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January Meeting to Feature T33A Report by AA4FL

A first-hand report by **Dr. Jay, AA4FL** who was with the recently completed T33A DXpedition to Banaba Island to the tiny Pacific ocean republic of Kiribati will highlight the start of a new year for the North Florida DX Association.



Dental Clinic QRV!

While QRV the six station T33A operation last November made over 83,000 QSOs along with almost 200 extractions!

Dr Jay's responsibilities with the team were two-fold; being an operator with the DXpedition team plus setting up and running a free dental clinic for the residents of Banaba which does not have a resident dentist.

Dental equipment for the clinic was shipped to the island along with the radios.



Dr Jay AA4FL

"DX Dinner" Trademarked!

Silly and frivolous lawsuits are the norm in these litigious days and have been for some time. The *SouthWest Ohio DX Association* has recently engaged in what many observers consider to be a similar practice involving trademarks.

If your local DX club wants to celebrate the year with a dinner and get-together to discuss and brag about who worked whom over the course of the year, you'd better not call it a 'DX Dinner'. That phrase is now trademarked and belongs to the *SouthWest Ohio DX Association*!

Similarly, if your club wants to honor a DXpedition, whatever you do, don't call it the 'DXpedition of the Year'. They've trademarked that phrase too – it's theirs.

Same for 'DXpeditioner of the Year'. They now "own" these phrases and you can't use them. Trademarking a slogan is one thing but to trademark a commonly-used phrase in this manner effectively removes it from the hobby – its use is now disallowed by the rest of us on threat of legal prosecution. — *Continued page 13*



The January meeting of the NFDXA will be 5 pm, Saturday, January 18 at the Athens Café, 6271 St Augustine Road, Jacksonville, FL, 32217.



Stand by . . .



The long-awaited late-January early-February DXpe-

dition to Amsterdam Island will set sail shortly aboard the veteran 128-foot Southern Ocean DXpedition ship Braveheart.

The 128-foot vessel has already been fueled for its 9 day crossing to the remote southern ocean island. The team has been setting up antennas on the Braveheart with plans to operate while underway through some very rare grids during the crossing using the call sign VK6FZM/MM. The FT5ZM team expects to arrive either Jan 23 or 24 and will stay on Amsterdam for 18 day.

As an added attraction you can track VK6FZM/MM throughout the voyage at <http://www.amsterdamdx.org/follow-the-ft5zm-team-journey-live/>

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

Attendance: NFDXA Members 9 (* = Attend via Oovoo) Guests 6

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.



President's Message



Mike W1FO

Welcome back to all the NFDXA members and Happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to be club President. Thank you to the 2013 Officers on a great job. I will do my best to fill the shoes of those that came before. That said, I look forward to another year at NFDXA. The new club contest has started and I see a few members have already started to make contacts. I hope to see the same amount of enthusiasm in this contest as the last. Bring on the DX.

I am happy to announce that we begin this new DX year with our own Dr. Jay AA4FL doing a presentation on the recent T33A Banaba Dxpedition. Also for those who may not have already heard, the NFDXA will be sponsoring Dr. Jay at the upcoming Hamcation in Orlando. I think this is a great opportunity not just for the DX community but for the NFDXA as a whole. As one of the newer members I have quickly learned the caliber of the club membership. I hope we can use this asset to attract new members and even bring back some old ones. Thanks Jay for bringing the presentation to the club and the DX community. Which brings me to the next topic.

As mentioned earlier, if I have noticed anything it has been the amount of talent and experience of our club members. From Jims (NU4Y) technical expertise, Bobs (WA6EZV) antenna building projects, Ron's (N4KE) DX contest station, and Dicks (W4UTE) outright passion for operating this club is loaded with talent. I would like to bring that talent to the forefront so that I and other can learn from that experience. During the new DX year, I would like to challenge the members to write an article on the topic of their choice. I would love to see an article on someone's new antenna project or new gadget they received for Christmas. I would even be happy to write something on my favorite subject, amplifiers. Each month we would publish that article in the Pileup. Please let me know what you think. Call me old fashion but I believe a club is only as good as its membership. In the case of NFDXA, we have much to draw from.

I look forward to the 2014 DX and hope the year brings us great propagation and new entities to our logs. Good DX to all of you and see you at the meeting. Oh yea, dues are due this month so contact Jim KC4FWS ASAP. Ok, enough from me, let the DXing begin.

— Mike Garcia W1FO

Minutes of December 14 Meeting



The meeting was **called to order** by President **Bob, WA6EZV** at 6:13 pm.

The November minutes were approved.



Treasurer's Report - Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of

Old business - The discussion continued about doing a contest from W4FDA's QTH. No news on a new club regalia supplier.

New business - The winners of the 2013 club contest were **Richard K4UTE** (326) in the Beam category and **Dick WR4K** (222) in the Vertical/wire category.

The new club contest started January 1st. Access to the logging pages and rules are in the members only section of the website.

Next meeting planner (January 2014) is NF4L

Guests: Pat Frey, Louise Bergeron, Bonnie Reublin, Barbara Hughes, Patti Iori, Thania Jungstrom

The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:29 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mike, NF4L, Secretary



Faces in the crowd . . .



The World According to NU4Y . . .

Happy New Year to all. 2014 should give us some new DX and other great things. The 2013 NFDXA contest was interesting. Some things I learned are that wire antennas are equally poor in most conditions to a real gain antenna. Not that the wire's are bad, but when competing in a pile up with those beams on 20 thru 10 meters you might get through, but usually not.

I wanted to play some in the ARRL RTTY RU contest in Jan. I went outside and unrolled the radials for my 80/40 vertical and began testing it on Friday before the contest. Having the computer set up and messages installed, I was setting and marking the Alpha so I could make quick band changes. The settings vary quite a bit since the radial configuration isn't exactly the same from one unrolling to another. Having the amp on 40 meters and an acceptable SWR, I marked the tune and load controls. Then on a return to 40 after setting the other bands with the appropriate antennas the SWR went crazy. The settings had moved, the reflected power was over 200 watts and generally it didn't work. Further inspection of the cables, connections etc. revealed that the 40 meter loading coil was not doing it's thing. The antenna still worked on 80 meters which was my clue as the 40 meter coil is bypassed.

I took down the antenna and inspected the coil as best as possible. It is a 3 inch form with turns of #12 wire on it. But it is potted in some kind of material that will not come off. I tried heat and a few solvents, but no go. I could not even count the turns to make another as this potting material hid the windings. So in typical island fashion, I improvised a solution. Without the coil section installed the antenna is 20 foot tall. If I could add about 13 feet to it, it would be a quarter wave on 40.

Looking for material I realized the pole for the swimming pool net fit over the top section perfectly. It is a light weight telescopic 2 section aluminum pole 16 feet long. The hardest thing was removing the blue paint or powder coating from the inside few inches to make contact. I cut four slits in the lower 8 foot section and found a hose clamp. For the upper section I just drilled and screwed it to the lower. This gave me a 15 foot pole with the 12" of overlap and I could adjust the length with the hose clamp on the lower section. Yep after making the total length 32' 10" and raising it back up it was resonate about 6800kc.

Then I remembered about elevating the radials. Four of the 9 radials were elevated to about 3 feet and the antenna was back to 7125 and below 1.6 from band edge to band edge. All of this really didn't take that much time, but with the temperature in the 40's, this was not fun. I finished with about an hour before the contest started. Boy did this thing work well, plus I could use it 15 meters also. On 15 meters it was about a s-unit stronger than my trap vertical. I felt loud, there was not a station on 40 or 15 that I could print that could not hear me. What luck !

