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The NFDXA Newsletter



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NFDXA MEETING
5pm Sat 16 Nov
St Johns Seafood-Stks
1161 Lane Ave S. Jax

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The VP5DX team is back home, safe and sound with the 2013 'test proving more of an adventure than they had been expecting. However, in spite of continued confrontations with Murphy's Law the team persevered and turned in an admirable performance, one that even topped last year's effort when everything was working!

Who better to recite the contest effort by the NFDXA 'Fab Four' than one of the team members, especially one who's reknown for 'seeing things' just a tad differently than most of us. :)

This month's issue of the NFDXA PileUp is dedicated to the 2013 VP5DX Team. The story and on-site photos are by veteran team member Jim Iori, NU4Y

VP5DX 2013 CQ WW SSB: 12,333,673 Claimed Points 6829 QSOs—175 Zones—576 Band Entities

What a trip to VP5, another great time. It was the best of times and the worst of times. We arrived in Provo on Tuesday Oct.15, rented a van (if you can call that little tin can a VAN) and headed to the motel.

Spent that afternoon at the Tiki Hut, then had dinner there. That evening Capt Ron (N4KE) took Mike (N4EPD) and me to a Casino down in Grace Bay. (The one across the road from Turtle Cove was not open.) Capt Ron was playing the penny slots, while Mike and I tried Black Jack. We were not doing very well so we left and called it a night.

Wednesday we found a good place for breakfast, picked up the shipping tube with the used A4 beam we had shipped, and spent a little time in the Do It center to see if there was anything we could not live without. We dropped Steve (AB4UF) off with our luggage and the 8' shipping tube at the ferry landing and then went to the IGA for food. Took the ferry to North Caicos and our cab driver delivered us to Middle Caicos (with a stop at the Liquor store). We unpacked and stored all the goodies and walked down to the new restaurant bar and grill for drinks. Life doesn't get any better.

Thursday Mike and I unpacked the shipping tube and started assembly of the A4 while Capt Ron and Steve put up 30 feet of Rohn 25g (the normal Rohn 6 has finally succumbed to the Rust gods).

Friday we finally got the antenna finished with new coax made up for it with a wound choke coil, and installed. Worked like a champ with the SWR exactly as set per the instruction manual.

Saturday we built and installed the 160 inverted L. Normally it was ground mounted, this year we put the 33 foot vertical on top of a section of Rohn 25 and added a section of wire down to give us about a 43 foot vertical. We also wound a huge choke coil using a section of the shipping tube, and Ron found stuff to elevate the 3 radials. — *Continued on page 5*



Capt Ron, N4KE



Mike, N4EPD



Jim, NU4Y



Steve, AB4UF

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

Attendance: NFDXA Members 10 (* = Attend via Oovoo) Guests 1

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) at your earliest convenience.



—DX FEVER—

Hello All and an Early Happy Thanksgiving. I do believe Thanksgiving came early this year based on the smorgasbord of DX that has been on the bands the past few weeks.

Warren gave a great rundown in his email on November 5th. Thanks Warren, we just moved and the antennas are down. Think I am going to cry.

I would like to that everyone who stepped up and agreed to help the club by running for either a new or renewed term of office next year. Your continued dedication is greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

The October meeting brought forth a great idea for a new contest to be started January 1st. Here is what was suggested:



Bob WA6EZV

1. This will be a six month contest starting Jan. 1st, 2014
 2. Contestants are to select two operating bands at the start of the contest.
 - a. One must be from 10,12,15 17, or 20 meters
 - b. The other must be from 30, 40, 80, or 160 meters.
 3. There will be ONE winner
 4. The winner will be the contestant with the greatest number of unique entities.
- Of course we will have a discussion at the November meeting to make sure everyone is in agreement.

I think everyone is a winner with the DX contest this year. It's great to see a lot of activity and posting for the needed zones on those rare bands. I really want to see who comes out ahead between, K4LB (119), NU4Y (121), and WIFO (122) countries. Until I figure out how to do some real stealth antenna work, I am afraid I am out for the count. I say this as my mind is planning some really sneaky ideas. That's it for this month. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

— 73, Bob, WA6EZV

Minutes of November 16 Meeting



The meeting was **called to order** by President Bob, WA6EZV P.M.
Everyone introduced themselves. The September minutes were approved.



Treasurer's Report - Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of: \$1052.13.

Old business - The first contest of 2014 will be a 6 month one. Work 2 bands one high(10 thru 20 meters) and one low(30 thru 160 meters). You have to pick your bands before starting. The prize will be a meal at a meeting, up to \$25.00.

The nomination committee of NW4C and K3LB presented the slate of nominees for 2014. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

President Mike WIFO

Vice President Warren NW4C

Secretary Mike NF4L

Treasurer Jim KC4FWS

The election will be held at the November meeting. Proxy votes are allowed. A proxy must be in writing and describe a specific action, i.e. it says who you are, and who you're voting for by name.

New business - There was discussion about the club participating in a contest from Pres's place.

Jim KC4FWS is investigating finding a new club shirt supplier.

Next meeting planner (November) is Ron, N4KE

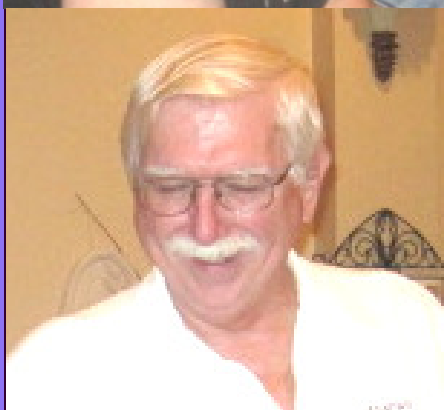
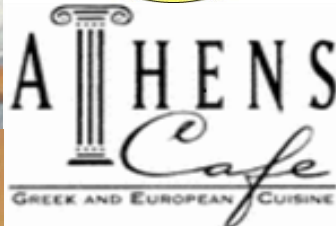
Guests: Jackie Garcia

The meeting was **adjourned at 7:00 PM.**

— Respectfully submitted, Mike, NF4L, Secretary



Faces in the crowd . . . Athens Café 19 October 2013 *NW4C photos*



The 'Rogue's Gallery' for the October NFDXA Meeting at the Athens café includes: Top row, (L-R); Mike, W1FO and Richard, K4UTE; the group discussion over appetizers (L-R) David, KI4DLS; Larry, K3LB; Mike, NF4L; Bob, WA6EZV and Larry, K4EB. Second row — (L-R) Jackie, W1FO XYL, Mike, NF4L and David, KI4DLS. Third row— (L-R) Jim, KC4FWS; Mike, W1FO; Larry, K3LB; Richard, K4UTE w/'doggie bag'. Bottom row — (L-R) Bob, WA6EZV; Larry, K4EB. After dinner, the Athens Café gave each of us a special dessert treat, the recipe of which is secret, but it's taste was sensational!



VP5DX 2013 *Continued from page 1*



VP5DX 160 meter Inverted L antenna. Note large shipping tube choke coil. Ugly dude, but it worked like a champ!

This antenna showed an impedance dip (after setting length) of 35 ohms. Proves again that there is no ground anywhere nearby. This is like the antenna is in free space almost. Ron played with the 160 that night and it worked well.

