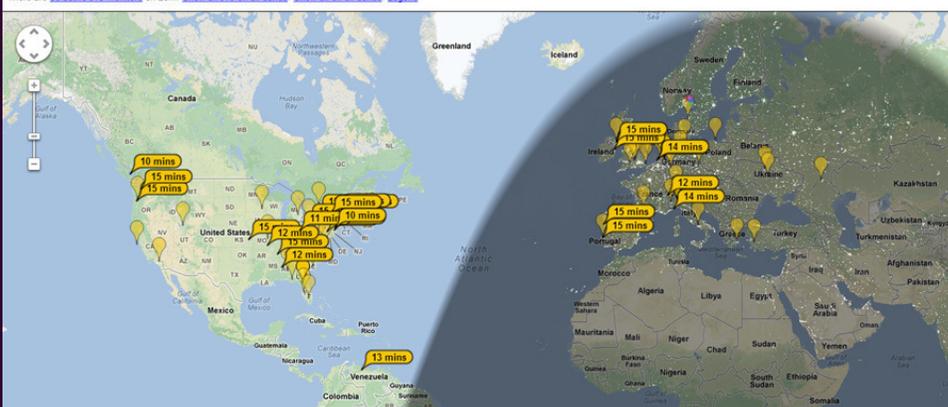
One to five watt transmitter output works well because each transmission of 13 characters is 50 seconds in length and the computer analyzes the signal according to the complex structure created by Joe, K1JT and friends. Power is not needed and is not appropriate for this mode.

Power greater than 20 watts can be detrimental and may even cause other stations to be unable to decode the signal. Weak signal reception was originally developed for UHF and VHF moon-bounce transmissions. Now JT9 is for HF and MF. What a pleasure to work very weak QRP stations thousands of miles away. Amazing.

### Results

Back to the pskreporter.info program. I did a test to make an example: I was using 1 watt power output from my TS-590S into about 70 feet of RG8x to my vertical antenna in North Florida. How much power arrived at the antenna? I don't know, but it had to be less than 1 watt. I waited about 15 minutes to Print-Screen because it takes a little while for the reporting stations to populate the map created by [www.pskreporter.info](http://www.pskreporter.info). Where was my transmission heard? Look at Illustration 1. Holy smoke! ... with one watt output. My test was at about 5:30 PM EDT.

On 20m show signals sent/rcv'd by the callign W4GAL using JT9 over the last 30 minutes [Go] [Display options Permalink]  
Monitoring W4GAL (last heard 10 mins ago). Automatic refresh in 5 minutes. Small markers are the 26 transmitters (show logbook) heard at W4GAL (411 reports, 28 countries last 24 hours, 1602 reports, 43 countries last week). There are 86 active JT9 monitors on 20m. Show all JT9 on all bands Show all on all bands Legend



### Equipment

You need a transceiver running 20 watts or less power, a computer, a sound-card interface to connect the two, and some free software. You can find what you need to know with instructions on the WSJT-X website: [http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/K1JT/WSJT-X\\_Users\\_Guide.pdf](http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/K1JT/WSJT-X_Users_Guide.pdf). Read the User's Guide first; don't wait until you have problems! And, you can get help at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wsjtgroup/messages>. My goal is to tell you how cool this mode is when you have a little-pistol station. Even if you have a big-gun station, see what you can do with 1 watt.

### Problems

When first starting, it can be a little tricky getting your computer to sync with WWV or another time standard. If you can't get your computer to within 1/2 second of correct WWV time, the WSJT-X program may not decode anyone. The User's Guide can help. A second common problem is over-driving the audio. More is not better. I have found that if I set the audio drive at a point half way to where the ALC starts working, I have a clean signal. To get 1 watt, I can set my rig at the 5 watt minimum point and dial down the Signalink to 1 watt on the antenna tuner meter.

### Discouraging?

When operating low power, calling stations and getting no responses or being covered up with QRM, it can get discouraging. On JT9 when running 1 watt and you're not getting answered by the station you are calling, but you can see that you were "heard" on pskreporter by 15 others, it's not discouraging, it's exciting!

This is a new mode for me and I'm loving every part of it. What do you do when there is no sound to listen to? I play music.

Don't worry about your little-pistol station, be happy, get on JT9 and work the world. Thanks, Joe.



— Gary, W4GAL



## Special Event Operations

**HP – PANAMA (CQZ 07)** Panamanian special event station HP500OP (Hotel Panama Five Zero Zero Ocean Pacific) will be QRV from September 20-30 in celebration of the 500th year of the discovery of the South Sea (aka the Pacific Ocean), which took place on September 25, 1513 by Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa. QSL via HP1RCP. --DDX

**LY-LITHUANIA (CQZ 15)** Special event station LY777A is QRV until Sept 30 to celebrate 777 years of the city of Siauliai. QSL via LY5A. --DDX

**LZ-BULGARIA (CQZ 20)** Special event station LZ1406SK commemorates the orthodox St. Cyprian during the month of September. QSL via LZ1KCP. --DDX

**R0000** - (Radio Zero Zero Zero Zero Olympics) is not a joke call sign as it has been issued by the Russian General Radio Frequency Centre (Russian licensing authority) for use Feb 1- Mar 31, 2014 to commemorate the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games being held in Russia --DDX (FWIW: So far this call hasn't shown up on the QRZ site.)

**S5 – SLOVENIA (CQZ )** The 2013 FIBA Euro Basket Basketball Championship is underway in Slovenia until Sept 22. Amateur Radio operators from Slovenia will be operating special event stations with the call **S5##EB**. So far there's S500EB, S513EB, S521EB, S522EB, S523EB, S531EB, S533EB, S539EB, S541EB, S542EB, S543EB, S544EB and S546EB. Don't be surprised if there are others. QSL via the ZRS bureau. --DDX

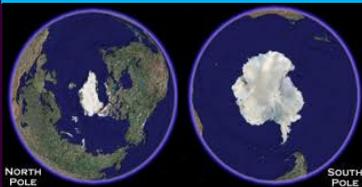
**SP-POLAND (CQZ 15)** Special event stations **HF330VW** and **SN330VW** are QRV until Sept 22 to commemorate the victory of the Polish King Jan Sobieski against the Turkish army near Vienna in 1683. QSL HF330VW via SP9PRR and SN330VW via SP9KJU. --ARRL DX

**SVI- GREECE (CQZ 20) SVI30PAP** from Greece is a commemoration of George N. Papanicolaou, an MD and PhD in cytopathology, who devised the "pap smear" gynecological test, 130 years ago. This operation is QRV until Sept 21.

**HL05GDB (zero five)** will be the special call for Gwangju Design Biennale 2013 between Sept 6-Nov 3. Activity will be on all modes on 3.5 through 50 MHz. QSL via HL4CEL either direct or via the bureau. --DDX

**ZM – NEW ZEALAND (CQZ 32)** To commemorate the 90th anniversary of the record breaking distance communication activities of the early pioneers of Amateur Radio, **ZM90DX** will be on the air the entire month of October 2014 on all bands 1.8 MHz to 1.2 GHz and beyond in all modes. The special event activity is sponsored by the Kiwi DX Group, an informal group of DXers and contest enthusiasts. The call sign **ZM90DX** will be used around New Zealand and a special commemorative QSL card will be available as well as an award program for contacts with ZL during this period. **ZM90DX** operators will also be calling CQ on bands and in directions one may not necessarily expect with the intention of exploring the boundaries of radio propagation as the radio pioneers they are honoring with this activity did many years ago. This will be an unparalleled opportunity for Amateurs all over the world to work ZL while celebrating the exploits of those early trail blazers whose work paved the way for radio communications as we know it today. --DDX, <http://www.zm90dx.com/>