As a side note, boy does MMTTY work slick with WriteLog. Click on a call with the mouse, push the insert key and away you go. Even when running this was fast and seamless. Also installed the messages and changes provided by AL9A to put calls in the stack which gave some additional options when 2 calls were copied after a cq. I made 834 contacts, 648 of them on 40 and 15. My 2 20 meter antennas were junk compared to the performance.

I had a great run for a few hours on 40 meters, so great that I had to stop and cool down the Alpha. The wood shelf above it got so hot I could not touch it and I did not want to start a fire. (I will need to fix this.) The shack was up to 85 deg. Felt like I was at VP5DX. Another thing going on is the ARRL Centennial WAS contest. I have worked the 2 - WIAW portable stations on the first week. We will see if I can get them all.

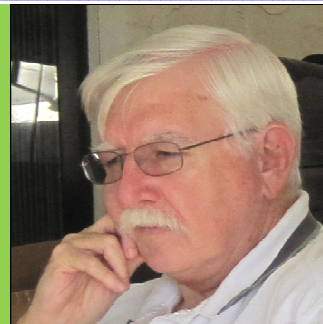
I could not hear the SSB WIAW/8 station on 15 meters from WV and figured out how to work him. I went to www.websdr.org and selected a receiver in England that could receive that freq. Heard WIAW/8 fine through that link, worked the station with no problem. Is that slick or what. This also might be an option when the FT5 comes on the air and you cannot hear him through the QRMers. I have ordered the new coil for the antenna. I don't believe if there is good wind, this modification will hold up, besides there is the 160 contest coming up, need to make this back into a inverted L.

73 and good DX - **Jim, NU4Y**



It's that time of year ... Due\$ Are Due

Dues for 2014 are \$20 and they are now being collected by NFDXA Treasurer Jim Hughes, KC4FWS. In line with that notice Jim has submitted the following:



This is your annual reminder that 2014 club dues need to be paid. The executive board did not make any change in dues and will remain at \$20 for 2014. Please note the 2010 changes made to the bylaws concerning dues:

9.0 DUES

9.01 DUES - Yearly dues shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each new year, and, if not received by the Treasurer prior to the first day of February, the member will be assessed each month an additional amount equal to 50% of the current dues. The member will be dropped from the roster if all outstanding dues and fees are not paid by May 1. Any member dropped from the roster may reapply for membership as outlined in section 1.0. If a new member is installed prior to July 1 of any calendar year, he must pay the full yearly dues. New members installed on July 1 or after will pay one-half the yearly dues.

Cash: Always accepted at meetings. (I will be at next meeting)

Checks: Make all checks payable to: **James L. Hughes, NFDXA** (checks not made out this way will not be accepted by VyStar) and mail to:

**Jim Hughes
11432 Lowndesboro Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32223-1376**

PayPal:

If you use PayPal, I will not absorb any transaction fees to accept payment. You must do an electronic fund transfer direct from your bank account. **It is Free** for sender and recipient in the US when you send using your bank account or PayPal balance. You are not paying for an online product or service, but a personal money transfer via PayPal. Also, if you use PayPal, please send me an email to kc4fws@comcast.net that you have sent the dues via PayPal. I will then log into PayPal and transfer the funds to the club's account.

Send dues via PayPal to: fine_treasures@comcast.com (NOTE: Please note the _underscore between "fine" and "treasures")

If you need to discuss any problems with the above, please give me a call: Hm 904-262-1736 or cell 904-982-6884.

Thanks,
Jim, KC4FWS

Special Event Operations



5P – DENMARKI (CQZ 14) On the occasion of the European Handball Championship for Men now underway in Denmark until Jan 26, Danish radio amateurs will be QRV with a special event call, **5P14EHC**, until the end of the month. See <http://www.5p14ehc.dk/index.htm>. – **DX Coffee.com**

DL – GERMANY (CQZ) To commemorate 60 years of activity of DL0MZ special event station **DL60JMJZ** will be QRV from special DOK 60K07 during all of 2014. QSL via the bureau. – **ARRL DX**

EI – IRELAND (CQZ) To celebrate 30 years being licensed as EI3CTB, Justin, will be QRV with special call **EI30T** (Echo Ireland Thirty Tango) during 2014. QSL via his home call. – **ARRL DX**

G – ENGLAND (CQZ 14) (Special Event). Look for special event station **GB1RNLI** to be active Jan 25-26 and possibly some limited operations on the evenings of Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Thursday, Jan. 30. This special event call sign will be used by Workop Amateur Radio Society to promote "SOS Radio Week" (Jan. 25-Feb. 2) which is held each year to support the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution). This year the club will be operating on HF (40-10m) and VHF 6m, 2m and 70cm using CW, SSB and Data modes. The WAB Square is SK57. QSL via eQSL or by

the Bureau. Full details about the RNLI are available at: <http://rnli.org/Pages/default.aspx> -- **OPDX**

HP – PANAMA (CQZ 07) The Radio Club of Panama (RCP) is recognizing HPIAC, Camilo Castillo, for his 50-plus years of activity on the Amateur Radio bands with special event station **HPIA** which is QRV through Sept 30, 2014. If you are QRV on CW you have no doubt worked Cam as he is one of Panama's most active stations. QSL via HPIRCP. – **DDX, OPDX**

LA – NORWAY (CQZ 14) During all of 2014, Norwegian LA stations may use the **LI prefix** and LB stations may use the **LJ prefix** in celebration of 200 years of the Norwegian Constitution. In addition, special event station **LM1814** will be active as part of the celebration. QSL via LA2G. -- **ARRL DX**

LA – NORWAY (CQZ 14) Special event station **LJ2TB** will be operated by LA2TB, Lars, during all of 2014 in commemoration of the Bicentenary of the Norwegian Constitution. QSL via LoTW only. -- **DDX**

OZ – DENMARK (CQZ 14) Special event station **5P14EHC** is QRV until Jan 31 to commemorate the European Men's Handball Championship in Denmark that's underway until January 26. QSO direct to OZ0J. -- **ARRL DX**

TM – FRANCE (CQZ 14) F8DVD, Francois, plans to participate in the 11th annual Antarctic Activity Week (Feb 17-23) with special call **TM11AAW** operating from Macon, France on Feb 1-2, 7-10, and 14-23. Activity will be mostly on SSB 40-10 meters. Complete details can be found on <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM11AAW>. QSL via F8DVD – **DDX, OPDX**

UA - EUROPEAN RUSSIA (CQZ) Special event station **R7378TM** is QRV from Ufa until Feb 5 during the Olympic Torch's relay through Russia. QSL via RM8W. – **ARRL DX**

DX EUROPE

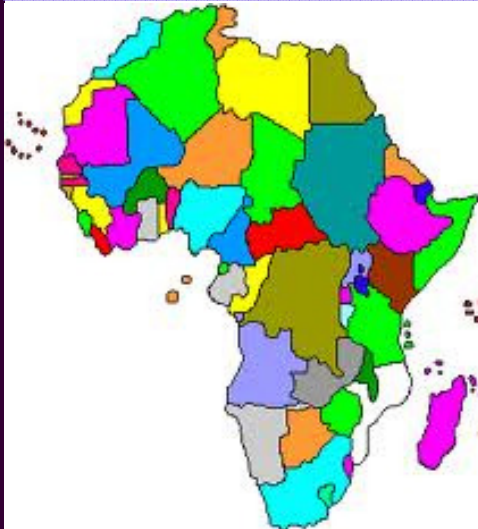
IA - SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA. (CQZ 15) An "international team" of operators led by Francesco, IK0FVC, will be active as **IA0KM** from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) between January 2-7th (2014). QSL via IK0FTA. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. Look for more details to be forthcoming. – **OPDX**