Sunday we pulled out the GAP Voyager antenna, made new radials for it, refurbished all the connections and installed it down at the beach. SWR was perfect and it was working well. We also found that the SteppIR rotor did not turn more than 6 degrees in either direction. It was decided the rotor itself was bad. With some ingenuity Ron (and a hacksaw) got the rotor down. We pulled the Yaesu rotor apart (inside of a cardboard box) and all 98 of the bearing fell out. Each bearing was completely rusted (rotor was about 5 years old from new). We soaked the bearings in Liquid Wrench over night, washed and wiped each off, the washed again with alcohol then installed with new grease. Yep it worked like a champ after Capt Ron reinstalled it. Ron and Mike installed the 80 meter Delta Loop during my bearing cleaning. Another 2 days gone to Murphy.

Capt Ron was playing on 160 and 80 Tuesday night and found the AL-1200 arching on 80 meters. I spent a couple of hours trying to clean up the band switch and cleaning, inspecting connections, and we tried it again. Yep the band switch is toast. (Maybe one of the doorknob caps bad also?). We pulled it out of service. We also turned on the TS-950, now that antennas, switches and other accessories were installed. It transmitted one time, and then the radio went dead. Found the main fuse was blown. Replaced that, the radio came on but now no transmit at all. I found the fuse in the Final unit blown, and a dead short. TS-950 joined the AL-1200 in the Murphy pile.

We decided to pull out the Icom 736 since it had computer control. It was dead also. (Was working when pulled out of service) After some troubleshooting it joined the 950 and 1200 in the Murphy pile. The TS-930 was pulled from the box. At least it turned on, transmitted and received. (No computer control). The tuning dial would allow you to turn up in freq, but not down. I was able to tear it apart and fix that, it also had another small problem (don't remember what) that was also fixed at the same time. Ron and Mike put the 10 meter monobander up about 10 feet in front of the house pointed west.



Westward pointing 10 meter monobander

During all of this time, (days) Steve was fighting computer problems. The computer at the Mult Station was running, the one at the Run station sometimes would not boot up. When it did, it worked, but if the power should go off we might never get it back. The backup computer's mother board was also bad, and it didn't even make it to the Murphy pile but went straight to the trash. Steve also had to make a trip up to complex's main house and do adjustments to the Wi-Fi routers, switches and antennas. Ron and Steve made a run to North Caicos and bought a USB keyboard so we could use a laptop at the runner station. (Also it was necessary to purchase more Heineken as all of this Murphy stuff had depleted the supply, not to mention the empty Fridge when we arrived).

The power did go out for a couple of minutes on Fri and sure enough the computer at the run station never booted again. The laptop was put into service. Well by now it is Friday of the contest, both stations are set up, and some additional testing and playing. I was on 15 meters at the runner station and the AL-80 goes **BANG**. I open it up and find a cap and transistor in the ALC circuit blown. Yes all those replacement parts accumulated over the years paid off and the exact transistor was in stock. Repaired and back off to the race. Sometime during all of this the NE beverage was installed cabled etc.

Our final setup ended up as: The runner station was the TS-930 with the band pass filters, beverage box, and the AL-80, laptop, with external monitor and USB keyboard. The Mult Station was the IC-756 with beverage box and AL-1200 and the last desktop computer. Only failure during the contest was the laptop locked up 1 time on Sat, and 2 times on Sunday, I don't think it was rf, but overhead in windows or some update taking place. The lockups were only about 1 min each time, but during high rate runs was a real pain. At the start of the contest, was on 15 meters, could not get any real run going. Moved to 20 meters on the A4 pointed north, and we were off to the races, US, deep EU, AS everything coming in. Could not believe the number of VU's worked. — *Continued on page 6*



Final VP5DX antenna setup, L-R; A4 @ 30ft; SteppIR @ 60ft; 4 el 10m mono at 10 ft; 160m inverted L

Our score beat last year, but we all felt could have done better if we had the extra power of the AL-1200. 10, 15, and 20 meters were great. (Probably should have spent more time on 10). 40 meters was a zoo, had much trouble finding a freq to operate (let alone keeping it). 80 and 160 was extremely noisy. We could see lightning in every direction all weekend, could even hear the thunder a lot, but never real close.

VP5DX claimed score; 12,333,673

Band	qso	zone	country
160	42	11	31
80	262	21	69
40	836	31	98
20	1424	38	122
15	1438	37	130
10	2827	37	126
Total	6829	175	576

Kudos to Steve, operating on 15 meters at 14:00Z, here's a copy of a note received by me from "a very happy dxer."

G'day!

I just thought I would send my sincerest thanks to the operator of VP5DX Today. He worked really hard to hear my callsign and complete the QSO. He went to extraordinary lengths to ensure the callsign was correct. I really do appreciate his efforts.

Kindest regards and very best 73s

Wes

Wesley Beck
VK6WX

We brought the TS-950 home on the plane. Capt Ron spent a few hours carving out foam from the TS-930 box to fit the 950. Airlines are great, \$40.00 for an extra bag, and \$100.00 for overweight (was 56 # box and radio). Have a list of parts for the AL-1200, next trip a 2 day job replacing band switch and maybe a few other parts. Will need to decide if going to fix the 950 or replace it with something else. Will need computers, and a few other things. One thing I was really anxious about was the drill we left last year. It was supposed to keep a charge for a year. Wanted to test it, the drill was gone! The charger was still there? Wonder if it still has a charge.

Capt Ron had air conditioning installed in the 2 bedrooms, we don't know how good it works or what the cost to operate it is since we never had to turn it on. We had dinner on Thursday night at the new restaurant and the food was excellent, the cook is a master. Sat night I noticed a blister on my wrist, seems I had gotten into the poison wood. Getting to it immediately prevented me from spreading it all over. Mike was hurt and bleeding a lot from his head after Ron threw the 10 meter beam at him. (there was so much blood on the sidewalk, it looked like someone had sacrificed an animal for more contacts) Mikes NASCAR helmet saved him from some real damage. Mike said "The helmet saved my life". Capt Ron was well relaxed, and took a few trips down to the bar for girly drinks and couch salad. Steve often forgot to put Coke in with his Malibu Rum. A good time was had by all.

— Jim, NU4Y



Here's a rare picture: Three of the four VP5DX crew shown 'taking a break'; L-R: AB4UF; N4EPD partially hidden behind N4KE with binoculars. Not shown, photographer NU4Y.

Here 'n There Among the Membership...

Super Kudos to the **VP5DX** crew, **AB4UF**, **N4EPD**, **NU4Y** and team leader **N4KE**, for their terrific showing in the 2013 CQ WW SSB contest in spite of frequent and seemingly continuous visits from 'Murphy' during their stay in the Turks and Caicos.. Their page 1 story in this issue as told by team member **NU4Y** reads like an adventure where at any point something was going to break, collapse or blow up! Fortunately everything held together long enough to accumulate 12-million-plus points, first place in the Caribbean and a third place in NA.

OM **Bob**, **W4GJ**, didn't show up at the weekly Gainesville DX Hogs lunch recently... For those who wondered why, turns out he was in Cleveland attending a pre-Olympic International Fencing Competition. No DX there, just parry and thrust...touché.

President **Bob**, **WA6EZV**, is QRT for the time being, his absence from the airways hopefully a temporary aberration due his lack of antennas because of his recent move to a more southern side of town from his former northside QTH on Solar Drive. As many of you know, Bob is an active ARDF (on foot foxhunter) for over 14 years and a member of the US ARDF National team in 2000, 02, 04, and 06. Maybe he just needed more woods to run through. . . .

Dale, **N4NN**, is out in frosty Idee-ho these days, helping fellow NFDXA member **Gregg**, **N4CC** put up a new tower and get settled in his new (snow covered?) QTH. Idaho's chilly climes have apparently created a desire for 'warmer' food...and Dale has responded with a belly-busting crock pot chili recipe which he shared with us via the NFDXA News site and is reproduced elsewhere in this issue. Bon Appetite.

