



# The North Florida DX Association

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The NFDXA Newsletter



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## December Meeting

The next NFDXA meeting will be 5 pm Saturday, Dec 20 at the N4EB QTH 3046 SE 50TH ST KEYSTONE HEIGHTS



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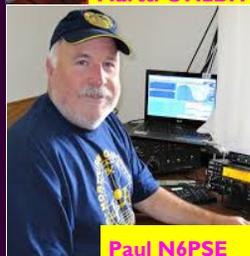
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## Double-header 2016 South Georgia - South Sandwich Dxpeditons Announced 14 Man Team to spend 8 days on each island

### OH2BH Comment in N6PSE Blog Has DXers Hoping



Martti OH2BH



Paul N6PSE

When a major player in the DX world like Martti Laine hasn't been heard from in some time - or even been recently associated with a major DXpedition to any 'new' or super-rare entities, DXers world-wide start to wonder what's up .

A hint as to what may be up with this accomplished DXer and expediter might be gleaned from an offhand comment OH2BH made in a far-ranging interview he had recently with N6PSE and posted on Paul's blog "Amateur Radio opinions & adventures of N6PSE" (<http://n6pse.wordpress.com/author/n6pse/>).

It may not be widely known but OH2BH has an US ham radio license, AH3D, which is based on Johnston Atoll, one of the more rare entities in the DX World! The N6PSE blog shows pictures of the AH3D QSL card along with the note: "Soon he plans to come home!"

Upon reading this comment an e-mail was sent to interviewer Paul with a request for elaboration he could supply regarding on Martti's plan-to-come-home-comment. This was N6PSE' response: "I asked Martti if that was a hint about Johnston Island and he said that it was. He didn't add any more to it as to when, how etc."

No further information is provided although a quick check revealed Martti's AH3 license is current and won't expire until 2022.

### RV Braveheart to carry DXpedition Team on 32 day voyage



The other shoe has dropped. The Intrepid DX team has announced its plans for a January 2016 activation of both VP8/G South Georgia and VP8/South Sandwich. The Antarctic island pair rank high on the DXCC most wanted entity lists and neither has been activated since the Microlight Penguin operation back in in January-February 2002.

According to a statement on the DXpedition team's web site, the total budget for this DXpedition is estimated to be \$425,000. Much of which is being provided by the fourteen Intrepid team members. <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/>.

Weather and sea conditions permitting, the team hopes to spend eight days on each island starting with number 4 most-wanted South Sandwich, then moving over to South Georgia, the 9<sup>th</sup> most-wanted entity. As noted on the Intrepid team web site: "While we intend to activate these two rare entities during this voyage, our primary activity and focus is completing eight days of activation at South Sandwich Island as it is most needed by the global dx community."

The team will travel to and from the islands aboard the RV Braveheart, the same vessel used in the 2002 activation of VP8/G and VP8/S.

### FT4TA Drops Tromelin from 8th to 17th Most Wanted



By almost any measure you want to apply the operation last fall by the Lyons DX Gang to desolate Tromelin Island was a great success. The team's seven man crew made more than 71,000 contacts during their nine day stay. Over 18,000 of that total were "uniques" and most likely were 'all-time new ones' (ATNO) for the operator. The FT4TA operation did something unique in recent DXpedition experience by uploading its logs to LoTW while the operation was still in progress.

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Jay Garlitz	AA4FL	N	Ron Blake	N4KE	N
Steve Brown	AB4UF	Y	Dale Conner	N4NN	Y
John Hale	AC4ET	N	Vic Moore	N4QK	Y
Larry Bostic	K3LB	Y	Billy Williams	N4UF	N
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	Y	Mike Reublin	NF4L	Y
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	N	Dave Mains	NO4J	N
John Silberman	KB4CRT	N	Jim Iori	NU4Y	Y
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	Y	Warren Croke	NW4C	Y
David Smith	KI4DLS	N	Mike Garcia	W1FO	Y
William Walker	KX4WW	N	Pres Graham	W4FDA	N
Cory McDonald	NIWON	Y	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	Y
Greg Wilson	N4CC	N	Steve Barber	WA4B	N
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	Y	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	Y
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	N	Dick Knox	WR4K	N
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	N	Bob Norman	K4GRD	Y

Members attending 15 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](mailto:nf4l@nf4l.com)) at your earliest convenience.

## President's Message



**Mike W1FO**

Hello fellow NFDXA members. Here we are at the end of another year and many more DX contacts behind us. This year we say goodbye to our friend and founding, NFDXA Member Pres Graham. I know we are going to miss his wonderful counsel and company. Pres struck the hearts of most people I know and I was no different. My last memory of Pres is of him sitting in his new enclosed back room tossing a ball back and forth with my daughter Sarah. I hope your last encounter and conversation with Pres was as memorable as mine.