SPAIN NOW ON 60 METERS

Beginning January 1, Spanish stations have limited use of 60 meters for six months. The allowable frequencies are 5268, 5295, 5313, 5382, 5430 and 5439 kHz. -- **ARRL DX**

DX AFRICA



3B8 – MAURITIUS (CQZ 39) A few sources are reporting that Robert, M0RCX, will be active as **3B8/M0RCX** from Mauritius around May 2-28. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10/6 meters using some CW and mainly Digital (JT65, PSK31, ROS and maybe FSK441). QSL via M0RCX, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL. – **OPDX**

3B9 – RODRIGUEZ ISLAND (CQZ 39) Eric OE4AAC will again be active from Rodrigues Island Feb 10-18, 2014 as **3B9/OE4AAC**. Holiday-style activity, CW only. QSL via H/c. – **DX World.net, OPDX**

5C – MOROCCO (CQZ 33) Ruggero, IK2PZC, will once again be active as **5C2P** Feb 6-9. Activity will be on HF bands using SSB and RTTY. He will also be in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (Feb 8-9) QSL via IK2PZC. --**OPDX**

5V TOGO (CQZ 35) 5MVB, Phil, will now be joined by F5AOW, Joel, for a trip to Avepozo, Togo in 2014 operating as **5V7MP** and **5V7BJ** respectively. Exact dates and other details have not been announced. QSL via their home calls either via the bureau or direct. -- **DDX**

5V – TOGO (CQZ 35) Philippe, F5MVB, is planning to be active as **5V7MP** from Togo during 2014. Look for more details shortly. -- **OPDX**

5X – UGANDA (CQZ 37) If you missed Alan, G3XAX, as **5X1XA** from the capital city of Kampala, he is expected to return again and be active Febr 25-March 16. Activity will be CW only. He will also be in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (Mar 8-9). QSL 5X1XA via G3SWH. – **OPDX**

5Z – KENYA (CQZ 37) "DX-World.net" reports that Scott, WA5A, will be active as **5Z4/WA5A** from Ruaka until about January 28th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home call sign. – **OPDX, ARRL DX**

6W – SENEGAL (CQZ 35) F6BLP, Francis, plans to be back in Senegal and QRV as **6W7SK** mainly on CW, holiday style, 160-10 meters until Jan 31. QSL via F6BLP. -- **DDX**

7P – LESOTHO (CQZ) G14FUM, David, is planning a CQ World Wide SSB Contest DXpedition to Lesotho in October 2014. He is looking for interested operators to join him for the best DX Contest of the year. He has a Website at <http://www.3da0ss.net> -- **DDX**

7Q – MALAWI (CQZ 37) LA7GIA, Kenneth, plans to spend one week QRV as **7Q7GIA** from Malawi in the May/June 2014 time frame. QSL via LA7GIA. – **DDX, OPDX**

C5 - THE GAMBIA (CQZ 35) Pedro, **ON7WP/C5WP**, announced on QRZ.com that he and Andre, **N7YK/C5YK**, are or will be the only two permanent licensed hams in The Gambia for 2014 (as of now). Between January 16-22nd, Pedro and Andre say they'll will move to the Kololi area where they will try some serious Low Band (operations) based on a sea mounted vertical, together with dipoles and the V-beam for the high bands. See QRZ.com for QSL info. -- **OPDX**

C9 - MOZAMBIQUE (CQZ 37) Karel, ZS6ALB, informs OPDX that he is now permanently based in Mozambique and is active as **C91KHN (C91C during contest)** from Matola, Mozambique (Grid locator KG64fa). He has been busy upgrading his station. After the upgrades, he states that he will be active on the following bands and modes: Band Operations: 6m - 5 element Yagi (for) 40/20/17/15/12/10m - Mosley 67B; Modes: SSB and Digital modes PSK31, RTTY and JT65A (using Rigblaster Advantage). QSL via his home call sign direct (preferred). Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. -- **OPDX**

TY - BENIN (CQZ 35) Wim, ON6DX (ex-ON4CIT) says he's received his Benin call sign **TY1TT** and that his activity will be from Grand PoPo will be on 20-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY Jan 26-Feb 5. He plans to operate on the highest bands open. Wim adds these comments: "Clublog is a fine tool, but this year: OQRS QSL: Yes, but... But no more clublog leaderboards." Read his reason and look for updates at: <http://www.dxpediton.be/Benin.html>. -- **OPDX**

ZD – TRISTAN da CUNHA (CQZ) The Italian DXpedition Team has announced a DXpedition to Tristan da Cunha (AF-029). They will use the call **ZD9TT**, most likely in the September-October 2015 time period. The team will take five weeks of which two weeks will be used up in traveling to and from Tristan da Cunha. Their goal will be to work as many uniques as possible "thus offering a possibility also to Little Pistols and QRP stations". Plans are to be QRV on all bands on CW and SSB with RTTY activity "confined to the 14 MHz band". They have a Webpage at <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>. -- **DDX**

DX ASIA



9M2 - WESTERN MALAYSIA (CQZ 28) Rich, PA0RRS is QRV as **9M2MRS** from Pinang, IOTA AS-015, until Feb 23. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL to home call. -- **ARRL DX**

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA (CQZ 28). Members of the North of Peninsular Malaysia ARA Boys Contest n' DXers will be active as **9M2SM** during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30) as a Multi-I entry on 80-10 meters. QSL via 9M2GET —**OPDX**

DU – PHILIPPINES (CQZ) DU7ET, Robert, is back in Negros Oriental, Philippines until at least Jan 21. If he gets a pilot job he'll remain there if not it's back to a ship job. He currently has a 160 meter dipole up some 80 feet. For those who are still waiting for a QSL card from previous activity, Robert, says they all went we went out December 26th. -- **DDX**

SOUTHEAST ASIAN TOUR (CQZ 26) Toshi, JA8BMK, will activate two DXCC entities during the first two months of the year. Activity will be holiday style using a HEX beam/wire antennas/Inv.Vee. Operations will be on 160-10 meters. Toshi says the modes will be CW and SSB, not sure about the Digital (says may be not). He will use a K2 with a 500w amp. His tentative schedule (Starting/Ending dates are flexible) and call signs are as follows: Jan 15-30 – Call sign is **XW8BM**; from Vientiane, Laos; Feb 15-Mar 2 -- Call sign is **XV2BM**; from Nha Trang (eastcoast of South China Sea), Vietnam. QSL via JA8BMK, by the Bureau or direct (see QRZ.com). -- **OPDX**

XU – CAMBODIA (CQZ 26) KF0RQ, John, will be QRV from Cambodia as **XU7ACQ** Feb 24 - Mar 22. He'll be QRV on 7 through 28 MHz using a Hexbeam at 35 feet and an 800 watt amplifier. -- **DDX**

XW – LAOS (CQZ 26) Toshi, JA8BMK, will be active from Laos as **XW8BM** 15-30 January. QSL via JA8BMK -- **DX Coffee**