Ye olde **PileUp** Editor **Warren**, **NW4C**, recently celebrated his 80th turn around the Maypole of Life. "All things considered it was a good day," he said, "because *any* day I can still get out of bed and move around is a good one." His birthday presents were 17 and 20 meter contacts with K9W for his 321st entity and both contacts showed up hours later in ClubLog! It doesn't get any better than that.

Finally...this note. A number of NFDXA members are grandfathers—and it's for those 'Granpa' members that the following bit of whimsy is dedicated:

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly-behaved grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits, all sorts of things. The grandad is saying in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . easy boy."

Another outburst and she hears the grandad calmly say : "It's okay William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy." At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the trolley. Grandad says again in a controlled voice : "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William."

Very impressed, she goes outside to where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She says : "It's none of my business, sir, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandad."

"Thanks," replies the grandpa. "But I am William. The little bastard's name is Kevin."

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters you get: HERE COME DOTS

Z81X ops to use The DX University's "Best Practices" during DXpedition

The Z81X expedition announced it's breaking from tradition and won't pre-announce its transmitting frequencies -- except on the low bands. "Rather than announce frequencies," the announcement states, "we will employ the modern Internet spotting networks to direct callers to our latest -- and most efficient -- locations."

Near the end of the Z81X effort the operators will try another innovation, a modern twist on an old method to work as many of the "more deserving, but DX challenged" DXers as possible. This effort will involve a DXpedition pilot and details will be announced in further releases.

The Z81X operators say they'll look for conduct that is consistent-- or inconsistent -- with the "Best Practices" for DXers as outlined on the DX University Webpage. "We will record many segments of the operation in stereo, pileup on one channel, Z81X on the other. Selected segments will be uploaded to the DX University Website to illustrate certain points."

The Z81X operation will also be in the CQ WW DX Contest with emphasis on the low bands. More information on the Z81X expedition will be hosted on the DX University Website <http://www.dxuniversity.com>



The BIG PICTURE Of Expedition Operating And The Direct Relationship To Anti-Social Pileup Behaviour



If you haven't already seen this 43-minute narrated slide show you might check it out. It's produced and narrated by well-known IOTA DXpeditioner Eric 'Ric' Hilding, K6VVA, who's perhaps better known by his nickname "The Locust". Hilding contends there's a direct relationship between DXpedition operating practices and 'anti-social' pile-up behavior.

Take a look for yourself at http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=svLlfrFA-IE

Happy Veterans Day

I want to thank all The members of the NFDXA who have served and are veterans for their service to our country. In the process of living our busy lives it is easy to forget that we all are able to have these wonderful lives because of the sacrifice on the part of many brave men and women. Those that came before us and those serving this very day.

Mike WIFO

Veteran USN



Special Event Operations



4S – SRI LANKA (CQZ 22) Special event station **4S0CGM** is QRV through November 30 to commemorate CHOGM 2013, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Operation will be on all bands and a special QSL will be issued for confirmed contacts. QSL via POB 907, Colombo, Sri Lanka — **DX Coffee**

GD – ISLE OF MAN (CQZ 14) GBISOI, Isle of Man (GD), is QRV until Nov 15, marking the building and launch of the ship "Star of India," in 1863, 150 years ago. Most of their activity will be November 9-11, 16-23Z. QSL through the bureau. --**DDX**

GM – SCOTLAND (CQZ 14) Special event station **GMI00RSGB** is QRV until Dec 2 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RSGB. QSL via bureau. – **ARRL DX**

I – ITALY (CQZ 15) Special event station **I18IDXC**, with the four-letter suffix standing for International DX Convention, is QRV until May, 2015. They are publicizing the 10th anniversary of the convention that will be held in Paestum, Italy, in April, 2015. I18IDXC will be on HF and 6M with CW, SSB and digital. QSL via IZ8EDJ. <http://www.dxitalia.it/> -- **OPDX, ARRL DX** .

JT – MONGOLIA (CQZ 32) In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first SSB QSO from Mongolia, made by the Russian Amateur Radio operator Vladimir Vasilievich Belousov in 1963, Mongolian ops JT1BB, JT1BO, JT1CS, JT1DA, along with Belousov's son UA3ABR will be operating special call **JT50SSB**. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via UA3ABR. – **DDX, OPDX**

LZ – BULGARIA (CQZ 20) LZ2013IPA special call for the International Police Association's event . QRV until end 2013. QSL via LZ3HI. – **DXW Weekly bulletin**

PA - THE NETHERLANDS Fred, PA0FAW, will be operating as **PG200NL**, to celebrate "200 years of The Netherlands", until November 29. His operations will be mainly on CW, but with some Digital modes and SSB only upon availability of a good QTH. Fred is an ISWL Member and can be worked, or heard by ISWL members for the Monitor award. QSL to PA0FAW, by the Bureau, direct, or via eQSL.cc. SWL reports are very welcome. --**OPDX**

SP – POLAND (CQZ 15) Special event station **SN640OKA** is QRV until December 31 to celebrate the 640th anniversary of Ostroleka, a town in Mazovia. QSL via Bureau. – **ARRL DX**

T0 –GUADALOUPE (CQZ 08) Special call **TO8UFT** will be one of the French Club Union Telegraphists (UFT) stations QRV from Guadeloupe during the REF Contest on Jan 25-26. The station will actually be QRV Jan 20-Feb 2, 2014, 3.5 through 28 MHz **on CW only**. The operator will be FG8NY, Jean. QSL via F6ICG. --**DDX**

TA – TURKEY (CQZ 20) Members of the TC Special Wireless Activity Team are QRV as **TC301B** until Nov 17 to celebrate 30 years of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which is recognized only by Turkey. QSL via the bureau. – **ARRL DX**

XV – VIETNAM (CQZ 26) XV2V40J is QRV until Nov 24 to commemorate 40 years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Vietnam. QSL to JF1HJZ -- **DDX, OPDX**

ZV – BRAZIL (CQZ 11) ZV7O is a special call from Brazil Nov 15-16 for the International Library Festival of Pernambuco, "Fliporto 2013." QSO via PY7JN. -- **DDX**

Ready for a real map-memory test?

A landlocked country surrounded only by other landlocked countries may be called a "doubly landlocked" country. A person in such a country has to cross at least two borders to reach a coastline. There are currently two such countries in the world...no peeking at the atlas! (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landlocked_country#Doubly_landlocked_country) Thanks, Dave NN1N, via ARRL Contest Update <http://www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues?issue=2013-10-09>

DX AFRICA

5H – TANZANIA (CQZ 37) SM6CPY has plans to be QRV in Tanzania as **5H3CJ** Nov 11-18 with CW operations on 20 through 10 meters. QSL via SM6CPY. -- **DDX**

5V – TOGO (CQZ 35) Wim, ON6DX (ex-ON4CIT), returns to Togo (Grid Square JJ06rf) November and will be active as **5V7TH**. He says he will try to be on the air his evenings local time, on 40-6 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. He plans to be on in the evening on 40 and 30 meters. Check his web site at <http://dxpedition.be/5V7TH.html> QSL direct to ON6DX. -- **OPDX, DDX**

6V – SENEGAL (CQZ 35) Vlad, RK4FF is QRV as **6V7S** until Nov 27. Activity is on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call. Log is available on ClubLog. Check out QRZ.com for some pictures. --**ARRL DX, OPDX**