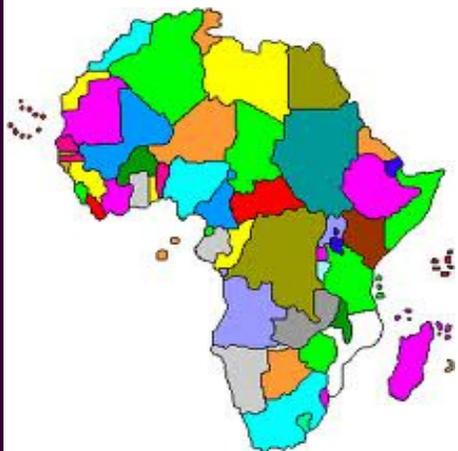
## DX ARCTIC –ANTARCTIC



**XP- GREENLAND (CQZ 40)** Henning, OU2I/OZ1BI, will once again be active as XP2I from Kanger-lussuaq between Nov 21-24. Activity will be CW only on all HF bands. He will participate during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTV. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.oz1bii.dk/index.htm> --OPDX

**VP8-ANTARCTICA (CQZ 38) VP8DOI** with M0ZXA, Will Clark, operating from the Halley Research Station, part of the British Antarctic Survey on Antarctica, says he has no specific operating plans. His work assignment has him there for 14 months. He says the Falkland Islands Postmaster helped get his call sign quickly. Will says it may take a month or two to update his <http://www.vp8doi.com/> web site. The quick action on getting him a call sign put him ahead of schedule on the ramp-up. --DDX

## DX AFRICA



**3B8-MAURITIUS (CQZ 39)** Darren, G0TSM apparently is active as **3B8/G0TSM** until Sept 28. Darren is there on holiday, so activity is limited to 2-3 hours per day on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Participation in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 28-29th) will be very limited due to his return flight time. Darren states [edited], "Please do not send me any paper QSL cards, either direct or via the Bureau. Please use the OQRS feature on ClubLog to request Bureau or direct cards. Also, requests for Bureau QSL cards can be made via E-mail. The log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog during the holiday." -- **OPDX**

**3DA0 - SWAZILAND (CQZ 38)** The **3DA0ET** DXpedition to Swaziland is scheduled to take place Nov 18 -27 including the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. Several of the DXpedition team were members of the 2012 7P8D DXpedition to Lesotho. They're looking for additional ops, especially for RTTY.

Plans call for the 3DA0ET team to meet in Johannesburg, South Africa Nov 15, then drive to Piggs Peak, Swaziland. Take-down will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>, then heading back to Johannesburg the following day. The team hopes to be able to visit the Kruger National Park. If interested contact ZS6RJ, Roger Jones, at [roger.jones@vodamail.com](mailto:roger.jones@vodamail.com) or K5LBU, Charles Frosty Frost, at [3da0cf@gmail.com](mailto:3da0cf@gmail.com). The team has a Web-site with more details at <http://swazidx.org/>. --**DDX**

**3DA0 SWAZILAND & 7P8 LESOTHO (CQZ 38)** **3DA0US/N2DE** will likely be about four days in early February, 2014, says Ulrich. The dates are not finalized he will be in that region from mid-January until the end of February. He will be on 20, 17 and 15 with 10 an additional possibility, CW only with a KX-3 rig, 10 watts to delta loops and a dipole. QSL via N2DE. Ulrich will also, during that timeframe, be on from Lesotho, **7P8US**, with the same setup and is talking to the authorities in Botswana about getting the A25US call sign there and hopes that will work out for some activity. Stay tuned. --**DDX**

**5X - UGANDA & 9X RWANDA (CQZ 37 & 36)** G3RWF, Nick, is heading to Uganda Sept 24 where he'll be QRV as **5X1NH** until Nov 16. He'll be teaming up with G3XAQ, Alan, and heading to Rwanda Nov 19 where they'll be QRV as **9X0NH** and **9X0XA** for about 10 days, including the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. They'll return to 5X and then head home Dec 2.

**6W - SENEGAL (CQZ 35)** Just a reminder that Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as **6W7SK** from Saly Portudal, 80 kms south of Dakar on the coast, between Jan 3-31, 2014. Activity will be holiday style using the same station as last time (IC-7000 into G5RV antenna) operating mainly CW on 80-10 meters. If possible, he also hopes to be active on 160m with an Inverted L. QSL via F6BLP, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. For more details, logs and pictures of his last operation, visit: <http://www.f6blp.org/> -- **OPDX**

**C82DX - Mozambique (CQZ 37)** An international team of ops plan to be on 160-10, CW, SSB and RTTY, Oct 15-22. QSL on OQRS by Club Log for direct or bureau. Or QSL direct to C82DX, Box 333, Bethlehem, GA 30620 USA. Please, no IRCsor eQSLs. Particulars are on the web page, <http://c82dx.com/>. -- **DDX**

**D4 - CAPE VERDE ISLANDS (CQZ 35)** Husband and wife team DJ7ZG, Lot, and DL7AFS, Babs, will be on tour in the Cape Verde Islands starting in mid-October. The two will be QRV from a private house as **D44TXT** near the capital Praia on Santiago Island (AF-005) Oct 19-Nov 7. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters, RTTY, PSK63 and SSB. But if the band opens, 6 meters, too. --**DDX**

**TN - REPUBLIC of CONGO (CQZ 36)** Four Dutch radio amateurs will run the 4th DAGOE Mercy Ships Radio DXpedition from the Republic of Congo. The DXpedition will operate from Pointe Noire Oct 12- 24 using the call sign **TN2MS**. For QSL information visit their website: <http://www.tn2ms.nl/> --**DxCoffee**

**V5 - NAMIBIA (CQZ 38)** DF2UU, Hans Peter, is in Namibia and QRV as **V5/DF2UU** on CW and SSB on 1.8 through 50 MHz during September. In the Worked All Europe SSB Contest he will be using the call **V55V** --**DDX**

**ZD8 - ASCENSION ISLAND (CQZ 36)** Operators Oliver/W6NV, Olof/G0CKV and Jorma/OK2KI will be active as **ZD8W**, **ZD8M** and **ZD8X**, respectively, from Ascension Island (AF-003) Nov 19-21. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 24-25) with each operator as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry: ZD8M on 40m, ZD8W on 15m and ZD8X on 10m. Look for activity outside of the contest on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via their home call signs. --**OPDX**

**ZD9 - TRISTAN da CUNHA & GOUGH ISLAND (CQZ 38)** **ZD9KX**, Gerard, has been Gough Island since last September. He is expected to be there and QRV with an Icom IC-F7000 on the base radio until the end of November, although he may QRT later this month. He has not had success into NA via short path, which peaks around 2100Z, but has had some success by the long path at 1700Z. Gerard typically monitors 14.155, when time allows usually at the top of the hour for a few minutes. QSL via ZS6KX. -- **DDX**

## DX ASIA



**9V1 & 9M2 SOUTHEAST ASIA TOUR (CQZ 28)** . The "DX-World.net" reports operators Fusa/JR3CNQ and Take/JS6RRR will be active from Singapore (9V1 - IOTA AS-019) and West Malaysia (9M2) on the following dates: Sept 20-21 and 23 – Call signs **9V1/JR3CNQ** and **9V1/JS6RRR** and Sept 21-23 – Call signs **9M2/JR3CNA** & **9M2/JS6RRR** Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. In case of heavy rain or other conditions, the operation conditions may vary. QSL via home call signs (see QRZ.com). – **DX World.net, OPDX**

**9N2-NEPAL & A5-BUTAN (CQZ 22)** Pekka OH2YY hopes to be active from Nepal Oct 2-5, 2013 and has requested the call sign **9N2YY** which will be confirmed upon his arrival. Pekka's activity likely will be during the evenings on SSB. From Nepal Pekka heads to Kingdom of Bhutan where he'll operate as **A52YY** Oct 6-9, 2013.