DX INDIAN OCEAN

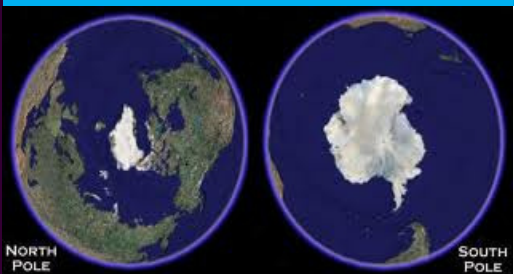
FR – REUNION ISLAND (CQZ 39) The F6KOP DXpedition team has announced it will make a 10-day a 10-day operation to Reunion Island Feb 6-16 using the call sign **TO7CC**. The effort will include 20-24 operators operating four stations and will focus on the low bands and digital modes. The TO7CC website is presently under construction at <http://www.to7cc.com/> QSL via FINGP -- **DX World.net, DX Coffee**

VK9X – CHRISTMAS ISLAND (CQZ 29) Operators Jon/K7CO and Christian/K7CXN will be active as **VK9X/K7CO** from Christmas Island (OC-002) March 1-11. They are looking for another CW operator to join them. Preferred is a ham that has pileup experience and also antenna installation experience. If interested, contact Jon at <k7co@vk9x.com>. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. Christian will be the primary operator on PSK31 and will also do some SSB. QSL via K7CO, direct or via the OQRS on ClubLog. NO Bureau. For more details and updates, see <http://www.nielsen.net/vk9x> -- **DX World.net, OPDX**

VK9X/K7CO – Christmas Island (CQZ 29) Jon, K7CO and Christian, K7CXN will be active from Christmas Island as **VK9X/K7CO** March 1-11, 2014. Activity will be on 10-80m using SSB, CW PSK31. More details at <http://www.nielsen.net/vk9x/> -- **DX World.net**



DX ARCTIC-ANTARCTIC



RI – ANTARCTICA (CQZ) UAIPBA/ZSIANF, UAIPAW and RD3MX are QRV from the Russian Antarctic Novolazarevskaya base as **RIIANR** until Apr 6, 2014. Listen for them on all bands. QSL via RKIPWA or ZSIANF. -- **DDX**

DP – ANTARCTICA (CQZ) Felix, DL5XL is QRV as **DP1POL** from the Neumayer III base until Feb 8. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using mostly CW. QSL via DL1ZBO. -- **ARRL DX**

DX Pacific, Oceania

A3 – TONGA (CQZ 32) Operators Klaus-Dieter/DK1AX and his XYL Heidi/DK1MA will be active as **A35AX** on a holiday style DXpedition from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) and Vava'u Island (OC-064) Feb 24-Mar 7. Activity will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the OQRS on ClubLog. -- **OPDX**

C2 – NAURU (CQZ 31) Operators Guenter/DL2AWG, Hans/DL6JGN and San/K5YY will be active from Nauru April 3-16. Call signs have not been announced. They are searching for operators to join them to operate CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DL2AWG. More details should be forthcoming. -- **OPDX**

E5 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (VQZ 32) BA4DW, David, plans to operate "holiday style" from Rarotonga Island, South Cooks as **E51CDW** Jan 21-27, 2014. He'll be on CW and SSB. QSL via BA4DW. -- **DDX**

FK – NEW CALEDONIA (CQZ 32) Yoshi, JE2EHP, will be active as **FK/K1HP** from New Caledonia Feb 18-26. Activity will be on all the HF bands and 6m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home call sign. Both OQRS (via ClubLog) and LoTW will be available for this operation. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.geocities.jp/k1hpl/> -- **OPDX**

FO/A – AUSTRAL ISLANDS (CQZ 32) A group of six operators from the UK will operate as **TX6G** from the Island of Raivavae in the Australs (OC-114) between Mar 20- April 1. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY with up to three stations, each consisting of a K3 plus amplifier. Antennas will consist of various vertical systems on the beach. Logs will be uploaded to Clublog. Bandwidth permitting, the team will also be uploading to LoTW as the DXpedition progresses. QSL will be handled by G3TXF and requests can be made directly or via the Clublog OQRS facility. After the DXpedition most members of the team will be attending the International DX Convention at Visalia. A Web site will be launched with further details once the call sign and other details are confirmed. -- **OPDX**

T8 – PALAU (CQZ 27) K5YY, San, DL2AWG, Guenter, and DL6JGN, Hans, are together for an April 3-16 DXpedition to Nauru (C21). "Callsign unknown at this time" says San. Plans are to have two rigs and amplifiers and verticals. They are looking for one more op. Since conditions are so good on the higher bands they will be emphasizing activity on 17 through 10 meters. No plans were announced for 160 and 80 meters. Listen for activity mainly on CW along with some RTTY. QSL via DL2AWG. -- **DDX**

T8 – PALAU (CQZ 27) JN3MXT is planning to be QRV from the "VIP Guest Hotel" on Palau as **T88MX** Jan 25 - 30. Activity will be on the HF bands using mainly SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home call. -- **DDX, OPDX**

V7 – MARSHALL ISLANDS (CQZ 31) Bill, N6MW, will be active as **V73MW** from the Long Island Hotel on Majuro Atoll (OC-029), Marshall Islands, Feb 4-14. Bill states: "Focus on ClubLog's most needed bands/modes – 160/80/30 CW and 20 for RTTY (not in contest), maybe some SSB and 17, while accepting the unfortunate 24 hours/day limitation. .. Nightly efforts on 160/80. Freq 1820.5 for 160, UP. Always UP! 20m RTTY for some low brain needed time, with a focus on EU. On-line log at ClubLog updated as internet connection (and \$) allows. Would consider a second operator (see Web page below for E-mail address). QSL via LoTW. QSL manager to be announced." Operations will be from the (north facing) beach on the lagoon at the Long Island Hotel. For more details and updates, see: <http://n6mw.jimdo.com/v7-dxpedition> -- **OPDX**

YJ – VANUATU (CQZ 32) N7OU, Bill, says he and NE7D, Rocky "will be operating from Port Vila, Vanuatu, 160-10m, CW" Feb 11-25. They'll be using verticals on a north-facing shore and 500 watt amplifiers. Plans are to do "a multi-single entry in the ARRL DX Contest". They will announce their call signs. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as they return to the USA. QSL via home calls. -- **DDX**

ZL – NEW ZEALAND (CQZ 32) The Kiwi DX Group will use their special call sign **ZM90DX** during the ARRL DX CW Contest (Feb 15-16) as a Multi-Single or Multi-2 entry. Current operators so far are Holger/ZL3IO and Wesley/ZL3TE (W3SE). QSL via M0OXO or LoTW. -- **OPDX**



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C6 – BAHAMAS (CQZ 08) Tim, AF1G, is now living and working on Andros Island since November using the call sign **AF1G/C6A**. He will be there until Nov 20th, 2014. Activity is expected on 80-6 meters SSB. No QSNs have been reported yet. QSL via LoTW or direct to: Tim Hardy, PSC 1012 Box 593, FPO AA 34058-9998, USA. – **OPDX**

C6 – BAHAMAS (CQZ 08) John, 9H5G is QRV as **9H5G/C6A** from Stocking Island, Great Bahama Bank, IOTA NA-001, until January 31. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, PSK, JT9 and JT65. He plans travel to other island groups as well. QSL direct via N15DX. – **ARRL DX**

CE – CHILE (CQZ 12) Now through April 1, look for CX1EK, Luis, who will be operating from Chile as **CE2/CX1EK**. QSL via W4/CX1EK. – **DDX**