6V – SENEGAL (CQZ 35) DL7VOA, Robert Busch, plans a vacation in Senegal, Nov 29-Dec 7 and has the callsign **6V7D**. There will be no digital but maybe some SSB. He will spend most of his op time on CW, 40-10 in his evening and night hours with an Elecraft K2 to vertical dipoles for 20 through 10 and ground planes for 40 and 30, all held up by a 10-meter-tall fiberglass pole on the beach. QSL this 6V7D operation only, direct or bureau, to DL7VOA. Someone else had the callsign in a 2011 operation. -- **DDX**

7P – LESOTHO (CQZ 38) **7P8WO**, Wolfgang, DH3WO, says he will be back there Dec 22-24, operating "holiday style as time allows." Please remember to include sufficient postage for a QSL, 2 USD or 1 IRC, "otherwise the QSLs will be sent via the bureau." QSL through the bureau system or direct to the DH3WO home address, not via DL7JAN. -- **DDX**

9L – SIERRA LEONE (CQZ 35) Zbig, SP5BTB, is active as **9LIBTB** from Freetown for the UN until Nov 10. Activity is on 20 and 15 meters using a sloper for 20m and a DL special collinear Delta Loop (ON6WG/F5VIF model) for 15 meters. Zbig usually operates CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home call sign direct. -- **DDX**

9X – RWANDA (CQZ 36) **9X0PY** will be Nov 11-18 with SM6CPY, Carl, operating, "mostly CW," on 20-10, possibly lower bands as well. He will make a side trip to Tanzania but does not have a call sign there yet. QSL to SM6CPY -- **DDX**

9X – RWANDA (CQZ 36) Starting Nov 18 **G3XAQ**, Alan, will be operating from Kigali, Rwanda as **9X0XA** until Nov 26. This will include a single band entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. The week before and the week after Alan will be operating as **5X1XA** from Kampala, **Uganda**. QSL both calls via G3SWH. --**DDX**

EA8 – CANARY ISLANDS (CQZ 33) **G7DIE**, Stephen, is on a work assignment on Canary Islands and QRV as **EA8/G7DIE** until April 28, 2014. He'll be on 40- 10 meters on SSB and CW. -- **DDX**

EA8 – CANARY ISLANDS (CQZ 33) **IK1PMR** and **PA3LEO** will be back in the Canary Islands and QRV as **EA8/IK1PMR** and **EA8/PA3LEO** Dec 26- Jan 7. Activity will be on CW, RTTY and SSB on 1.8 through 50 MHz. QSL via op home calls, bureau or direct. -- **DDX**

TU – IVORY COAST (CQZ 35) **TU5AX**, **TU5XV** and **TU5NK** are the respective call signs for Chris F4WBN (ex-TL0A), Paul F6EXV and Jan DJ8NK for this solidarity radio operation from Abidjan, Ivory Coast which will take Nov 17-30. Activity will be on SSB, CW and RTTY; 160 to 6m. QSL to home calls, via bureau, direct or OQRS (Club Log). They have a Web page active online at: <http://www.premiumorange.com/tu2013/>. **Note:** The 3 operators will support the club station **TU2CI** and will leave equipment behind (radios and antennas), install it and train the local operators to use it, in order to revive the Abidjan radio club, and assist some local hams who have strongly suffered from the civil war that hit the country some time ago. -- **DXW, OPDX**

TY – BENIN (CQZ 35) ON6DX will make a side trip from Togo (See 5V above) to Benin to get his TY1 call sign papers, which he is told are ready for pickup. He has a nice QTH chosen and lined up and it's just a taxi ride from the Togo QTH to the Benin QTH. The Benin visit will be approximately November 20-December 3, with operations on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 SSB, CW and RTTY. <http://dxpedition.be/Benin.html>. Again, QSL direct to ON6DX, with 2USD for Europe, 3 USD for the US, or through the bureau or on LoTW, which will be a later upload - or finally, via OQRS. -- **DDX**

XT – BURKINA FASO (CQZ 35) Operators David/OK6DJ and Petr/OK1FCJ will be active as **XT26DJ** and **XT2FCJ**, respectively, Nov 17-26. Activity will cover 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters using CW and SSB. They also will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24th) as **XT2FCJ**. QSL methods are: the ClubLog OQRS (for LoTW - confirmed every day), direct (minimum 2 USDs or new IRC (accepted IRC that expire in 2017; QSO confirmed to LoTW every day), OQRS by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL (confirmed 6 months) and paper QSL via the Bureau (confirmed 12 months). -- **OPDX**

Z8 – REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (CQZ 34) A multinational group of operators will be in Juba, South Sudan Nov 14 – 28 to activate **Z81X** with an emphasis on low bands, 160m and 80m. The period includes the CQ WW CW contest with some single-band entries and low-band SSB focus.

ZD9 – GOUGH ISLAND (CQZ 38) ZS1BM, is expected to be QRV as **ZD9G** shortly from remote Gough Island in the south Atlantic. Bani says he will be on the island through August 2014. QSL direct only to: Bani Van Der Merwe, P. O Box 151, Worcester 6849, South Africa -- **DX Coffee, DDX**ries and low-band SSB focus during the contest weekend. Z81X QSL via OH0XX -- **DDX, OPDX**

DX ASIA



4L – GEORGIA (CQZ 21) Operator Vaho, **4L8A**, will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) as an SO/SB(15m) entry. QSL via K1BV or LoTW. -- **OPDX**

9N – NEPAL (CQZ 22) JA8BMK is in Nepal, where he is QRV as **9N7BM** until Nov 28. Toshi has a Spider Hexbeam and 600 watt amplifier. He's looking for NA on 80 and 160 meters. QSL via JA8BMK. -- **DDX, OPDX**

EY – TAJIKISTAN (CQZ 17) Nodir, **EY8MM**, from Dushanbe, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) as a SO/SB (160m) entry. QSL K1BV via direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Check out his home page at: <http://www.ey8mm.com/> -- **OPDX**

HS0 – THAILAND (CQZ 26) Six operators from five countries and possibly others will be active as **HS0ZAR** during the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24th) as a Multi-Single or Multi-2 entry. QSL via K3ZO. -- **OPDX**

S2-BANGLADESH (CQZ 22) Just a reminder that this DXpedition will take place Nov 16-26, using two call signs - **S21ZBC** from the start of the DXpedition (Nov 16-22), and then they'll shift to the other call sign **S21ZBB**, operating as a multi-two starting Nov 23 for the CQWW CW Contest weekend and the remaining days until they leave the country. For further news and updates, visit the official Web site of Bangladesh 2013 adventure at: <http://www.mdx.org/bangladesh2013/> -- **OPDX, DDX**

T6 – AFGHANISTAN (CQZ 21) KF7WNL, Edward, has been deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan and will be QRV as **T6EC** until April 2014. He has an Elecraft KX3 and Wouxun KGU6D into an MFJ 1899T and Buddistick running 10 watts. He's expecting delivery of an Elecraft 100 watt amp soon. Plans are to be QRV on 7 through 144 MHz on PSK31, CW (QRS), SSB, RTTY and he is now learning JT65 and JT9. QSL direct to KF7WNL, LoTW and eQSL. -- **DDX**

TC0 – ASIATIC TURKEY (CQZ 20) TC0, TURKEY. Operators Mustafa/TA2TX, Nick/LZ1NK, Llian/LZ1CNN, Krasi/LZ2UW, Nasko/LZ3YY, Christo/LZ3FN, Nick/LZ3ND and Vesselin/LZ5VK will be active as **TC0A** from an island in Asiatic Turkey, in the Canakkale/Balikesir/Izmir Province IOTA Group (AS-099), during the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via TA2TX or LZ1NK. The team will be there Nov 19-25. Outside the contest, look for the operators to be on CW and SSB signing **TA0/home call**. QSL via their home call sign. For possible updates, see: <http://tc3a.alie.bg/> -- **OPDX**