As with Nepal, activity is likely to be during evenings on SSB (10-20m) QSL via H/c, LoTW. -- **DDX**

**BJ-CHINA (CQZ 23)** CAMSAT, China's AMSAT, will be holding a "big DX party" in Dunhuang city in northwest China in CQ Zone 23 Oct 19-28. The first time Amateur Radio activity from this grid locator (NM79aw) will take place on 1.8 to 900 MHz. Special call sign **BJ9TA** will be used "above 50 MHz and HF low bands communications". During the CQ WW DX SSB Contest and other HF activity they will also use **BY9GA/9**. Plans are to have four stations setup, with an emphasis on EME and meteor scatter communications with a multi-op all mode effort in the ARRL EME Contest on October 26th and 27th. In addition to the EME contest operators will also participated in the CQ WW Phone in the multi-single category. They are expecting some 50 operators including: BA1EO, BA1DU, BA4TA, BA4TB, BA4RN, BA4WI, BA4ALC, BH4RQU, BH4REQ, BD5RV, BA7CK, BA9GA, BA9TX, BD9GQ, and BG0GE. QSL via BA1DU. – **DDX, OPDX**

**E4 – PALESTINE (CQZ 20)** HB9IQB, Peri, reports to The Daily DX that he will be in Palestine again, signing E44PM in late August. He will be using his K2/100 and wire verticals. Logs will be uploaded daily both onto LoTW and Club Log. QSL via the bureau or direct to HB9IQB. Check: <http://www.hb9iqb.ch/palestine.html> --**DDX**

**JY – JORDAN (QZ 20)** Jovica, E78A (ex-6W1SJ, 9K2/T94FC, ST0RM, ST2A, T94FC, T98A, TT8JT) is now active as **JY9FC** from Amman. Although Jovica has been working two years in Amman for the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) he's just received his license. Most likely he will stay there for another three years. As during his previous visits, activity will be during his free time mostly on CW with some SSB and Digital operations. QSL via E73Y: Boris Knezovic, P.O. Box 59, 71000 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, or via E7 bureau. Clublog OQRS will be activated after first logs are received from Jovica. –**OPDX, ARRL DX**

**S2 – BANGLADESH (CQZ 22)** Rana, **S21R** is QRV from Dhaka and is there until the end of September. He is active on the HF bands. QSL via N4VA -- **ARRL DX**

**T6 – AFGHANISTAN (CQZ 21)** KLOET, Marvin, from Huntsville, Alabama is currently deployed in Afghanistan. It took two months and he was issued his requested **T6MC** call. He'll be there until January 1, 2014 and plans to operate his 100 watt Yaesu FT-450at on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters on SSB, digital and occasionally on CW. For antennas he is currently using an EFHW and is waiting for a Force 12 Sigma 5 which is enroute from the U.S. Due to his job he can only get on the air as time permits. QSL via LoTW. -- **DDX**

**XZ, MYANMAR (CQZ 26)** Zorro, JH1AJT, will be back in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Sept 18-23, signing **XZIZ**. He has a better location on top of a 1557 ft. hill, and expects to have better signals. He will bring a 10-15-20m tri-band Yagi in addition to the GPs used last month. The operation will be mainly CW this time and focus on NA/SA. WooHoo! If you don't make a Q during this second Zorro appearance, stand by. In mid-November, the Foundation for Global Children (FGC) will have a multi-national team DXpedition to Myanmar for about 10 days with three to four stations, 24 hours, 160 10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Stay tuned! QSL via ClubLog OQRS (preferred) or JH1AJT. -- **OPDX**

## VIET PIRATE OPERATIONS, FAKE CALL SIGNS REPORTED



There have been a number of pirate, unlicensed, operations alleged to be Vietnam, or claiming to be in Vietnam. First, some ship operating on PSK31, sending call signs 3WLD and 3WEO. No Vietnamese ships have a ham license.

Other illegal call signs are 3W0IUR and 3W0PQE. Also questioned are XV8LNS on 20M JT65 mode, XV2PC on 15M PSK31, and XV2PTEOTL on 15M PSK31. Said to be fake call signs are XV3DCM, 3W2LGY, 3W0IUR and 3W4RJF. A fourth case is someone using the XV2T call sign on 15 CW, but the real XV2T does not operate CW. And another pirated callsign, XV2M on 20M JT65 and SSB. -- **DDX**

## DX INDIAN OCEAN

**5HI – ZANZIBAR (CQZ 37)** IK7JWX, Alfredo, is inviting applicants to go with him to Zanzibar, a prominent island in the Indian Ocean that is part of Tanzania alternatively, to Kenya -- in April, 2014. With logistics to be handled by IK8VRH, Antonio, the total cost, all inclusive, flying from Rome, is estimated at 1,200 euro. Get more info on this radio adventure from [info@ahotsun.it](mailto:info@ahotsun.it) and [Antonio.bosso@ahotsun.it](mailto:Antonio.bosso@ahotsun.it) and on these web-sites: <http://www.ahotsun.it/>, <http://www.ahotsun.it/le-destinazioni/zanzibar/> and <http://www.ahotsun.it/le-destinazioni/kenya/> -- **OPDX**

**8Q-MALDIVES (CQZ 22)** Operators Christian/DL2MDU and his XYL Heike/DO3HDA are active as **8Q7CF** from Biyadhoo Island Resort until Sept 27. Activity has been holiday style on 80-10 meters, possibly 160 meters when they can use a long wire. Christian is operating mainly CW, while Heike is on SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DL2MDU. -- **OPDX**

**FR – REUNION ISLANDS (CQZ 39)** It's back to Reunion Island for DJ7RJ, Willi, who will be QRV as **FR/DJ7RJ** Sept 28- Nov 2. He'll be on CW and SSB, 1.8 through 28 MHz. He enjoys and prefers topband says AA1M, Bob. QSL FR/DJ7RJ via DJ7RJ. -- **DDX**

**FH/DK9PY MAYOTTE & FR/DK9PY REUNION ISLANDS (CQZ 39)** Armin DK9PY will be QRV Nov 4-11 from Mayotte Island and from Reunion Island as FR/DK9PY Nov 11-22. — **DX Coffee**



## DX EUROPE

**9H – MALTA (CQZ 15)** The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin reports that 9H3GK from the Dolmen Resort Hotel in Bugibba, St. Paul's Bay on Malta will again be on the air with DD1AY, Klaus, operating. This is November 13-December 4, and is Klaus' third visit. He will be on HF, primarily SSB, with his FT-100 and MFJ tuner to a DX-Wire vertical. He prefers a direct QSL, to his home call sign. Pictures and info from previous trips are on his QRZ.com page. --**DDX, OPDX**

**GU – GURNSEY (CQZ 14)** G3USR, Gordon, is planning a holiday style operation to welcome in the fall season as GU3USR from Guernsey Island Sept 21-25th. He's on SSB only, 40 and 20 meters, primarily, and 6 meters when "conditions warrant". He's running 100 watts and a portable loop and three element yagi on 50 MHz. Listen for him on the Magic band after 19Z on Sept 24. QSL via G3USR, direct only. --**DDX**

**MJ – JERSEY ISLAND (CQZ 14)** MJ5Z from Jersey Island will also be in the RTTY Contest Sept 28-29 with M0CFW (aka JK3GAD, Kazu) operating. He will be on the air as **MJ0CFW** before and after the RTTY affair. Kazu plans to be single operator all band low power. QSL on LoTW or via JK3GAD. -- **DDX**

**T10-TRANSNISTRIA.** Vladimir, UA4WHX, is now active as **T10VB** from the breakaway territory between the River Dniester and the eastern Moldovan border with Ukraine called "Transnistria". They declare independence in 1990 from the Republic of Moldova. You can read more about Transnistria at: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transnistria> and <http://www.transnistria.info/> Currently, Transnistria is NOT a DXCC entity because it does not meet the current DXCC Criteria. Vladimir started his activity on Friday, Aug 30, and has been on 80/40/30/20/17/15 meters mainly on CW but some SSB. QSL via UA4WHX. -- **OPDX**

**Z6 – KOSOVO** Reuters reports "Serbia has dropped its opposition to an international dialing code for its former Kosovo province, a Serbian official said on Monday, in the latest concession by the Balkan country as it seeks to start membership talks with the European Union" at <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/thomson-reuters/130909/seeking-eu-talks-serbia-cedes-ground-kosovo-phone-code>. Seasoned DXers know this usually follows or precedes issuance of an ITU callsign block. Will the ITU now list the Z6 prefix on the official "Table of International Call Sign Series" at [http://www.itu.int/online/mms/glad/cga\\_callsign.sh](http://www.itu.int/online/mms/glad/cga_callsign.sh). If so this would finally qualify Kosovo for DXCC as a counter, instead of current naught status. -- **DDX**



## DX North, Central and South America

**XE - MEXICO (CQZ 06)** K8OHZ, plans a trip to Cancun, Mexico, Oct 13-19 with plans to operate on 20 meters with an Icom 703+ on RTTY and PSK 31, 63 and 125, and "maybe SSB." He'll have Domino, FeldHell, Olivia and digital capability. He prefers LoTW but will respond to direct requests to his home QTH. Operation is 'holiday style' but will try to be on "as much as possible."