CE – CHILE (CQZ 12) Roberto (Bob), YV5IAL, will be active as **CE2/YV5IAL** from Chile until Jan 30 with operations on PSK31 daily on 14070.15 and occasionally on 10, 15 and 40 meters (PSK31 and SSB). QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau. – **OPDX**

FG – GUADELOUPE (CQZ 08) F6HMQ, Gildas, plans to be back on Guadeloupe Island signing **TO22C** Feb 20-Mar 6, 2014, including participating in the ARRL DX SSB Contest – **DX World.net, DDX**

FG – GUADELOUPE (CQZ 08) Jean-Pierre, F6ITD, will be active as **FG/F6ITD** from Guadeloupe and two of its islands Jan 28-Mar 25. Activity will be on all HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes. He plans to visit the following two islands in the IOTA NA-102 group: Jan 29-Feb 9 - Basse Terre Island (main island) and Feb 9-Mar 25 - La Desirade Island. During the contest he will use the call **TO6D**. QSL via his home call sign, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW (preferred). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW. For more details, see: <http://www.qrz.com/db/FGF6ITD> – **OPDX**

HI – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CQZ 08) ZP9MCE, Manu, will run a holiday style operation from Punta Cana Beach in the Dominican Republic as **HI7/ZP9MCE** on CW only Apr 7 -14. Listen for his **QRP** signals from the beach on 40, 30 and 20 meters. QSL via EA5ZD – **OPDX, DDX**

HK0 – SAN ANDRES (CQZ 07) Tim, LW9EOC, will be active as **HK0/LW9EOC** from San Andres Island between April 18-25. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LW9EOC. – **OPDX**

J3 – GRENADA (CQZ 08) Bob, G3PJT, will once again be active as **J34G** from Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718) Mar 3-10. Activity will probably be holiday style using a K2 w/100 watts and vertical antennas. He plans to also be in the RSGB's Commonwealth Contest (Mar 8-9). Look for him outside of the contest, especially on 80 and 30 meters. QSL via his home call sign. – **OPDX**

J3 – GRENADA (CQZ 08) DL5AXX, Ulf, has announced he is heading back to the "nature island" in February. He'll be QRV as **J38XX** from Grenada Feb 6- 19. He'll have an OQRS at <http://www.dl5axx.de/dxlog/> or you can QSL via his home call. – **DDX**

J7 – DOMINICA (CQZ) Listen for AD8J, John, to be QRV from Dominica Island as **J79JG** Jan 29- Feb 7. He'll be mainly on CW operating holiday style when not scuba diving. QSL via AD8J and LoTW. – **DDX, OPDX**

KG4 – GUANTANAMO BAY (CQZ 08) Los Amigos de DX, N4SIA (KG4AS), Tip, and K4MIL (KG4SS), Stu, are taking a midwinter break from Virginia to warm up and operate from Guantanamo Bay, until January 27. Operations are on all bands from 160 to 6 meters, operating on SSB, RTTY and CW. QSL via los amigos home calls. Only KG4SS will be posting to LoTW. – **ARRL DX**

OX – GREENLAND (CQZ 40) Bjorn, OZ5BD, who lives in Sisimiut, will travel to be active as **OX5T** from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018, WWFF OZ-FF006). He will be QRV Jan 31- Feb 2 with activity on 160-10 meters, with an emphasis on 160/80/40m, using CW and SSB. QSL via OZ0J. – **OPDX**

PY0F – FERNANDO DE NORONHA (CQZ 11) PP1CZ, Leo, is heading back to Fernando de Noronha where he will be QRV as **PY0F/PP1CZ** Jan 23-29. He will pay special attention to the CQ World Wide 160 Meters CW Contest. Outside the contest listen for him on CW and RTTY and some SSB on 1.8 through 28 MHz. QSL via PP1CZ. – **DDX**

PY – BRAZIL (CQZ 11) PY2XB, Fred, will be operating from Fortaleza in northeast Brazil using his **PT7BXB** call Jan 20-27 including the 2014 CQ World Wide 160 Meter Contest. Fred plans to be QRV nightly on Topband before the contest and a full time effort in the contest. Fred will be using a quarter-wave vertical with maximum legal power and listening on a RX antenna. – **DDX**

TO3 – MARTINIQUE (CQZ 08) Ogushi, JA3ARJ and Kunio JA1CJA say they are active from Martinique as **TO3JA** until Jan 19. QSL via JA3AVO Direct, Buro, LoTW" . – **DX Coffee**

TO4 – MARTINIQUE (CQZ 08) F4BMR, Francoise, and F5GN, Yves, will be QRV with special call **TO4YL** from the Caribbean island of Martinique starting Feb 8. Activity will be on 1.8 through 28 MHz. QSL via F5GN either via the REF QSL bureau or direct with two US dollars or one IRC. – **DDX**

TO4 – MARTINIQUE (CQZ 08) M5RIC, Rich, is heading to Martinique (NA-107) where he plans to be QRV as **TO4C** Mar 26- Apr 1, including the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via M0OXO, preferably using OQRS. <http://www.m0oxo.com/direct-a-bureau-instructions.html>

—More NA, SA, CA DX on page 11



News from Kosovo



For those who have been following the (mis)adventures of those efforting the recognition/acceptance of Kosovo as a DXCC entity here are two items of interest.

First, PB2T, Han Blondeel Timmerman, President of the European DX Foundation (EUDXF) has posted an open letter to the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) addressing the DXCC status of Kosovo at <http://www.eudxf.eu/index.php/8-news/latest/141-letter-to-dxac>.

Second, the DX column in the November issue of CQ Magazine explains some of the problems confronting Kosovo's DXCC recognition effort. It appears some of the blame lies with the 'unintended consequences' caused by an action by the ARRL's own DXCC Advisory Committee . . .

There are 52 new licensed 'Kosovars' between the ages of 18 and 21 in Kosovo after passing exams that qualified them for the US General Class level license. This was a significant event in a number of ways in that it more than doubled the amateur radio population of the Kosovo.

The testing was done in the amphitheater of the Technical University of Pristina last December and was the first ever amateur radio exam under the new laws of the Republic of Kosovo. Government administrators were not yet prepared to receive higher class exams as procedures are now in place only to take the equivalent of U.S. General or CEPT Novice exams. IARU Region 1 President Hans, PB2T and Martti Laine, OH2BH of Project Goodwill Kosovo were among those overseeing the testing.

As a reminder, Z6 QSLs are not recognized for DXCC credit as the young republic has not met all the required criteria.

—Various sources including DX World.net



More NA, CA and SA DX...continued from page 11

VP2 – BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (CQZ 08) A group of Polish operators have announced plans for a DXpedition to Anegada Island in the British Virgin Islands during late March. Their website (<http://www.vp2v.dxpedititions.org>) says " ... We hope to fulfill the demand for a "new one", especially from stations located in Japan and the rest of the Far East". — **DDX, DX WORLD.net**

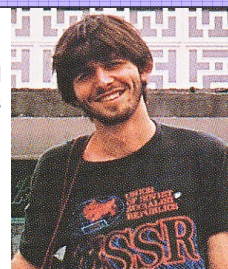
YW0 – AVES ISLAND (CQZ 08) The 4M5DX Group is still waiting for the final word from the Navy as to the exact dates of the upcoming Aves Island **YW0A** DXpedition. They anticipate a date "soon". <http://www.avesisland.info/> —**DDX**

ZF - CAYMAN ISLANDS (CQZ 08) Operators Jim/N4BFR and Newton/N4EWT will again be active as **ZF2JS** and **ZS2KO**, respectively, from the Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) Jan 18-23. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB, PSK31 and JT. QSL via their home call signs or LoTW. — **OPDX**

ROMEO, WHERE ART THOU?