XV – VIETNAM (CQZ 26) RM2D says he will be QRV as **XV2LRR** in a holiday style CW and SSB DXpedition Nov 29 – Dec 5. Operations will be on 40 through 10 meters. QSL via LoTW only. -- **DX Coffee**

XV – VIETNAM (CQZ 26) **XV2RZ** from Vietnam will be QRV Nov 23-Dec 08 with Retu, XU7MDY (other calls OX3RZ and OH4MDY) as the operator. Retu plans to be on 20-6 meters CW and SSB. QSL direct only to OH4MDY. -- **DDX**

XW – LAOS (CQZ 26) E21EIC, Champ, has received his renewed **XW0YJY** Laotian license and tells The Daily DX he is planning to go back to Laos Nov 25 - 29, including the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest, where he will operate in the SO-AB LP category. Listen for him before and after the contest on CW on 3.5 through 28 MHz. QSL via E21EIC (OQRS) and LoTW. -- **DDX**

XZ – MYANMAR-BURMA Zorro JH1AJT and the group will be on air from Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Nov 15-26. This will be the third and final run for 2013 from XZ land. Proposed call sign is **XZ1J** and plans are to set up three to four stations, run 24/7, on 160 – 10m bands, CW SSB and RTTY. QSL: OQRS preferable." -- **DX Coffee**



Members of the **T33A DXpedition team on Banaba Island** have posted their first photos on their Blog at <http://banaba2013.wordpress.com>.

DX INDIAN OCEAN

3B8 – MAURITIUS (CQZ 39) UU5WW, Serge, tells us he is traveling to Mauritius where he will be QRV as **3B8/UU5WW** Nov 17-28, mostly holiday style—except for his participation in the CQ WW CW 'test.. Listen for him on SSB and CW on 3.5 through 50 MHz using a K3 (100 watts) and QRP KX-3 into a W3DZZ and 5 band vertical. QSL via K2PF (OQRS). -- **DDX, OPDX**

FR – REUNION ISLAND (CQZ 39) FR/F5UOW, Stef, is on Reunion Island until Nov 21 where he's using the call sign **TO2R**. Most of Stef's activity is 40-10 CW. F8FUA, Alain, may also be along on the trip. QSL to F5UOW direct or bureau. -- **DDX**

VU7 – LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS (CQZ 22) Nine ops are going to VU7, Lakshadweep, Nov 20-Dec 10 where they will use the call sign **VU7AG** from Agatti Island with three "high power" stations. Organizers say they will be operational at least 14 of the days. Another call, VU7KA, will be a demonstration station, showing ham radio to local officials on Kavaratti Island. QSL direct or bureau to W4VKU - plus there will be log search and OQRS on Club Log, LoTW on a six-month delay. www.vu7ag.info. -- **DDX**



DX EUROPE

3A – MONACO (CQZ 14) 3A/F4FET, Gil, will have Monaco on the air Nov 11-12, QRV on 40 through 10 SSB. QSL direct or bureau to his home callsign. -- **DDX**

TK – CORSICA (CQZ 15) F8BBL, Laurent, is heading back to Corsica (EU-014) next July. He'll be signing TK14CC July 5-19 mostly on CW with some SSB on 80 through 10 meters. Laurent is planning a side trip to the tip of Cap Corse (JN42ra) on 6 meters as TK14CC/p. This is not a DXpedition, but rather a holiday. QSL via F8BBL either direct, via the bureau or LoTW. <http://www.dx-cw.net/>. --**DDX**

Z6 - REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO (CQZ 15) Z68BH to be in the CQ WW CW contest. Martti, OH2BH, sent the following information last October: "CQ WW SSB will bring several Kosovar stations active from this new state now recognized by 105 United Nations member states and qualifying as separate country multiplier in the CQ WW Contest (but *not* credited for DXCC by ARRL-Ed.) Among the activity, Z68BH will be operated by Martti, OH2BH, using the new antennas of Driton, Z61DX, with great support of Igor, UA2FZ. <http://ant-depot.com/en.htm>

NOTE: During the most recent European DX Contest (WAEDC) many non-EU stations had difficulty with their contest logging programs on Z6 prefix. A new CTY.dat file can be loaded at: <http://ant-depot.com/en.htm>. -- **DDX**



DX ARCTIC-ANTARCTIC



IM0 – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 30) Max, **IA0MZ** is QRV from Mario Zucchelli Research Station on Terra Nova Bay, Antarctica until Feb 2014. QSL via IW0EFA. -- **ARRL DX**

RI – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 29) Alex, RD1AV will again be QRV from Vostok Base, Antarctica as **RI1ANC** between December 1, 2013 to February 1, 2015. QRV on all bands; CW/SSB/Digi. --**DDX**

RI – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 38) Operators Oleg, UA1PBA, Alex, UA1PAW and Slava, UA1PAI are QRV as **RI1ANR** from Novo Runway until March 2014. Activity is on the HF bands with a focus on the low bands. QSL via RK1PWA. -- **ARRL DX**

RI – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 29) RI1ANT from Antarctica will be Dec 15, 2013 until Mar 15, 2015. RW1AI, Mike, will be the operator, on all bands with an IC-735 to ACOM-2000A and dipoles. QSL via RW1AI once he returns home to Russia. There will be an online log: <http://java.com/en/download/>. --**DDX**

DX North, Central and South America

8P – BARBADOS (CQZ 08) K1IU, N1TA and K0BJ are heading to Barbados for operations as **8P9IU**, **8P9TA** and **8P9BJ** respectively Dec 9-16. Also during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest they will be operating as **8P8T**. QSL 8P8T via K1IU. -- **DDX, OPDX**

C6 – BAHAMAS (CQZ 08) 9H5G, John, is traveling to the Bahamas and maybe some other DX locations this winter and spring (in the northern hemisphere). He will be **9H5G/C6A** from the Great Bahamas Bank Group, South Bahamas Group, the Berry Islands and Bimini Islands, and may also go to the Coastal Islands of Haiti. John and his XYL live aboard a boat but all the radio operations will be from shore to meet award requirements. QSL via N15DX. -- **DDX**

C6 – BAHAMAS (CQZ 08) **C6ARU** (N4UM), **C6AUM** (K4RUM) and **C6AKQ** (N4BP) will be operating from Freeport, Bahamas Nov 19 - Dec 10. C6AUM and C6AKQ will be mainly on CW from 160-10 including the WARC-79 bands. C6ARU will be mainly on the digital modes on the WARC-79 bands. During the CQWW CW Contest C6AUM will be single-band 40 Meters and C6AKQ will be single-band 80 Meters. For the ARRL 160 Contest they will be multi- single as C6AKQ. -- **DDX**

HI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CQZ 08) Jim, K8MR, will be active as **HI/K8MR** from Punta Cana Nov 15-25. He plans to be in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) as a Single-Op/All-Band/QRP entry. Jim informs OPDX he will be bringing his Elecraft KX3 and some wire and will be operating "modestly" outside the contest [to keep his wife happy]. He states, "Probably whatever operating I do outside the contest will be focused on the WARC bands." QSL via K8MR. -- **OPDX**

J3 – GRENADA (CQZ 08) JA operators Takayuki/JA1MZL, Yutaka/JJ1LIB, Nao/JN1RVS, Masayuki/JN3NFQ and Isao/JH1ROJ will be active as **J34J** Nov 20-29. Their activity will include the CQ WW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24). QSL via JA1HGY. -- **OPDX**