**FS - SAINT MARTIN (CQZ 08)** It's back to the north French side of Saint Martin (FS) for K9EL, John, who will be QRV as **FS/K9EL** Nov 18-27. John notes there will be lots of activity from Amateur Radio operators from both PJ7 on the southern part of the island (Sint Maarten) and FS on the northern French side. There could be as many as 25 hams on the island around the CQ WW DX CW Contest and John is going to try and "organize a mini-hamfest on the island right before or after CQWW CW". If anyone is interested please contact John for the "social get together". -- **DDX**

**CE0Y - EASTER ISLAND (CQZ 12)** A team consisting CX4CR, CX3AN, CX2AM, CX3CE, CE0HYO, EA7FTR and EA5HPX will be operating from Hanga Roa, Easter island Nov 1-7, running 3 stations simultaneously - 160m-6m CW/SSB/DIGI. A call sign has not been assigned as of this writing. A website will be running shortly [easterisland2013.com](http://easterisland2013.com) QSL Manager is EB7DX. -- **DX World.net, OPDX**

**CE0Z - JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND (CQZ 12)** XR0ZR will be QRV from Juan Fernandez Island from November 8 to 20. Activity will be on 1.8 through 50 MHz. They will be QRV on 6 meters EME using a K3 with PR6 preamp and KW amplifier into a 6M8GJ with elevation as they did at D64K. EA3AKY, Josep, says "There is still a possibility to be QRV on 2 meters EME if we can fit a station into our limited baggage weight." <http://www.juanfernandez2013.com/> -- **DDX**

**CE0Z - JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND (CQZ 12)** Operator "Mario", in his capacity as aerodrome manager on Juan Fernandez Island, has recently been active as CE0ZOL. He is neither a DXer nor a contester. Mario is likely to be active when time permits during the week-ends. He will be stationed on the island for 6 months. Activity has been on 40 meters SSB (on 7080 kHz around 2200z). More details will be forthcoming. QSL via QSL via CE3RAC: Radio Club Dirección General de Aeronáutica Civil, P.O. Box 15 - Aeropuerto AMB, Santiago, Chile. -- **OPDX**

**CY0 - SABLE ISLAND (CQZ 05)** Gary VEIRGB, Rick AI5P and Murray WA4DAN COMMUNICATE: we will be active from Sable Island IOTA NA-063 will the call sign **CY0P** Oct 1-11.. QSL manager VEIRGB, favorite QSL direct. Web site: <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/> -- **DX Coffee**

**H7 - NICARAGUA (CQZ 07)** Members of Aitana DX Group, EA7FTR, EA5HPX, EA5FX, EA5KM, EA1ACP and EA1DVY, will be active from Nicaragua with call sign **H7H**, Oct 1-16. QSL via EB7DX -- **DDX**

**HC8 - GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (CQZ 10)** G8OFQ, Geoff, is on Isabella Island, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) until the end September. He began his HC8/G8OFQ activity in late August using a KX3 and 200 watts into a vertical and dipole. Listen for him on SSB only on 7 through 28 MHz between 2200 and 0600Z weekdays and longer on weekends. He's operating from the Giant Tortoise Centre at the Galapagos National Park. QSL via the RSGB QSL bureau or to his German address listed on QRZ.com for G8OFQ. -- **DDX, ARRL DX**

**HN - NICARAGUA (CQZ 07)** Members from the Spanish Aitana DX Group (ADXG) will be active as **H7H** from Octavio, YN2N, radio shack in Nicaragua between October 1-16th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EB7DX, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available for direct and Bureau QSLs. All QSOs will be confirmed via LoTW. For more details and updates, visit: <http://nicaragua2013.com/>

**J3 - GRENADA (CQZ 08)** A team of Japanese Amateur Radio operators will conduct a DXpedition on the Caribbean island of Grenada Nov 21-29, including the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. "We are negotiating with NTRC to obtain the special event call sign for our operation" says JH1ROJ, Isao. Activity will be on CW, SSB and the digital modes on 1.8 through 28 MHz. They will be using Club Log and OQRS after the DXpedition. QSL will be JA1HGY; they'll also use LoTW. -- **OPDX**

**J8 - ST VINCENT (CQZ 08)** Another Saint Vincent and the Grenadines operation is planned by the "Caribbean Buddies DX group," aka "Buddies in The Caribbean," Feb 10-17, 2014. They will use Buddipole antennas for 40-10, wires for 80 and possibly 160, but are not sure of six-meter capability. J88EA is a possible call sign.

**KP4 - PUERTO RICO (CQZ 08)** In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico members of the Arecibo Observatory Radio Club KP4AO will be QRV from 1400 to 2000Z on Nov 10. Activity will be on 20 meters. QSL via W3HNK.

**PJ5-PJ7 (CQZ 08)** N7QT and W4VAB, Rob and Hugh, go to Saba and Sint Maarten Nov 17-14. Their suitcase mini-DXpedition will be with the new Crankier portable antenna system and Elecraft KX3 and K3 rigs. Look for them on 80-10 CW, SSB and digital modes. They will be **PJ6/home call** and **PJ7/home call**. QSL on LoTW, eQSL, via the bureau or direct with SASE and IRC. -- **DDX**

**PY0 - FERNANDO DE NORONHA (CQZ 11)** It's back to Fernando de Noronha Island for P6ZZ/PY7CW, Andre. He'll be using his **PY0FF** call sign when not fixing to improve the station between November 11th and 26th, including a single-op effort in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. At the moment he's not sure if it will be an all band or single band attempt. QSL via W9VA. -- **OPDX**

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## DX Pacific, Oceania



**3D2 – FIJI (CQZ 32)** On his way to Banaba for the upcoming November T33A DXpedition AA4FL, Jay, will be in Fiji on October 30th and QRV as **3D2FL**. He'll also be QRV on the return leg in November. He'll have an IC-7000 running 100 watts, "most likely (on) PSK31. QSL via AA4FL. --DDX

**3D2 – FIJI (CQZ 32)** 4L5A passes along the info that WAIS, Ann, will be active from Fiji as **3D2AC** at the end of October, on her way to Banaba. She will be active on HF. QSL to her home call. -- DDX

**3D2 - ROTUMA (CQZ 32)** From Sept 27 through Oct 1, **3D2RA** will be active from Rotuma Island and plans to be active in the CQ WW RTTY Contest. Look for special activity on the 6 meter band on either 50.200 or 50.205 on JT65A utilizing EME. Check the website for pictures and QSL information: <http://www.3d2gc.com> -- DX Coffee

**A3-TONGA (CQZ 32)** Masato "Masa", JA0RQV, will be active from Tonga as **A35JP/N** and from Niuatopotapu Island (OC-191) Sept 19-24. This operation is dependent on weather and flights to the island. Also, air time will be limited due to a limited supply of electric power. Operations will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. In case his flight is cancelled, Masa might be active from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) or Haapai Island (OC-169) or Vavau Island (OC-064) instead. Stay tuned! QSL via his home call sign, the Bureau, direct or LoTW. For more info, visit Masa's Web page from his last trip at <http://www.sato3.com/a35jp/index.html> -- OPDX

**E5 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (CQZ 32)** K7AR, Al Rovner, will be active Oct 21-26 as **E5IAAR** from Rarotonga (OC-013) in the South Cook Islands. He'll have a K3 and KPA500. Al will be renting the room next to E51NOU/N7OU, Bill, and will be sharing Bill's antennas when he isn't using them. Al plans a lot of RTTY time and will be active in the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest. However he will miss the last few hours due to his airline

**\*E6 – NIUE (CQZ 36)** K7ST, Adam, received his **E6ST** license and has set up his station at the Niue Yacht Club. It's the Only yacht club in the world with no boats, but with more members than the population of the country, says Adam. He'll be QRV on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meters running 100 watts and a vertical. (As a reminder E6 is the somewhat new prefix for the former ZK2.) No word on how long Adam will stay at Niue, but his next stop will be Tonga. QSL E6ST via EA5GL. --DDX **\*CHECK TO SEE IF STILL QRV NIUE B4 PUBLISH**

**E6 – NIUE (CQZ 36)** **E6RQ** is the Niue Island call sign for VK4WR, Alan, and **E6SG** will be the call for VK4FI, Graeme, Dec 7-17. The focus will be on 6 meters. However, they also plan to be active on the HF bands. QSL both via VK4FI. --DDX, OPDX

**FO – FRENCH POLYNESIA (CQZ 32)** Dr. Jean-Marc is with the local military on Hao atoll, Tuamotu Archipelago (OC-066) in French Polynesia until Nov 8. He has a KX3 and 10 meter vertical and is surrounded by "a lot of salt water . ." Listen for **FO/F5LCI** on 7 through 28 MHz on CW (5 watts) and JT65-JT9 (3 watts). QSL via eQSL or direct to F5LCI QRZ address. -- DDX.