In the DX realm I was fortunate enough to have a couple of hours to operate the CQWW CW Contest. I only operated 160 meters but was able to collect 21 countries, nothing rare but on 160 there all good ones. I was happy to see that other members we operating the contest as well. Speaking of contests, the club contest is coming to a close on December 31<sup>st</sup>. So get out there and work those last few contacts. In my case it will make no difference on the final outcome, only

trying to minimize the amount I am beaten by.

This month also begins my venture into the Solid State Amplifier world. Yes, I said Solid State. I have started on the new project and have gone as far as mounting the amplifier board and device on the heat sink. This week I started putting together the control board and by the time Christmas break arrives, I should have received all the components needed for me to assemble and complete the Amplifier. Keep your fingers crossed, the device costs a hefty 200 dollars so one mistake and I am going to be crying. I will be bringing the amplifier board to our Christmas Party so those who are interested can take a close up look. I am attaching a picture of the amplifier with the basic parts layout. One the board you will see the Amplifier board, Control board, Input attenuator and Input relay. The amplifier should do 1200 to 1400 watts out with about 2 watts of drive.



Finally I want to thank Ron N4KE for arranging this year's Christmas Party. I look forward to seeing everyone there along with their wives or significant others. It has been a great year at the NFDXA and I am sure 2015 will prove to be even better. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.... **Mike, W1FO**

## Minutes of November 15, 2014 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by President **Mike, W1FO** at **6:21 pm**

The September minutes as printed in the October **PileUp** were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** -Treasurer **Jim KC4FWS** reported a balance of \$992.42

**Old business** - There was no old business



**New business** - 2015 Club officers were elected. Larry, K4EB was elected president; Mike, W1FO, vice president; Mike, NF4L, secretary and Jim KC4FWS, treasurer. All were elected by acclamation, Dues will remain \$20.00.

**Guests:** **John Suter, WA5QTC**

**The next meeting planner** (January) is TBA.

The meeting was **adjourned at 6:39 pm**

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



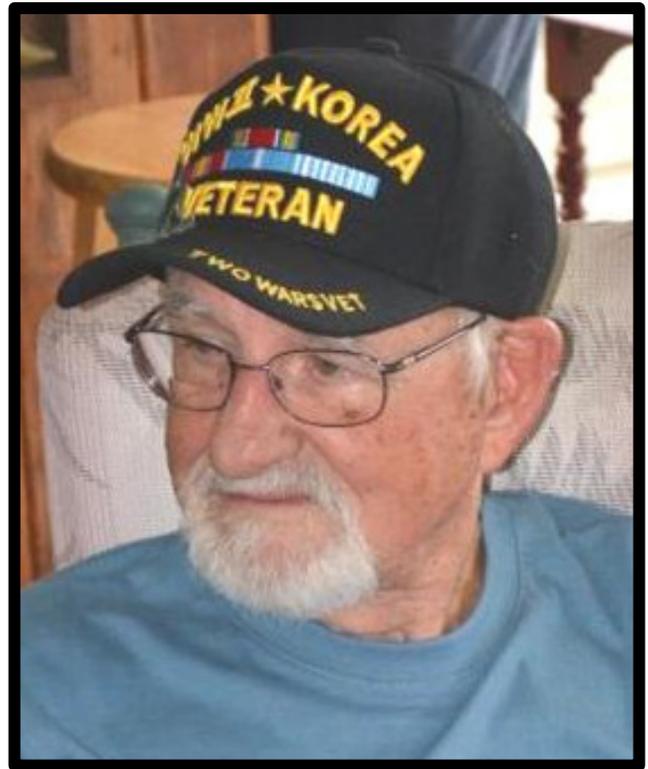
## In Memory of James Preston Graham, W4FDA SK 1921—2014

Pres Graham, W4FDA, one of the original members of the North Florida DX Association, passed quietly after a long battle with kidney cancer at his home in Wards Creek shortly after noon November 13 at the age of 93.

A proud Navy veteran of two wars, Pres served aboard a destroyer doing convey escort duty in the North Atlantic during World War Two. During the Korean War Pres was a forward observer for US Navy battleship and cruisers doing shore bombardment. An unusual aspect of this assignment was Pres operated radios inside of North Korea much of this time which probably qualifies him as the first "P5".

After his military career Pres worked as a television engineer with WJCT TV (PBS) in Jacksonville, FL.