J7 – DOMINICA (CQZ 08) A four-man team of operators will be QRV from Dominica Nov 16-25, including the WW CW now as **J73A**, instead of the original expect J7A call. They will be mostly on CW with some RTTY and SSB outside the contest. All of the logs will be sent to LoTW. QSL cards go direct only to the operator's home call. J73A goes direct only to W19WI. -- **DDX**

J7 – DOMINICA (CQZ 08) Dieter HB9TPQ, Kurt HB9BZG and Walter HB9MFM are active from Dominica until December 22. They are using the call sign **J79WTA**. Look for them on 10-160m, SSB/RTTY/PSK. QSL via HB9MFM. -- **DXW.net**

OX – GREENLAND (CQZ 40) Nov 21 – 24. OZ1BI will be active as **XP2I**, more information [onhttp://oz1bii.dk/dx-xp2i-13.htm](http://oz1bii.dk/dx-xp2i-13.htm) -- **DX Coffee**

PJ2 – CURACAO (CQZ 09) Andy, W9NJY, will once again be active as **PJ2/W9NJY** from Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA LH-0942) Nov 19-25. He is there primarily as a team member to help put the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point Station PJ2T on the air for the CQ WW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24). His activity outside of the contest will be mainly CW on 160-10 meters. QSL PJ2/W9NJY via WD9DZV or LoTW. QSL PJ2T via LoTW or W3HNNK. -- **OPDX**

PJ2 - CURACAO (CQZ 09) Andy, DK5ON, will once again be active as **PJ2/DK5ON** from Curacao March 12-29, 2014. Activity will be on 80-6 meters including the 17/12 meter bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call sign (see QRZ.com). NO eQSL. -- **OPDX**

PJ7 - ST. MAARTEN (CQZ 08) (Update). Operators Dennis/K2SX, Les/W2LK and Andy/K2LE will be active as **home call/PJ7** from Dawn Beach on the eastern side of St. Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) Nov 19-26. QSLs should go to their home call signs. Activity will include this year's CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) using the special call sign **PJ7W**. QSLs for the contest operation should go to W2LK. -- **OPDX**

V4 - ST. KITTS (CQZ 08) (NA-104). Andy, N2NT, will once again be active as **V47NT** from the QTH of V47KP between Nov 17-26. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) signing as V47T and as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W2RQ. -- **OPDX**

V4 – ST KITTS (CQZ 08) DF8AN, Mike, is heading to St. Kitts and Nevis as **V4/DF8AN** Nov 15-19. He'll be operating on all bands including 6 meters, mainly on CW running 100 watts into a long wire. QSL via DF8AN either direct or via the DARC QSL bureau. -- **DDX**



DX Pacific, Oceania



5W – SAMOA (CQZ 32) 5W7X from Apia, Samoa, will be Nov 7-14, with JFIOCC at the radio. Hiro plans to be on 160-6 SSB and CW. He has a TS-590S to a one KW tube linear and 43-foot vertical for 160 and 80, plus a TA-33jr tribander and "WARC" Yagi. QSL via JFIOCC. <http://qrz.com/db/5W7X>. --DDX

AH0 – MARIANA ISLANDS (CQZ 27) OH6RX, Jussi-Pekka, and OH7WV, Esa have a "tentative plan" to be active from the Northern Marianna Islands Nov 20-27. Their call will be AH0K. -- DDX

FK – NEW CALEDONIA (CQZ 32) Pulm, New Caledonia (OC-032) is where F5IRO, Freddy, is currently QRV as **FK/F5IRO**. He'll be active through the end of February 2014. Freddy is using a barefoot K3 with homemade dipoles and long wire antennas on 3.5 through 28 MHz mostly on CW with some PSK. Freddy will team up with Michel, FK8IK, in Noumea and use the call sign **TX5W** for the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. He will be posting other information and photos of his trip to his blog at <http://j28ro.blogspot.com/>. Plans are to post logs to both Club Log and LoTW in March 2014. QSL either via the REF QSL bureau or direct. Details can be found on his QRZ.com page at <http://www.qrz.com/db/F5IRO> -- DDX

JD – OGASAWARA (CQZ 27) JD1BLC on Ogasawara is Toshi, JP1IOF, who will QRV all bands and modes until Nov 15. QSL to his home call direct or via the JARL QSL bureau. Plus there will be LoTW, log search and OQRS on Club Log. -- DDX

K9W—WAKE ISLAND (CQZ 31) Rumor has it the current K9W DXpedition team on Wake Island will shut down a day early at 1700Z on Thursday November 14th. --DDX

T30 - WEST KIRIBATI (CQZ 31) (Update). Operators Ted/JFICCH and Kazu/JA1FUF will be active as **T30TS** and **T30NK** from West Kiribati Nov 28 - Dec 4. Activity will be on the HF bands (mostly 40-10m) and possibly 6m, using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Ted will operate mostly CW and SSB, while Kazu will operate mainly RTTY and PSK. They will use 100 watts into a dipole. QSL via their home call sign, direct, by the Bureau and eQSL. NO LoTW. -- OPDX

VK9M – MELLISH REEF (CQZ 30) Some updates have been posted on the **VK9MT** Mellish Reef Web site. (<http://www.vk9mt.com/>). The dates are 28 Mar-09 Apr 2014 and the team will sail aboard the yacht "Evohe". Also, the VK9MT team now totals 11 international operators. Corporate sponsors are Elecraft and SteppIR. They have also added a bands/modes survey. You can provide them with your needs at: http://www.vk9mt.com/index.php?option=com_pollxt&Itemid=71. -- OPDX

ZL7 – CHATHAM ISLAND (CQZ 32) A ZL7 Chatham Island operation was originally expected for November but is now rescheduled for March, 2014. ZS1FJ/ZL1MFJ, Barry, says the team is partly set, with two VE7s, himself and two positions still open. A self-funded operation, he says the operation is a go. Planned are vertical arrays on the beaches, "160 doubtful," CW, SSB and RTTY, activity on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10, small rigs (a TS50, IC706 and FT857) to amplifiers. -- DDX

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VP2 – VIRGIN GORDA (CQZ 08) Art, N3DXX, will once again be active as **VP2V/home call** from Virgin Gorda (Tortola) Nov 19-29. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 23-24) as an SOAB entry. QSL via NR6M. -- OPDX

VP8 – FALKLAND ISLANDS (CQZ 13) Peter, M1AYI, expects to be active as **VP8DNY** from the Falkland Islands until Nov 19. His activity is mainly SSB on HF. QSL via his home call sign by the RSGB Bureau. -- OPDX

VP8 – FALKLAND ISLANDS (CQZ 13) G1EUZ, Mick, returns to the Falkland Islands November 25-May 25. He has the **VP8BTU** callsign. QSL to his home QTH in the UK. He will not send out any cards until he returns there. Also once back home he will upload everything to LoTW. His previous VP8BTU operations were in 1988 and 2002. He also holds the ZD8RAF callsign. -- DDX

ZP – PARAGUAY (CQZ 11) Manuel, **ZP9MCE**, will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contests (Nov 23-24) as an SO/AB/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5ZD. -- OPDX