**JD – OGASAWARA (CQZ 27)** JP1IOF, Toshi, says he's heading back to the Ogasawara Islands where he'll be QRV all bands and modes as **JD1BLC** Nov 7-15. Logs will be posted to Club Log at <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/JD1BLC>. QSL via JP1IOF (including OQRS) and LoTW. --DDX

**JD1 – OGASAWARA ISLANDS (CQZ 27)** J1ILET, Koji, will go to Komagari, Chichijima in the Ogasawara Islands, where he will be signing **JD1BOI** from October 25 to November 3. QSL direct only to J1ILET: Koji Iijima, 7-12 Tenma Gyoda, SAITAMA 361-0076, JAPAN. -- DDX

**KH9-WAKE ISLAND (CQZ 31)** Tentative dates (Wake Time-Zone Dates) have been posted on the **K9W** Web page < <http://www.wake2013.org/>> for the October Wake Island DXpedition. The team expects to arrive Oct 5, set up Oct 6, begin operations Oct 7, stop/teardown Oct 18 and depart Oct 19. Suggested frequencies:

**CW** - 1826.5, 3523, 5405, 7023, 10103, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023

**SSB** - 3790, 5403.5, 7082, 14185, 18140, 21285, 24955 and 28485

**RTTY** - 3580, 7035, 10142, 14080, 18099, 21080, 24912 and 28080 kHz

**6M** - 50107/CW and 50107/SSB --OPDX

**N8A - AMERICAN SAMOA & 5W8A – SAMOA (CQZ 32)**

a DXpedition to American Samoa (KH8) using the Special Events Station call sign **N8A** especially for the CQWW CW contest but with extended pre-contest activity intended to make KH8 widely available. The plan is to be on American Samoa for two weeks beginning Nov 12. Operations are planned for all the HF bands, 10-160 will a special effort on 160 meters. There will also be a focus on EU for the high bands. The DXpedition QTH will be well south of Pago Pago to limit mountain low angle blockage. In addition the team will also spend five days in Samoa on the way back as **5W8A**. More information on the team website: [www.n8a.eu](http://www.n8a.eu) -- DX Coffee

**PACIFIC TOUR (EME/VHF Op CQ Zones 28 & 32)** Hermann, DL2NUD, will once again be active from the Pacific, this time as H44HP from Solomon Islands and YJ9HP from Vanuatu sometime in October and November (dates and specific islands not provided). Activity will be focused on VHF Bands for EME QSOs. QSL via home call- sign, direct or by the Bureau. -- OPDX

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## More DX Pacific - Oceana *(Continued from page 14)*

**T30 – WEST KIRIBATI (CQZ 31)** ADXO reports Japanese ops JF1CCH and JA1FUF will be operating from West Kiribati (T30) Nov 28- Dec 4. They'll be using a dipole and running 100 watts on 7 through 28 MHz on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. More details, including their T30 call sign, are expected to be announced. --DDX

**T32 – EAST KIRIBATI (CQZ 31)** NL8F, Tim, is headed to **T32TM**, East Kiribati, arriving Nov 26, leaving Dec 11. The second week he hopes to have **T32RRC** and four additional operators, along with more radios and antennas. That second half of the operation starting December 4 is still a little fluid. Tim will have an IC-7000 and ALS600, and hopefully a CrankIR vertical from the bungalow QTH on the beach at the Captain Hook Hotel. --DDX

**TX – AUSTRAL ISLANDS (CQZ 32)** The Austral Islands expedition set for October 2-14 has received its call sign assignment: **TX5D**. The QTH will be 20 feet from the ocean. They will be on 80-10 CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. --DDX, OPDX

**YJ – VANUATU (CQZ 32)** A team of four JA ops, including JA2ZS, will be active from the Iririki Island Resort, Port Villa, Vanuatu as **YJ0ZS** between November 1-11, 2013. QRV on 160-6m; CW, SSB & RTTY. QSL via JA2ZS. --DX World.net

## More DX North, Central and South America *(Continued from page 13)*

**V4 - ST. KITTS (CQZ 08)** John, **W5JON/V47JA**, informs OPDX that he will be active once again from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87SG) Oct 10-Nov 10. Activity will be on SSB and the RTTY/Digital modes. He will also use his contest call sign **V49J** during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (Oct 26-27) as a SOAB entry. Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as **V47HAM**. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs. --OPDX

**VP9 – BERMUDA (CQZ 05)** Operators K3GP, ND8L and WW3S will be QRV as **VP9/home call** from Ed/VP9GE's QTH between Sept 26-30. QSL via home call signs, direct or LoTW. Their activity will include an entry in the CQWW RTTY DX Contest (Sept 28-29) as **VP9I**. QSL VP9I via WW3S only. Outside of the contest and conditions permitting, look for them on all bands, but with an emphasis on the 30/17/12 meter bands. --OPDX

**XE – MEXICO (CQZ 06) XFIP** – Partida Isl, NA-124 XE2HUQ, XE2HQI, XE2HWJ and XE2I plan to be active from Partida Isl NA-124 as **XFIP** Dec 7-14, 2013. --DX World.net

**YN – NICARAGUA (CQZ-07) YN2CC** in Nicaragua will be QRV the air Nov 19-27, primarily for the CQWWW CW contest in that timeframe. SSB and RTTY are mentioned by operator AJ9C, Mike, as well as CW. He plans to be on 160-6M and will put his log on LoTW afterwards. Or you can QSL direct or bureau to AJ9C. --DDX

**YV0-AVES ISLAND (CQZ 08)** The 4M5DX Group's license to operate from Aves Island (YV0) has been granted by CONATEL. The call will be YW0A and is expected to take place sometime between November of this year and February of next year. The license is good for one year. Their expected xmt freq can be found at <http://avesisland.info/index.php/en/plans>. --DDX, 425DX

## DX OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT.

The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

<b>D2CT</b>	<b>Angola</b> 2013 Operation
<b>JY9FC</b>	<b>Jordan</b> August 2013
<b>TX5K</b>	<b>Clipperton Island</b> 2013 Operation
<b>XZ1Z</b>	<b>Myanmar</b> 2013 Operation
<b>Z81X</b>	<b>Republic of South Sudan</b> 2013 Operation

**NOTE:** If you've had any of these rejected in a prior application, send a note to [bmoore@arrl.org](mailto:bmoore@arrl.org) to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Also, please note the submission date and/or reference number where the rejection was noted to expedite the search for any rejected QSOs. --ARRL