UB5JRR, Roman 'Romeo' Stepanenko, (aka Roman Vega), who has been characterized by the United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of New York as "one of the world's most prolific cybercriminals", was sentenced last December to 18 years in federal prison. Vega Co-Founded CarderPlanet, One of the First Online Marketplaces for Stolen Financial Data

Many old-timers will remember the now 49-year-old Romeo as a young and up and coming DXpeditioner in the late 80's and early 90's before he was expelled from the DXCC program in 1996, for running several bogus DXpeditions including the infamous P5RS7 scandal. <http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/2013/2013dec12.html>



Phrase 'DX Dinner' Now Trademarked ... *continued from page 1*

Many DXers would like to know which individual in the Southwest Ohio DX Association is responsible. People who shame themselves ought not to be able to hide behind the banner of an organization.

Former SWODXA president K8MN had this reaction the trademark news: "W8OK would be turning over in his grave if he knew anything like this had taken place. I was the second president of SWODXA in those early years nothing like this would or could have been rammed through. Those in Federal government who granted such a request cannot have realized that there have been numerous DXers and DXpeditions of the year and DX dinners for many year prior to the existence of SWODXA."

For those interested here's the patent office documentation: http://tsdr.uspto.gov/caseNumber=85803177&caseType=SERIAL_NO&searchType=statusSearch

-- <http://www.ae5x.com/blog>

"This is a bad trend" - N6PSE



The hobby of amateur radio has many phrases and a unique terminology. Within DXing we have a unique set of terms that we use regularly. QSO, contact, QSL, QRZ, five-nine, pileup, 73 and many others.

Each year at about this time of the year, we think about the best DXpeditions of the previous year and who might win the various awards for the best DXpedition. These awards are commonly known as "DXpedition of the Year" and they are often given at the "DX Dinner".

A number of clubs and international amateur websites give a DXpedition of the Year award and many clubs and conventions have a DX Dinner. This is all good so far. Here is the rub, the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has trademarked the terms "DXpedition of the Year" and "DX Dinner".

This essentially makes these terms belong to them for their use and control. They can file suit and prosecute anyone else who uses these terms without their permission. Now I'm not a lawyer (obviously) but how can a club trademark terms that we all know and use? What's next? Will they trademark the term DX? (too late its already trademarked) Will they trademark the term DXpedition? How about Contest or DX Contest?

I think trademarking these common terms within our hobby is wrong. I liken it to the same greedy and "me me me" attitude so prevalent in our hobby these days. The SWODXA organization is a great club and they are very generous to DXpeditions. That is why this trend is even more wrong for them to undertake. I think it tarnishes their stellar image. I liken it to the Contesters creating phony clubs and hoarding all of the available 1X2 call signs for their phony clubs. This is a bad trend and it concerns me what will be trademarked next?

The Southwest Ohio DX Association needs to rethink their trademarking policy and give these terms back to the hobby of amateur radio for everyone to use freely.

What do you think?

— <http://n6pse.wordpress.com/> 8 Jan 2014

FR/T TROMELIN November 2014

Tromelin is located in the Indian ocean approx. 350km East of Madagascar. Of all the islands that form the "Scattered Islands" Tromelin is the smallest. This one-square kilometer piece of land was classified as a natural reserve back in 1975. The fauna and flora, almost intact, offer a great environment for scientific research. Each year, there are only a few scientists who are allowed to study turtle and seabird colonies. Each research program is the subject of a joint validation from TAAF (Antarctic and Australs territories authority) and CNRS (National Institute of Sciences of the Universe and the National Institute of Ecology and Environment).

Tromelin is the only one of the so-called "Scattered Islands" in the Indian Ocean to hold a permanent population of 3 technicians belonging to TAAF (Antarctic and Australs territories authority). The other islands are homed to military detachments (Armed Forces in the South Zone of the Indian Ocean (FAZSOL) and one policeman. Each mission on Tromelin substantially increases temporarily its population and induces a potential environmental impact. It is inconceivable to lead an expedition with 24 operators on such a small and fragile territory. Besides the ecological impact, difficulties in gaining access as well as logistics would not allow it.

For the November 2014 Lyon DX Club DXpedition there will be 6 operators who have been authorized for a period of 10 days. While this may be smaller than the recent big amateur expeditions remember this team gets there, the population of the island will have already tripled! The web site for the Tromelin DXpedition is: <http://www.tromelin2014.com/en/>



JANUARY 2014 DX Calendar (Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2014 Jan11	2014 Jan22	Gambia	C5WP	See Info	DXW.Net 20131227	By ON7WP ON5OF; during second week will make serious low band effort from a beach location; QSL direct: Moutstraat 7, B-2220 Hallaar Belgium w/ \$3 for Gambian charity; include address label
2014 Jan13	2014 Jan19	Martinique	TO3JA	EB7DX	VA3RJ 20130926	By JA3ARJ and JA1CJA fm NA-107 (DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041); call sign requested
2014 Jan15	2014 Jan16	Dominica	J79	Home Call	DXW.Net 20131212	By SP7VC SP3IPB SQ7OYL as J79VC and J79PB
2014 Jan15	2014 Jan30	Laos	XW8BM	JA8BMK	JA8BMK 20131228	By JA8BMK; 160-10m; Hex beam, verticals, inv vee; holiday style operation; begin and end dates approximate
2014 Jan17	2014 Jan18	Guadeloupe	FM	Home Call	DXW.Net 20131212	By SP7VC as FG/SP7VC, SP3IPB, SQ7OYL likewise
2014 Jan17	2014 Jan27	Guantanamo Bay	KG4	Home Call	425DXN 20140111	By N4SIA as KG4AS and K4MIL as KG4SS (QSL also OK via LotW); 160-6m; SSB RTTY CW
2014 Jan18	2014 Jan22	Montserrat	VP2M	Home Call	DXW.Net 20131212	By SP7VC SP3IPB SQ7OYL as VP2MPG and VP2MTK
2014 Jan18	2014 Jan23	Cayman Is	ZF	LotW	DXW.Net 20140106	By N4BFR as ZF2JS and N4EWT as ZF2KO; CW SSB PSK31 JT; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via home_call
2014 Jan21	2014 Feb21	St Kitts & Nevis	V47AJ	N3ME	DXW.Net 20131117	By N3ME W3UR fm St Kitts; 160-10m; focus on RTTY, some CW SSB
2014 Jan21	2014 Jan27	South Cook Is	E51CDW	BA4DW	DXW.Net 20131213	By BA4DW fm Rarotonga I; HF
2014 Jan23	2014 Jan29	Dominica	J79	Home Call	DXW.Net 20131212	By SP7VC SP3IPB SQ7OYL as J79VC and J79PB
2014 Jan23	2014 Jan29	Fernando de Noronha	PY0F	PP1CZ	PP1CZ 20140107	By PP1CZ as PY0F/PP1CZ; 160-6m; CW RTTY, some SSB; QRV for CQ 160m CW contest
<u>CQ 160m Contest, CW</u> (Jan 24-26, 2014) Check here for pre-contest activity too.						
2014 Jan24	2014 Feb12	Amsterdam I	FT5ZM	N2OO	K0IR 20120403	By 9V1YC EY8MM FM5CD HK1R K4UEE K9CT LA6VM N4GRN N6HC VE3EJ VE7CT W6IZT WB9Z K0IR VA7DX UA3AB; dates planned
2014 Jan26	2014 Feb05	Benin	TY1TT	LotW	ON6DX 20140105	By ON6DX; QSL also OK via ON6DX direct + Club Log
2014 Jan26	2014 Feb28	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	M0OXO	OPDX 20120930	By DF2WO fm Ouagadougou; CW SSB; holiday style operation
2014 Jan29	2014 Feb07	Dominica	J79JG	LotW	425DXN 20131221	By AD8J; mainly CW; QSL also OK via AD8J; holiday style operation
2014 Jan29	2014 Feb09	Guadeloupe	FG	F6ITD	OPDX 20131216	By F6ITD as FG/F6ITD fm Basse Terre I (NA-102, FK96ch); HF; SSB + digital; QSL also OK via F6ITD (see qrz.com)
2014 Jan31	2014 Feb02	Greenland	OX5T	OZ0J	OX5T 20140109	By OX5T fm Kangerlussuaq (NA-018, WWFF: OZ-FF006); 160-10m; SSB CW
2014 Jan31	2014 Feb04	Bhutan	A52JR	LotW	DXW.Net 20131231	By PP5JR PU5FJR PU5BIA JH1AJT; 80-10m; SSB; QSL also OK via PP5VB and ClubLog