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Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Details
2013 Nov01	2013 Nov30	New Caledonia	FK	LotW	By F5IRO as FK/F5IRO fm Plum (OC-032, 80-10m; CW, some PSK; dipoles, long wires; operation expected to continue until Mar 1, 2014; LotW upload Mar 2014
2013 Nov03	2013 Nov17	Reunion	TO2R	F5UOW	By F5UOW; 40-10m; mainly CW; QSL OK via REF Buro or direct
2013 Nov05	2013 Nov18	Banaba I	T33A	OQRS	By team; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via W2IJ
2013 Nov07	2013 Nov27	St Vincent	J87GU	DL7VOG	By DL7VOG fm Union I; 80-6m; CW RTTY, possibly SSB; QRV for WAE RTTY and CQWW DX CW; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Nov07	2013 Dec04	Namibia	V5	DJ4SO	By DJ4SO as V5/DJ4SO; 160-6m; CW + digital, some SSB
2013 Nov08	2013 Nov20	Juan Fernandez	XR0ZR	LotW	By IW3SQY IZ8GCE IV3DSH EA3AKY SP3DOI CE3PG WA7NB; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 4 stations; QSL also OK via OQRS (see Web page for full details)
2013 Nov08	2013 Nov28	Nepal	9N7BM	JA8BMK	By JA8BMK; Hex/Spider beam; 600w; will try to work NA on 160 and 80m if verticals can be erected; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct; holiday style operation
2013 Nov11	2013 Nov18	Rwanda	9X0PY	SM6CPY	By SM6CPY; 20-10m, possibly also lower bands; mainly CW; holiday style operation
2013 Nov11	2013 Nov22	Reunion	FR	DK9PY	By DK9PY as FR/DK9PY fm AF-027 (DIFO FH-001, WLOTA 0376); 40-10m, up 12 khz fm bottom, perhaps 160 80m, cx permitting; CW
2013 Nov12	2013 Nov22	American Samoa	W8A	LotW	By ZL3CW et al, fm Tutuila I (OC-045, USI AS007S, WLOTA 4385); 160-10m; mainly CW; QRV for CQWW DX CW using N8A; QSL also OK via ZL3CW direct
2013 Nov12	2013 Nov23	Seychelles	S79WDX	LotW	By I0WDX fm La Digue; 160-6m; QSL also OK via I0WDX direct
2013 Nov14	2013 Nov26	Cyprus	5B4ALB	RT9T	By RT9T
2013 Nov15	2013 Nov18	Svalbard	JW8HGA	LotW	By LA8HGA fm Spitsbergen I (EU-026); HF; mainly CW, perhaps some SSB; QSL also OK via LA8HGA, Buro or direct
2013 Nov15	2013 Nov19	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	DF8AN	By DF8AN as V4/DF8AN; HF; mainly CW
2013 Nov15	2013 Nov26	Myanmar	XZ1J	Club Log	By JH1AJT DJ9ZB E20NKB E21EIC JA1DXA JA1TRC K3LP N6PSE PP5XX PY2NDX VR2KF fm Nay Pyi Taw; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 3 stations
2013 Nov15	2013 Nov28	South Sudan	Z81X	OH0XX	By DL3DXX et al fm Juba; focus on 160 80m; 3 stations; amps; verticals + Beverages; active for CQWW DX CW w/ single band entries
2013 Nov15	2013 Dec01	St Vincent	J88HL	OQRS	By SP2EBG SP3CYY SP3GEM SP6EQZ SP6IXF SP9FOW SP9PT fm NA-109 (WLOTA 0492, Grid Loc FK93); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY
2013 Nov16	2013 Nov17	Samoa	5W	Home Call	By YT1AD as 5W7A or 5W6A, WD5COV as 5W0OV, RZ3FW as 5W0FW, RW4NW as 5W0NW; all bands; CW SSB RTTY
2013 Nov16	2013 Dec06	St Barthelemy	FJ	DK7LX	By DK7LX; 40-10m; CW RTTY
2013 Nov16	2013 Dec15	Madagascar	5R8IC	F6ICX	By F6ICX fm Ste Marie I (AF-090); mainly CW, some SSB RTTY PSK63; holiday style operation
2013 Nov17	2013 Nov24	Sint Maarten	PJ7	LotW	By N7QT as PJ7/N7QT and W4VAB as PJ7/W4VAB; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK JT64; QSL also OK via Buro or direct (w/ SASE + IRC) or eQSL
2013 Nov17	2013 Nov26	Burkina Faso	XT2	OK6DJ	By OK6DJ as XT26DJ and OK1FCJ as XT2FCJ
2013 Nov17	2013 Nov30	Ivory Coast	TU	Home Call	By F4WBN as TU5AX, F6EXV as TU5XV, DJ8NK as TU5NK; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct, also ClubLog
2013 Nov18	2013 Nov19	American Samoa	KH8	Home Call	By YT1AD as KH8/N9YU WD5COV as KH8/WD5COV, RZ3FW as KH8/N7AFW; all bands; CW SSB RTTY
2013 Nov18	2013 Nov27	Swaziland	3DA0ET	LotW	By 12 ops; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; QRV for CQWW DX CW; QSL also OK via N7RO + Club Log

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2013 Nov18	2013 Dec01	Guadeloupe	TO0MT	LotW	By FG4NW FG8OJ FG8NY FG1PP fm NA-102; SES for the for the arrival of the transatlantic race Mini Transat; QSL also OK via eQSL
2013 Nov18	2013 Dec03	Togo	5V7TH	ON6DX Direct	By ON6DX; 40 30 20m; SSB CW RTTY; evenings; end date unclear
2013 Nov19	2013 Nov21	Ascension I	ZD8W	W6NV	By W6NV; HF + 6m; QRV for CQWW DX CW w/ 2 other ops
2013 Nov19	2013 Nov29	Bangladesh	S2	IK2VUC	By 20+ member international team as S21ZBC and S21ZBB; 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY; QRV for CQWW DX CW
2013 Nov19	2013 Nov29	Rwanda	9X0NH	LotW	By G3RWF fm nr Kigali (KI47ts); QRV for CQ WW DX CW
2013 Nov20	2013 Nov22	Fiji	3D2	Home Call	By YTIAD as 3D2AD, WD5COV as 3D2OV, RZ3FW as 3D2FW; all bands; CW SSB RTTY
2013 Nov20	2013 Dec03	Benin	TY1	ON6DX Direct	By ON6DX as TBD; 40-6m; SSB CW RTTY
2013 Nov20	2013 Dec10	Laccadive Is	VU7AG	LotW	By 9 ops; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QRV 14 days during this period; perhaps also briefly fm Kavaratti I using VU7KA; QSL also OK via OQRS (preferred) and V4VKU
2013 Nov21	2013 Dec01	Antigua	V25A	KG2A Direct	By JJI RJR fm NA-100; 160-10m; CW SSB
2013 Nov22	2013 Nov29	Rotuma	3D2R	YTIAD	By YTIAD WD5COV RZ3FW N7AFW; all bands; CW SSB RTTY; QRV for CQWW DX SSB
2013 Nov22	2013 Nov30	Micronesia	V6	Home Call	By JA7HMZ as V63DX and JA7ZF as V63ZF fm Pohnpei; will include CQWW DX CW operation
2013 Nov23	2013 Dec08	Vietnam	XV2RZ	OH4MDY Direct	By OH4MDY; 20-6M, CW, SSB

CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 23-24, 2013) Check for pre-contest activity too.