**NFDXA DXCC NEEDS LIST (Edited) 07/24/2013** *Check roster for contact information*

	Country	Prefix	WA6EZV	NF4L	KB4CRT	NU4Y	NW4C	K4UTE	KI4DLS	K4EB	NIW0N
1	Amsterdam & St. Paul (3)	FT5Z		X	X	X	X		X		X
2	Andaman & Nicobar Is.	VU4				X			X		
3	Baker-Howland Is.	KHI					X		X		
4	Bouvet Is.	3Y					X		X		
5	Chesterfield	FK/C				X					
6	Christmas Is.	VK9X					X				
7	Crozet	FT5W		X	X	X	X		X		X
8	Eritrea	E3							X		
9	Franz Josef Land	RIIF								X	
10	Glorioso Is.	FR/G								X	
11	Heard Is. (5)	VK0/H			X		X		X		X
12	Iran (1)	EP					X		X		
13	Jarvis Is.	KH5K							X		
14	Johnston Is.	KH5K					X		X		
15	Juan de Nova & Europa	FT/J							X		
16	Kerguelen Is.	FT5X			X		X		X		
17	Kingman Reef	KH5K		X					X		
18	Kure	KH5K		X							
19	Macquarie	VK0				X					
20	Marion Is.	ZS8			X				X		
21	Myanmar-Burma	XZ			X		X		X		
22	Navassa Is.	KPI			X		X		X		X
23	Niger	5U		X							
24	Nigeria	5N		X							
25	North Korea	P5	X			X	X	X	X		X
26	P.E & marion Is.	ZS8		X							
27	Peter I Is.	3Y					X				
28	Pratas Is.	BV9P			X		X		X		X
29	Reunion Is.	FR		X							
30	San Felix Is.	CE0X					X		X		
31	Scarborough Reef	BS7H				X	X		X	X	X
32	South Georgia Is	VP8/G			X		X		X		
33	South Sandwich Is.	VP8/S			X		X				X
34	Tromelin (2)	FR/T		X	X		X		X		
35	Turkmenistan	EZ		X							
36	Wake Is. (4)	KH9					X				
	<b>Current Total</b>		348/339	329	329	329	320	368/339	324/317		333

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

2013 Sep10	2013 Sep16	Palau	T88TV	W5MJ	W5MJ 20130829	By W5MJ; all bands, w/ focus on 160 80m; CW; 500w; inverted L
2013 Sep10	2013 Sep21	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	Home Call	OPDX 20130812	By DJ4TC as FP/DJ4TC and DL2NUD as FP/DL2NUD fm Miquelon I (NA-032, FN17tc); 2m 23 70cm; JT65B and JT65C; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Sep12	2013 Sep20	Madagascar	5R8UO	LotW	VA3RJ 20130912	By DF8UO fm AF-013 (WLOTA 2455); 40-10m; CW + digital, SSB in WAE SSB Contest; QSL also OK via DF8UO, Buro or direct
2013 Sep12	2013 Sep23	Nicaragua	YN2PX	A15P	VA3RJ 20130815	By A15P fm Grenada; HF; mainly CW
2013 Sep13	2013 Sep16	Svalbard	JW5E	See Info	VA3RJ 20130808	By DL2JIM et al fm Spitsbergen I (EU-026.); all bands& modes; QSL: Svalbardgruppen Av NRRL Clubstation, PO Box 498, N 9171 Longyearbyen, Norway
2013 Sep13	2013 Sep26	Bonaire	PJ4M	PH2M	DXW.Net 20130705	By PH2M; HF
2013 Sep14	2013 Sep19	Liechtenstein	HB0	LotW	DF5AU 20130904	By DF5AU as HB0/DF5AU; HF, focus on high bands; CW SSB; yagi QSL also OK via DF5AU, DARC Buro or direct
2013 Sep15	2013 Sep19	Palau	T8GM	LotW	PG5M 20130629	By PG5M; 80-10m; CW; QSL also OK via PG5M, Buro or direct
2013 Sep15	2013 Sep27	Maldives	8Q7CF	LotW	DL2MDU 20130831	By DO3HDA DL2MDU; 80-10m; CW SSB + digital; dipole, long wire; QSL also OK via DL2MDU
2013 Sep15	2013 Oct06	Balearic Is	EA6	SP2QCW	OPDX 20130907	By SP2QCW as EA6/SP2QCW fm Mallorca I (EU-004); HF
2013 Sep18	2013 Sep23	Myanmar	XZIZ	Club Log	JA1TRC 20130901	By JH1AJT fm Nay Pyi Taw; mainly CW; focus on NA, SA; triband yagi + GPs; fm atop 1,557 foot hill; QSL also OK via JH1AJT
2013 Sep18	2013 Sep25	French Polynesia	FO	JJ8DEN	DXW.Net 20130826	By JJ8DEN as FO/KH0PR fm Reao Atoll (OC-238); 80-10m; CW + digital
2013 Sep18	2013 Sep28	Mauritius	3B8	LotW	DXW.Net 20130821	By G0TSM as 3B8/G0TSM fm AF-049 (WLOTA 0595); 40-6m; SSB CW RTTY; 2-3 hours per day; QSL also OK via ClubLog OQRS
2013 Sep19	2013 Sep24	Tonga	A35	JA0RQV	DXW.Net 20130901	By JA0RQV as A35J/p fm Niuaotupapu I (OC-191); 80-6m; CW SSB; in case of travel problems may be QRV fm another Tonga island
2013 Sep20	2013 Sep21	Singapore	9VI	See Info	JJ3DST 20130901	By JS6RRR as 9VI/JJ6RRR and JR3CNQ as 9VI/JR3CNQ fm AS-019; 40-10m; SSB CW FM RTTY PSK31; see qrz.com for QSL details
2013 Sep20	2013 Sep23	Svalbard	JW	Home Call	VA3RJ 20130808	By DL2JRM et al fm Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen I (EU-026, WLOTA 0125); DL2JRM QRV in WAE CW; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Sep20	2013 Sep24	Oman	A43MI	A47RS	VA3RJ 20130808	By Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society fm Masirah I (AS-014); SSB CW + digital; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2013 Sep20	2013 Sep24	Palau	T88GJ	JL1FUQ	VA3RJ 20130912	By JL1FUQ fm OC-009 (Grid Loc PJ77); 20-6m, 50.130 MHz on 6m; SSB, perhaps AM PSK31 RTTY; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct via QRZ.com adr
2013 Sep20	2013 Sep26	Fiji	3D2GC	LZ1GC	DXW.Net 20130625	By LZ1GC fm Viti Levu I (OC-016, RH82qf); 160-10m; CW SSB
2013 Sep21	2013 Sep27	Market Reef	OJ0W	OH3WS	OH3WS 20130719	By OH3WS; 40-10m; mainly CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct: Pasi Bergman, Tuulipolku 4, 13500 Finland; tentative operation
2013 Sep22	2013 Sep29	Lord Howe	VK9LL	LotW	VK2CCC 20130107	By VK9LL; 160 80m; QSL also OK via VK2CCC, Buro or direct; spare time oprn
2013 Sep23	2013 Sep23	Singapore	9VI	See Info	JJ3DST 20130901	By JS6RRR as 9VI/JJ6RRR and JR3CNQ as 9VI/JR3CNQ fm AS-019; 40-10m; SSB CW FM RTTY PSK31; see qrz.com for QSL details
2013 Sep24	2013 Nov16	Uganda	5X1NH		DXW.Net 20130821	By G3RWF
2013 Sep25	2013 Oct03	Svalbard	JW8DW	LotW	OPDX 20130617	By LA8DW fm Longyearbyen (EU-026); 80-10m; CW SSB, possibly RTTY PSK31; QSL also OK via LA8DW, Buro or direct
2013 Sep27	2013 Oct11	Rotuma	3D2GC/p	LZ1GC	DXW.Net 20130625	By LZ1GC as 3D2GC/p and LZ2HM as 3D2RA fm OC-060; HF; CW SSB; also 3D2DD using 3D2DD/p (SSB only, QSL as per qrz.com)
<b>CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY (Sep 28-29, 2013) Check here for precontest activity too.</b>						
2013 Sep28	2013 Oct02	Reunion	FR	DJ7RJ Direct	AA1M 20130902	By DJ7RJ as FR/DJ7RJ; 160-10m, possible focus on 160m; CW SSB