February 2014 DX Calendar ((Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>))

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2014 Feb01	2014 Feb13	Sao Tome & Principe	S9TF	IK5CRH	DXW.Net 20131117	By IK5CRH IK5CBE IK5BCM fm Principe I (AF-044); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY
2014 Feb02	2014 Feb13	Tanzania	5I0DX	LotW	IK7JWX 20140105	By IK7JWX I8LWL IS0AGY IV3FSG HB9DHG fm Zanzibar I (AF-032); 80-10m, perhaps 160m; SSB CW PSK RTTY; QRV for CQ WW WPX RTTY
2014 Feb04	2014 Feb14	Marshall Is	V73MW	LotW	N6MW 20140113	By N6MW from Majuro I (OC-029) 160 80 30 CW 20 RTTY (not CQ contest) maybe some SSB and/or 17m; further QSL info TBA
2014 Feb05	2014 Feb17	Reunion	TO7CC	F1NGP	OPDX 20130708	By F6KOP Radio Club; all bands; all modes; focus on low band RTTY
CQ WW WPX Contest, RTTY (Feb 8-9, 2014) Check here for pre-contest activity too.						
2014 Feb08	2014 Feb22	Martinique	TO4YL	F5GN	DXW.Net 20140105	By F4BMR; 160-10m
2014 Feb09	2014 Mar25	Guade-loupe	FG	LotW	OPDX 20131216	By F6ITD as FG/F6ITD fm La Desirade I (NA-102, FK96lg); HF; SSB + digital; QRV as TO6D weekends and during ARRL DX SSB; QSL also OK via F6ITD (see qrz.com)
2014 Feb10	2014 Feb18	Rodrigues I	3B9	OE4AAC	OE4AAC 20131210	By OE4AAC as 3B9/OE4AAC; CW; holiday style operation
2014 Feb11	2014 Feb16	Lesotho	7P8ID	DK3ID Direct	DK3ID 20131220	By DK3ID; 40-6m; SSB; 100w; QSL also OK via OE8IDK
2014 Feb11	2014 Feb25	Vanuatu	YJ	LotW	N7OU 20131212	By N7OU NE7D as TBA fm Port Vila; 160-10m; CW; QSL also OK via home_call
2014 Feb12	2014 Feb24	Maldives	8Q7KB	DL2SBY	DXW.Net 20131223	By DL2SBY fm Ziyaaraifushi I (Feb 12-18) and Fihalhohi I (Feb 18-24); 30-10m; SSB CW RTTY; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
ARRL DX Contest, CW (Feb 15-16, 2014) Check here for pre-contest activity too.						
2014 Feb15	2014 Mar05	Vietnam	XV2BM	JA8BMK	JA8BMK 20131228	By JA8BMK; 160-10m; Hex beam, verticals, inv vee; holiday style operation; begin and end dates approximate
2014 Feb18	2014 Feb23	New Cale-donia	FK	LotW	DXW.Net 20140106	By JE2EHP as FK/K1HP; HF; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JE2EHP or OQRS
2014 Feb19	2014 Feb27	Bermuda	VP9	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20120521	By G7VJR as VP9/G7VJR
2014 Feb22	2014 Mar16	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	AA9A	AA9A 20121127	By AA9A
2014 Feb24	2014 Mar07	Tonga	A35AX	OQRS	DK1AX 20131204	By DK1AX DK1MA fm Tongatapu I (OC-049) and Vava'u I (OC-064); CW SSB RTTY; holiday style operation; QSL via ClubLog OQRS
2014 Feb25	2014 Mar16	Uganda	5X1XA	G3SWH	G3XAQ 20131204	By G3PJT; CW; QRV for RSGB Commonwealth Contest (Mar 8-9)
2014 Feb25	2014 Mar21	Cambodia	XU7AC Q	KF0RQ	KF0RQ 20121127	By KF0RQ; 40-10m; SSB PSK31 RTTY

PileUp Phonetics Hint

"I have found being on so many DXpeditions that when you call the DX station, give your call twice and change your phonetics. You can't believe how that helps. Some operators will use the same phonetics over and over. By changing them the DX operator has a better chance of understanding your call and will save time. Many times I have asked a calling station to give their call many times so don't be afraid to do so." -- W8GEX "60 meter DX Newsletter"



2014 CQ WPX RTTY Contest

February 8-9, 2014

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2359 GMT Sunday

Identical wording is used for both the RTTY and CW/SSB rules where the intent is the same. However, there are some key differences for the RTTY mode

*No 1.8 MHz operation

* QSO alerting assistance is allowed in all categories, i.e., there is no Single-Op Assisted category

Single-Op 30-hour limit (vs. 36)

*Contact points: - Different-country contacts within any continent (not just North America) get 2 or 4 points - Same-country contacts get 2 points on the low bands

NFDXA 2014 Dual Band DX Contest

New NFDXA	Call	Beam/Wire	Vertical/Wire	Score
Club DX	AB4UF			0
Contest	AC4ET			0
First Half of	K3LB	B		0
2014 Work	K4EB	B		0
Entities on	K4UTE	B		0
Two Bands	KB4CRT			0
Use CQ Entity List.	KC4FWS	B		0
	KX4WW			0
	NIWON		V	0
	N4EPD		V	0
	N4GFO			0
	N4JBK			0
	N4KE			0
	N4UF	B		0
	NF4L	B		0
	NO4J			0
	NU4Y		V	0
	NW4C		V	0
	VP5YZ			0
	W1FO	B		0
	W4FDA			0
	W4GJ			0
	WA4B			0
	WA6EZV		V	0
	WR4K		V	0

This is a 6 month, multi-band challenge in which contestants choose one band from the high group (20-10m) and a second from the low group (160-30m).

Participants earn one point per DX entity in the bands of their choice. QSOs must be made from each entrant's home QTH or mobile.

The contest officially begins at 0000Z January 1, 2014 and ends at 0000Z June 30, 2014.

ARRL DX Conntest

CW: Third full weekend in February (**February 15-16, 2014**).

Phone: First full weekend in March (**March 1-2, 2014**).

Contest Period: 48 hours each mode (separate contests).
Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2359 UTC Sunday.