2013 Nov26	2014 Jan07	Canary Is	EA8	Home Call	By IK1PMR as EA8/IK1PMR and PA3LEO as EA8/PA3LEO fm Tenerife I (AF-004); 160-6m; CW RTTY SSB; QSL OK via Buro or direct (also by email request)
2013 Nov27	2013 Dec02	Samoa	5W8A	LotW	By ZL3CW ZL1GO JH3PRR, perhaps others fm Tutuila I (OC-045, USI AS007S, WLOTA 4385); 160-10m; mainly CW; QSL also OK via ZL3CW direct
2013 Nov28	2013 Dec03	East Kiribati	T32TM	K8NA	By NL8F fm Kiritimati I (OC-024); possibly also Dec 4-11 w/ group and a different call sign
2013 Nov28	2013 Dec04	West Kiribati	T30	Home Call	By JFI CCH as T30TS and JA1FUJ as T30NK; 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; 100w; dipole; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2013 Nov29	2013 Dec04	Fiji	3D2	Home Call	By YTIAD as 3D2AD, WD5COV as 3D2OV, RZ3FW as 3D2FW; all bands; CW SSB RTTY
2013 Nov29	2013 Dec07	Senegal	6V7D	DL7VOA	By DL7VOA fm beach nr Toubab Dialaw; 40-10m; CW, possibly SSB; 100w; vertical dipoles, groundplanes; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct (this operation only -- call sign reissued)
2013 Nov29	2013 Dec14	Vietnam	XV2LRR	LotW	By SM6LRR fm Phan Thiet; 40-10m; CW SSB; holiday style operation

Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines – Important Message

We are all concerned about the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. ARRL has successfully sent faxes and email to Philippine Amateur Radio Association members in Manilla. 7.095 MHz remains PARA's primary operating frequency into and out of the affected area; please keep that frequency clear and ask your friends worldwide to do the same.

PARA is recommending Google Person Finder to request info about or post info about missing persons. You can find it here: <http://google.org/personfinder/2013-yolanda/>

For information on PARA's Ham Radio Emergency Operations (HERO) visit <http://hero.para.org.ph/>

Again: Please keep 7.095 MHz clear. — DX Coffee



NFDXA 2013 DX Zone/Band contest 12 Nov 2013

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		223
K4EB	B		120
K4UTE	B		318
KB4CRT			0
KC4FWS	B		1
KX4WW			0
NIWON		V	0
N4EPD		V	2
N4GFO			0
N4JBK			0
N4KE			0
N4UF	B		0
NF4L	B		88
NO4J			0
NU4Y		V	121
NW4C		V	41
VP5YZ			0
W1FO	B		122
W4FDA			0
W4GJ			0
WA4B			0
WA6EZV		V	208
WR4K		V	192

Proposed 2014 Club Contest

Begins Jan 1, 2014

Lasts 6 months

Choose two bands

One **must** be from 10,12,15 17, or 20 meters

The other **must** be from 30, 40, 80, or 160 meters.

ONE winner

Contestant with greatest number of *unique entities* WINS!

Voice your ideas and comments at the November NFDXA meeting

80th ARRL November Sweepstakes



Objective: For stations in the United States and Canada (including territories and possessions) to exchange QSO information with as many other US and Canadian stations as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. For more information including rules and new sections go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

DXpedition Advice --

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

-- K9W Wake Island Website (<http://www.wake2013.org/pages/bandplan.html>)

VOICE OF RUSSIA MAY GO QRT JANUARY 1 2014



North American and Western European international shortwave broadcasters aren't the only ones feeling today's financial squeeze. RIA Novosti reports that the Voice of Russia will cut its shortwave service as of January 1st, 2014. However, the government shortwave broadcaster, originally known as Radio Moscow, has not confirmed this plan of action, according to The SWLing Post. The station has been broadcasting since 1922. - **AR Newline, SWL Post**

RADIO IN SPACE: INDIA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST MARS

India's first-ever mission to Mars launched into space on Tuesday, November 5th. India's Mars Orbiter Mission rocketed into space at 09:08 GMT from the Indian Space Research Organization's Space Centre.

If all goes as planned it will arrive at the red planet on September 24, 2014, making India the fourth country to successfully deliver a spacecraft to orbit Mars. - **AR Newline, Space News**



FCC SAYS FLUORESCENT LIGHTING JAMMING CELLPHONE SITE



The FCC has issued a violation notice to a Texas business because its new lighting is interfering with a cellular telephone site. The FCC's Houston Office used direction finding techniques to locate the source of an unknown transmission on 705 MHz to the Perfect Cuts Salon. The agent confirmed that the interfering signal was coming from the overhead fluorescent lighting in the salon. The FCC has directed the business owner to cease operation of the "incidental radiators" immediately. Or in simpler terms, it's told him to turn off the lights until the interference can be resolved - **AR Newline**

TINY PACEMAKER DEVELOPED THAT REQUIRES NO WIRING

A miniaturized wireless pacemaker that can be inserted into the body without invasive surgery has been given approval for use in the European Union. The device was developed in the United States by Nanostim and is designed to be implanted intravenously directly in the heart. The device is less than 10% of the size of a conventional pacemaker and uses a built-in battery.

Conventional pacemakers require the patient undergo a surgical procedure that creates a 'pocket' in the body to house the pacemaker and associated wiring. Such wires are regarded as the component of pacemakers most likely to fail.

The Nanostim pacemaker is inserted via a catheter inserted through a vein leading to the heart. It has a built-in battery that's expected to last up to 13 years. This eliminates the need for wires and lowers infection and malfunction risk. The new pacemaker has not yet received full United States Food and Drug Administration approval. - **BBC, AR Newline**



Comment from N4JBK in Florida responding to N4NN who'd just experienced a 'typical' Idaho late fall day of rain, sleet and snow ... probably all at once.

"Today I think it got up to 72 degrees and I might have seen one cloud ... or (maybe) it's my dang glaucoma acting up again. Oh, and I drove up to your house and just by capacitive coupling to your antennas I worked a T2 on 2 meters on a portable with a half dead battery."

- **Posted on the NFDXA Reflector, 04 Nov 2013**



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- **NW4C**

Next NFDXA Meeting

**5pm Saturday
16 November
St Johns Seafood & Steaks
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The Last Word

Some years back there was a television show titled “That Was the Week that Was” Not too far in the future we all may be looking back and saying, “ November of 2013, that was the Month that was.”

We’ve had and are continuing to have a combination of relatively good conditions and multiple Dxpeditions this month, some going on at the same time...and in several instances, on or very near the same frequencies! At times we’ve had the makings of a perfect storm of good DX!

There are, and still are at this writing, much-needed Wake Island and Banaba QRV, K9W until this Friday if you haven’t already made your “Q” or two, and T33A until the 19th.

W8A/N8A American Samoa cranked up Tuesday for an 11-day operation. Thursday, the 14th, is the expected start date for a pair of highly desired entities; Z8IX in South Sudan, and XZ1J from very-much needed Myanmar-Burma, a military-dictatorship-in-transition which hasn’t had a major multi-station DXpedition in over a decade. Z8IX will be QRV until the 27th. XZ1J with its 11 ops and four stations is expected to close on the 26th.

Want more? (Don’t we all!) There’s Bangladesh and Swaziland starting on the 19th...and the rarely-activated VU7 Lakshadweep Islands have a scheduled 10-day operation beginning on the 20th.

Did I leave anything out? Oh yeah, one practically in our back yard, XR0R currently underway on Juan Fernandez Island off Chile’s western shore.

Which way to point our antenna? So many entities, so little time. Yep, November 2013, that was the month that was...and, at this writing, STILL IS!

But wait, as the guy on TV says, there’s more, *much* more. There are multi-op DXpeditions scheduled in early 2014 to two of those hard to get on French southern Indian ocean entities, FR/T Tromelin and super-rare (#4 most-wanted) FT5Z Amsterdam Island. If you think the pile-ups on Wake (#21) and Banaba (#33) were hairy, wait ‘till these two fire up!

If there’s a DXer out there who isn’t taking advantage of some or all of these offerings, shame on you.

— NW4C