## October 2013 DX Calendar (Cont.) (Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2013 Oct01	2013 Oct11	Sable I	<a href="#">CY0P</a>	VEIRGB	WA4DAN 20130324	By VEIRGB WA4DAN AI5P; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 3 monoband yagis; focus on Asia Pacific
2013 Oct01	2013 Oct16	Nicaragua	<a href="#">H7H</a>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130617	By EA5KM et al as TBD fm YN2N shack (EK71au); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via EB7DX, Buro or direct, OQRS available
2013 Oct02	2013 Oct05	Nepal	9N2YY	LotW	OH2YY 20130829	By OH2YY; call sign requested; 20-10m; SSB; evening and nights; 100w; dipoles; QSL also OK via OH2YY, Buro or direct
2013 Oct02	2013 Oct14	Austral Is	TX5D	LotW	N7QT 20130806	By KZIW N7QT fm Raivavae I; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK
2013 Oct03	2013 Oct07	Mariana Is	<a href="#">AH0KT</a>	JH8PHT	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130618	By JH8PHT; HF + 6m
2013 Oct03	2013 Oct17	Mayotte	<a href="#">TO2TT</a>	OQRS	IK7JWY 20130328	By I2YSB IK2CIO IK2CKR IK2DIA IK2HKT JA3USA IZ2AXF fm AF-027; 160-6m
2013 Oct05	2013 Oct20	Martinique	TO4FM	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130711	By F4BDG; HF; QSL also OK via eQSL
2013 Oct06	2013 Oct10	Bhutan	A52YY	LotW	OH2YY 20130829	By OH2YY; 20-10m; SSB; evening and nights; 100w; dipoles; QSL also OK via OH2YY, Buro or direct
2013 Oct07	2013 Oct18	Wake I	<a href="#">K9W</a>	LotW	WWIME 20130302	By N2TU et al; QSL also OK via ClubLog OQRS (preferred) or AA4NN, Buro or direct
2013 Oct08	2013 Nov20	Juan Fernandez	<a href="#">XR0ZR</a>	LotW	XR0ZR 20130405	By IW3SQY et al; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 4 stations; QSL also OK via OQRS and via IV3DSH direct (see info on Web)
2013 Oct09	2013 Oct13	South Cook Is	E51YIV	IZ0YIV	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130717	By IZ0YIV fm Rarotonga I (OC-013); holiday style operation
2013 Oct09	2013 Oct17	Senegal	6V7T	F5RAV	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130523	By F5RAV fm La Calao; 40-10m; PSK SSB; 3 days side trip to N'gor I (AF-045)
2013 Oct10	2013 Oct14	Mariana Is	<a href="#">KH0M</a>	JF1VXB	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130618	By JF1VXB; HF
2013 Oct10	2013 Nov10	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	W5JON 20130806	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts; also W5HAM using V47HAM; QRV using V49J in CQ WW DX SSB; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2013 Oct12	2013 Oct15	Fiji	<a href="#">3D2GC</a>	LZ1GC	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130625	By LZ1GC fm Viti Levu I (OC-016, RH82qf); 160-10m; CW SSB
2013 Oct12	2013 Oct24	Congo	<a href="#">TN2MS</a>	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130527	By PA3A PD1AEG PA8AD PA8AN fm Pointe Noire; 160-10m; SSB CW RTTY; QSL also OK via OQRS or PA3AWW Buro or direct
2013 Oct13	2013 Oct17	South Cook Is	E51YIV	IZ0YIV	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130717	By IZ0YIV fm Aitutaki I (OC-083); holiday style operation
2013 Oct15	2013 Oct22	Mozambique	<a href="#">C82DX</a>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130527	By N1DG N4XP CT1EEB DJ9ZB I8NHJ N6MZ WB4JTT W6OAT ZS6EZ ZS6P ZS6RI; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; dates tentative
2013 Oct16	2013 Oct21	Sierra Leone	9L	LotW	K4ZIN 20130908	By N4WDT K4ZIN as TBD; 160-10m, focus on WARC + low bands; 2 stns, 12 or more hours per day; QSL also OK via home_call
2013 Oct19	2013 Nov07	Cape Verde	D44TXT	DL7AFS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130827	By DL7AFS and DJ7ZG fm Santiago I; 80-6m; SSB RTTY PSK31
2013 Oct22	2013 Nov27	Senegal	6V7S	RK4FF Direct	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130124	By RK4FF; HF

[CQ WW DX Contest, SSB](#) (Oct 26-27, 2013) Check here for pre-contest activity too.

**You have two ears and one mouth, so please try to listen more, talk less. Be patient.**

## Food For Thought



**Paul Ewing, N6PSE**, has operated on both sides of DX pileups. As president of the **Intrepid DX Group** he's compiled an impressive record of successful DXpeditions to rare and hard-to-get-into places. Examples include the 'surprise' 2012 706T DXpedition to then top-5 ranked reclusive Yeman. His group did the first Ham Radio operation from the then brand-new DXCC entity Republic of South Sudan in 2011 with the call sign ST0R. In 2010 he headed the Y19PSE expedition from war-torn Kurdistan-Iraq. Other Intrepid DXpeditions include T6PSE, 3D2R, ET3AA, 6O3A and 3D2C. Paul and Intrepid's current efforts are focused on gaining Ham Radio access to P5, North Korea, the most-wanted DX entity world-wide. His commentary below, reproduced with his permission, appeared Aug 18 in an **eham DX Forum** discussion on pileup behavior under the topic heading "The PILUP BULLY LID Problem." (<http://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php/board,11.0.html>)

### Pileup Behavior—Paul Ewing, N6PSE

Pileup behavior is often being discussed by hams these days. Many of us (but not all of us) are growing more and more concerned at what we perceive as a rapid erosion of civility/decorum on the bands.

This reduces the fun and enjoyment of this hobby that we otherwise enjoy. Some notable Dxers attest that a proper operator can control or manage any pileup and that the behavior of the pileup is a direct reflection on the operator's skill.

I think this statement was truer some years ago when there was more civility on the bands but someone making that statement today makes me think that they have not operated from a rare and highly sought after DX location in a long time!

If you have a rig with dual receivers or if you have the ability to use the REV function, you can monitor the pileup and the operator. These days you will hear many stations calling out of turn. The DX says "who was the N8?" and a K9 station continues calling. It's even worse over in Europe. I have participated in a number of DXpeditions where we were beaming across Europe to our target areas.

While some of the European noncompliance seems to be related to language difficulties or misunderstanding the operator's instructions, I also believe that there is less respect among some in Europe for their neighboring countries and they tend to operate their radios in the same wild and reckless fashion that they drive their cars in their country. Have you ever noticed the correlation between the way a country operates and the way they drive? There is something to be studied there.

I also believe that behavior is much worse now in what I call "run of the mill" DX. Regularly, I hear poorly behaved pileups for entities that are not rare. There is a sense of desperation among the callers. What is even more interesting is that many of the callers are Top of the Honor Roll guys. It seems for some that the pursuit of CQ Marathon Points, IOTA points or DXCC Challenge causes them to throw all civility and respect for others out of the window.

You may wonder, what can be done about this? Some have suggested that the operator call out the offender during the pileup or establish a "black list" and refuse to work the worst offenders. I suspect that calling out an errant caller is just inviting them to tune on you or otherwise jam you. I cannot get comfortable with black listing Dxers either. Sometimes things happen for a reason. Mistakes happen. We have all made mistakes now and then and without any chance to clear the air, no one should be black listed.

I believe the proper response to a poorly behaving pile up and for the operator to manage as best they can and not let anyone overly affect them. This is what I've seen the best operators do. If it gets really bad, I suggest to "QRX for ten minutes" and take a break. This gives the pileup time to settle down. It can be like pushing the "reset" button at times.

I think some peer pressure is also appropriate if we hear our friends or fellow club members calling out of turn or acting improperly on the bands. As for the European situation, that one is a tough problem. Having operated from EU many times I cannot ever get used to what I hear.

It makes me glad to come home to where things are not quite as bad. Better still are the Japanese. Politeness and respect are central to their culture. This carries over into amateur radio. It is much less common to hear an errant JA operator in the pileups. Perhaps we should all be more polite and respect each other more.

**Paul N6PSE**

<http://n6pse.wordpress.com> (New Blog)

Apropos to nothing . . .if your mind starts to wander let it stroll through something really big!

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20120321-how-big-is-space>



## NFDXA 2013 DX Zone/Band contest 13Sept2013

Between 1 February, 2013 and 31 December, 2013 work as many CQ zones as you can, on 160 through 10 meters, any mode. There are 360 possible points (40 zones by 9 bands).