Objective: To encourage W/VE stations to expand knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, improve operating skills, and improve station capability by creating a competition in which DX stations may only contact W/VE stations. W/VE amateurs work as many DX stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. DX stations work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible.

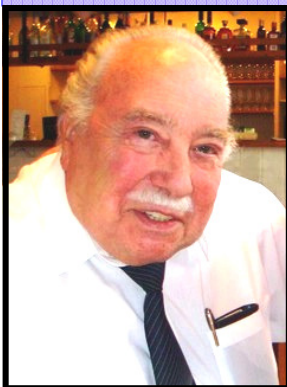
Full details at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

Help Me, Dr. Science

Question: With a Sun Spot Number of 225, why am I only hearing noise and US Stations? — Larry, K3LB

Answer: It's due to the cold air which is denser, thus preventing RF from bouncing as high. Plus that's a mean sunspot number. We need a nice one. — 73, Mike NF4L PsD (Pseudo science Dummy)

4U1UN Founder SK



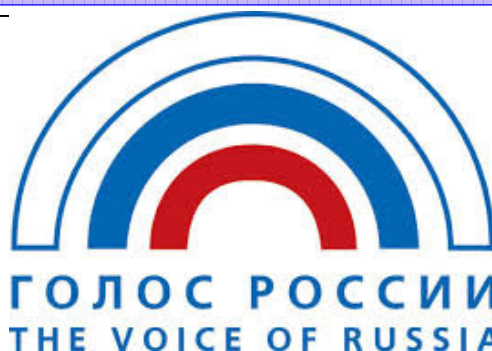
Max de Henseler, HB9RS, the founder and president emeritus of **4U1UN** at United Nations headquarters in New York, died December 30. He was 80. A ham since 1955, de Henseler had been a short-wave listener since the late 1940s. In 1976, while in New York as the UN's chief cartographer, de Henseler reactivated the United Nations Radio Club station K2UN at its new home in midtown Manhattan. As Jack Troster, W6ISQ, explained in the July 1989 issue of *QST*, "Through his efforts, the Secretary General approved the operation of a specifically designated UN amateur station using the call 4U1UN in early 1978."

De Henseler introduced the new call sign on February 4, 1978, during the first weekend of the then two-weekend ARRL International DX phone contest, surprising many contesters. 4U1UN was approved for DXCC credit, due to the efforts of "Mister UN Radio." — **ARRL News**

Voice of Russia QRT

The **Voice of Russia**, formerly known as Radio Moscow during the USSR era, ended shortwave broadcasting as of January 1, 2014. From the 1950s through the 1980s, the station, as Radio Moscow, was a virtual beacon for short-wave listeners (SWLs), many of whom gravitated into amateur radio.

When it shut down, The Voice of Russia was broadcasting to 160 countries in 38 languages for 151 hours per day on short and medium waves, on FM, via satellite, and via the Internet. Earlier this year shortwave transmissions were cut to 26 hours a day in all languages, down from more than 50 hours a day in 2012 VOR, which claimed to be the first radio station to broadcast internationally, will continue to broadcast online and via three medium-wave transmitters. — **KIAR via ARRL News**



Tokyo Hy-Power Bankrupt



Tokyo Hy-Power, a manufacturer of Amateur Radio amplifiers, antenna tuners, and other equipment, is in bankruptcy, and its plant, in Saitama Prefecture near Tokyo, has been shuttered. Telephones at the company no longer are being answered, and its Japanese website has been taken down, although the company's US website remains working. Company CEO/President Nobuki Wakabayashi, JA1DJW, founded Tokyo Hy-Power Labs in 1975. He blamed "the recent depression in the industrial RF power products area [which] has led to the very difficult financial position."

Tokyo Hy-Power's early products were HF antenna couplers, although within a couple of years it began manufacturing amplifiers for the Amateur Radio market, including solid-state mobile amplifiers. Among its early products was the HL-4000 linear amplifier, which the company claimed was "the first real HF band high-power linear of its kind in Japan." It has been manufacturing RF products for the industrial market since 1984.

The company also once marketed the HT-750, a portable, low-power SSB/CW transceiver for 40, 15, and 6 meters in a hand-held transceiver form factor. At Dayton Hamvention® 2013, the company displayed a prototype of the XT-751, an advanced model it hoped to develop, covering 40 through 6 meters and with an internal antenna tuner. Among its latest products were solid-state HF amplifiers, as well as amplifiers for 6 and 2 meters.

— **ARRL News**



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DX World of Ham Radio

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Finally, Off-air and word of mouth from those who turned on their radios, listened, and then told **The PileUp** what they heard.

— **NW4C**

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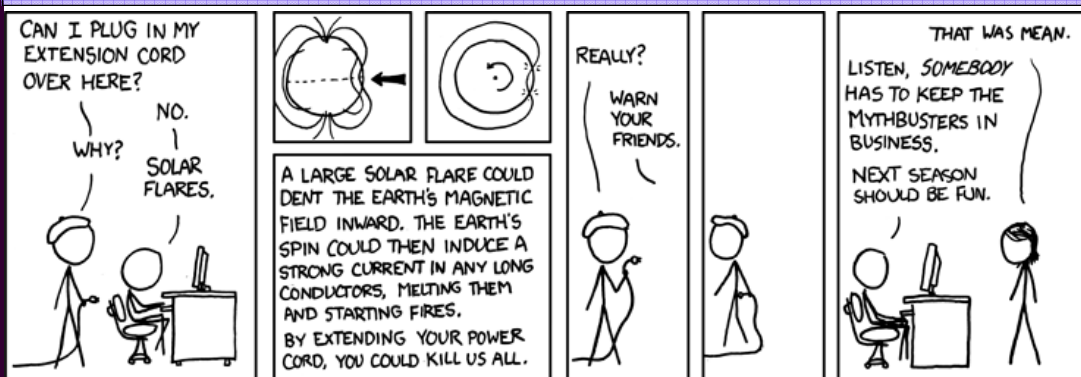
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The Last Word

The DX-year 2013 ended with a flourish with four major operations QRV at the same time in November. All were to significant places, but two were especially significant (K9W Wake Island and XZIJ Myanmar-Burma) because it had been decades since their last expedition activations.

There's a saying among old time DXers that if you wait around long enough sooner or later every entity on the DXCC list will be activated. OK, so patience pays off. But they might have cautioned that in some cases one should hope that he/she will live so long . . .

But 2014 is starting off with its own DX flourish. Check out your amps and reorient your antennas because if all goes well that barren, sub Antarctic mountain ridge known as Amsterdam Island will soon be on the air for a (hoped for) 18 days. As this is being written the DXpedition team is in final preparations for a 9-day voyage across the southern Indian ocean followed by a landing and an 18 day operation.

If nothing else the FT5ZM operation will be long remembered as one of the most expensive ever undertaken. It's budgeted at \$450,000 dollars and accompanied by one of the most intense DXpedition fund-raising campaigns in this writer's memory. Let's see how long the DX Code of Conduct survives when this number 5 most-wanted entity world-wide hits the air!

March also holds promise with an announced operation planned for VK9X Christmas Island. This DXpedition is starting out on a much more modest scale than the aforementioned FT5ZM effort. Only two ops are currently making the trip. I'm sure more will join the team as Christmas—though remote—is a relatively pleasant place in comparison to Amsterdam—and a whole lot less expensive trip for supporter, donors and the radio team.

And then there's FR/T Tromelin coming up in November. But we'll have the spring and summer to get ready for the sticker shock on that one!

Good luck with FT5ZM and may the good DX be yours. — NW4C



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