There are two categories, (1) Stations using a beam and wire antennas, and (2) stations using only verticals and wires. The winner in each of the two categories gets a free meal at a meeting, \$25.00 maximum. You must declare which category you're entering *before* logging any QSOs. Another meal (\$25.00) will be furnished to anyone who works all 40 zones on a single band. The tie-breaker on the 40 zone on one band category will be the most zones on a single band, then next highest number, etc.

To delete a contact, uncheck it on your log page and click the "Log it" button.

If you use the "back" button of your browser to go from the log page to the summary page, you'll need to refresh the summary page before results show up.

Call	Beam/Wire	Vertical/Wire	Score
AB4UF			0
AC4ET			0
K3LB	B		215
K4EB	B		82
K4UTE	B		301
KB4CRT			0
KC4FWS	B		1
KX4WW			0
NIWON		V	0
N4EPD		V	2
N4GFO			0
N4JBK			0
N4KE			0
N4UF	B		0
NF4L	B		68
NO4J			0
NU4Y		V	115
NW4C		V	34
VP5YZ			0
W1FO	B		106
W4FDA			0
W4GJ			0
WA4B			0
WA6EZV		V	192
WR4K		V	182

### WAE

### Worked All Europe SSB Contest

The WAE Contest, organized by DARC (Deutscher Amateur-Radio-Club), continues with the SSB portion this weekend (. RTTY will follow in November. The goal is to work as many European stations as possible. The rules can be found at: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc/en/rules/>

**Date and time:** Sept 14th, 0000 UTC through September 15th, 2359 UTC.  
**Bands:** 3.5 – 7 – 14 – 21 – 28 MHz.

- **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.



### 2013 September ARRL VHF: September 14-16

**Objective:** For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada. Stations in KH0-9, KL7 & KPI-KP5, CY9 and CY0 count as W/VE stations and can be worked by DX stations for contest credit. Rules, details: <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>  
 Begins 1800 UTC Saturday and ends 0300 UTC Monday (September 14-16, 2013).

### Other Contests the weekend of September 14-15 -DX World Bulletin 9

Date	Time	Date	Time	Contest Name	Mode
14/09/2013	00:00	15/09/2013	23:59	VERON SLP Competition Part 7	SWL - SSB
14/09/2013	00:00	15/09/2013	23:59	Worked All Europe DX Contest	SSB
15/09/2013	00:00	15/09/2013	04:00	North America Sprint Contest	SSB
15/09/2013	06:00	15/09/2013	10:00	Belgian Mills Award Contest	SSB
16/09/2013	16:00	16/09/2013	16:59	OK1WC Memorial Activity (MWC)	SSB

The meek may inherit the earth but never a good run frequency

## Changing Times in (the) DX Hunt



If there's a name and call sign that's synonymous with the word "Dxpedition" or a 'first time operation' in a new DXCC entity it's **Martti Laine, OH2BH**. During his storied Ham Radio career OH2BH has operated with more than 150 assigned call signs from a vast assortment of countries. Additionally, he's credited with conducting first-time-ever operations from 11 new DXCC entities.

Martti was a featured speaker at the Friedrichshafen DX Conference last June where he narrated a slide presentation titled: *Changing Times in DX Hunt*. The program was recorded by the Documentary Archives Radio Communications, separated into 5 parts with imbedded narration and posted on the DokuFunk website in both German and English.

It will take a few minutes to download all the segments. However, you'll find it's worth the time and effort. As usual, Martti has some interesting thoughts based on his experiences to pass along—especially those re Kosovo and Montenegro in the last program (Part V).

[http://dokufunk.org/amateur\\_radio/personalities/index.php?CID=412&lang=EN](http://dokufunk.org/amateur_radio/personalities/index.php?CID=412&lang=EN)

## VANITY, THY NAME IS . . .

In this instance we are not talking about the misquoted Shakespearean line "Vanity, thy name is woman" line (which actually is "Frailty, thy name is woman!" Hamlet (I, ii, 146). Instead, it's vanity call sign information.

The much-used Vanity HQ call sign website closed down in late August. However, do not despair; apparently all is not lost vanity-wise.

The Radio QTH website also has good information for those seeking a vanity call sign at <http://www.radioqth.net/> Check it out.



## ARRL: FCC Should Keep Reins of Equipment Certification Process



The ARRL is urging the FCC not to grant private organizations greater authority in certifying that RF devices comply with commission rules and do not cause harmful interference. According to the *ARRL Letter*, much of this work is already done by so-called "telecommunication certification bodies" or "TCBs," but under FCC oversight and following an initial FCC evaluation of new products. In reply comments on a proceeding seeking to outsource all equipment authorizations to TCBs, the ARRL joined the National Association of Broadcasters in questioning the bodies' track record on accuracy and transparency, and noted that enforcement of FCC rules "is the proper task of the Commission's staff." — *ARRL News*

## UNLICENSED OPERATIONS DISCOVERED ON 2 METERS IN EUROPE

The International Amateur Radio Union Monitoring System newsletter reports the amateur 2 meter band in Europe is being used illegally by unlicensed stations using what are described as cheap hand held transceivers. These include such wide ranging activities as taxi-nets in the Canary Islands, fishery operations in the Bay of Biscay and a number of undefined private users in Germany.

—*AR Newslines*

**"One really can't do anything about the DX cops without making the situation worse, so whenever I encounter them I try to think of something amusing. That keeps my mood from going sour. ..."**



**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:

- The Daily DX (DDX)** (<http://www.dailydx.com>),
- Ohio-Penn DX Bulletin (OPDX)** (<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>),
- DX World of Ham Radio (DXW)** (<http://www.dx-world.net>),
- 425 DX News (425 DXN)** (<http://www.425dxn.org>)
- NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX Page (NG3K)** (<http://www.ng3k.com/>),
- The DX Magazine (DXM)** (<http://www.dxpath.com/>),
- DX Coffee (DXC)** (<http://www.dxcffee.com/eng/>)
- DARC DXNL (DXNL)** (<http://www.dxhf.darc.de/>),
- Pete's DX Newsdesk (PDXN)** (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>),
- ARRL (ARRL DX)** (<http://www.arrl.org>),
- Finally, Off-air and word of mouth from those who turned on their radios, listened, and then told *The PileUp* what they heard.**

— **NW4C**

**It's the Law!**  
**Law of the Result**  
 When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

## PileUp

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And...so it goes.

Wait, wait... you're telling me...



If I pee in the yard, I get a TREAT?

### The Last Word

Transnistria. It's doubtful many hams even knew the place existed before Vlad, UA4WMX started operating there recently with the call sign T10VB. But exist it does, especially in the minds of DXers wanting it to be a 'new' DXCC entity.

There isn't much to Transnistria. In area it's a little over 1600 square miles, which is less than Duval and Alachua counties combined, with a population just over 500,000. It's a break-away territory from Moldova located mostly on a narrow strip of land between the Dniester River and Ukraine. Its long stringy shape resembles some of our gerrymandered US congressional districts!

Transnistrians claim they're an independent country. In 1992 they broke away from Moldova, which is a piece of the old Soviet Union. Transnistrians have their own bank notes, parliament, a president, military, police, postal system and their own public holidays. But, they don't have UN membership and their sovereignty isn't recognized by most of the world's countries.

Transnistria's ties are strong with Russia as evidenced by the hammer and sickle on both their flag and national emblem. But it's interesting that the Russians don't recognize their sovereignty either and maintain both a military and consulate presence there.

Vlad's multi-day-multiband T10VB operations has started another round of possible new DXCC entity speculation. How long this will last or how far but will go remains to be seen. Presently, Transnistria satisfies some but not all of the requirements for a DXCC entity. But it's not a UN member. It has no ITU-assigned call sign block, etc. (Vlad's call sign prefix T10, supposedly issued by some Transnistrian authority, is not assigned by the ITU to anyone!)

This 'new entity' chatter begins when anything remotely 'new' or different shows up on the airwaves. For the near future my guess is T10VB will remain little more than an interesting diversion. But one can never tell. After all, BS7 Scarborough is still a DXCC entity . . .

— Warren, NW4C