In addition to being a mentor to many in NFDXA, Pres was a master DXer and contester who achieved Honor Roll #1 a number of times and only recently dropped 'out of the chase' when his illness interfered with operating. He was first licensed in the 1930s. Pres' ham radio activity during the 1970s and 80s included DXpeditions to Hong Kong, and many entities in the Caribbean.



## November 15, 2014 Meeting at Cedar River Seafood in Middleburg



Top row, l-r: Steve, AB4UF and Mike, W1FO; Bob, WA6EZY; Cory, NIWON, Bob, W2GJ and Vic, N4QK  
 Second row, l-r: Dale, N4NN; Larry, K3LB; Jimmy, NU4Y; Jim, KC4FWS  
 Third row, l-r: Dr. John Suter (guest) WA5QCT and Mike, N4EPD; Cory, NIWON; Bob, K4GRD;  
 Warren, NW4C  
 Bottom row, l-r: Mike, NF4L; Larry (2015 president-elect) K4EB; and cover shot of the club meet-  
 ing before dinner.

— Photos by Bob, WA6EZY and Warren, NW4C



## The World According to NU4Y

I would like to make some notes on QSL requests.

### The top 10:

- 10, Always just send a postcard. (That way the qsl manager can pay for the return and save you a few cents)
- 9, Even if you're not sure you worked him, send a qsl anyway. (You never know)
- 8, If you do send a return envelope, make sure you install it with the fold facing up. (That way the manager can cut the envelope in half when opening it)
- 7, Always use IRC's not dollars. (Then the manager can drive 30 miles to get to a main post office to trade them in.)(With my Hummer gas is more than a stamp)
- 6, Never put your call on the return envelope. (That way the manager has to write it on so he does not mix it up with the other 30 qsl's he is doing)
- 5, Always follow up with an e-mail to the manager asking when the card will be sent out. (Then the manager can say he didn't get your card overnight and spend more time doing e-mails rather than qsl's.)
- 4, Better yet, just e-mail the manager and ask him to send you a card.
- 3, QSL every contact you make during a contest. (And qsl every year, for every band even if you already have 10 cards from that station on each band)
- 2, Always ask the manager to ensure he puts, /qrp/mobile/portable 4 after your call on the card. (Like that will fit on the label)
- 1, Enclose a note; asking him next time to make sure he works you with PSK31 on 160 meters at 18:02 Z.

**EXTRA**, if you are not a member of the buro, send your card that way. (That way the manager can pay the buro for receiving the card, sending the card and then receiving it back again with that "not a member stamp" on it.)

It has been a great year for DX. A few ATNO in the log here as well as a lot of our group. Christmas is a time for reflection, and the friends we have, and have made. It is an honor and a privilege to call all of you my friends, and to have time spent together. It is also a time to recall all the time spent with those whom have moved on. Live on my dear friend Pres.

73 SK — **Jim, NU4Y**

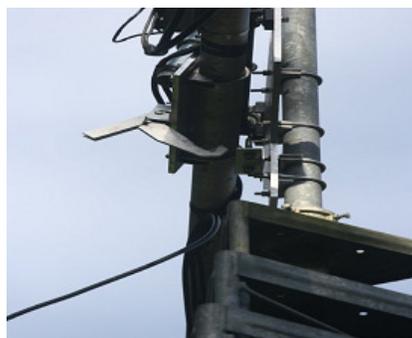


Jim NU4Y

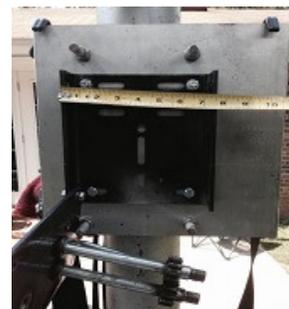
## A Funny Thing Part 4 — Mike, NF4L

Hello again Gentle Reader. My apologies for leaving you so long with no news on the Crank-Up front. It's time to put some more of the bits and pieces together. I'll start with the antenna mounts for the 4 element SteppIR and the 7 element 6 meter beam. It's not so useful to have the antenna elements vertical when the tower is tilted over. I had seen some mounts that allow the antenna to swing on the mast so the elements are horizontal all the time. I ordered some 1/4" and 3/8" aluminum plate along with pillow blocks (bearings) and some 1" rod for the axles. Steve, AB4UF was instrumental in fabrication, and taught me that the plate could be cut with ordinary wood-working tools eg. a table saw, hole saws and a sawzall.

On the left, the SteppIR is hanging below the mast. On the right is the mount and antenna with the tower erect.



The 3/8" U-bolts holding the winch to the raising post were bending and creeping, so I used a piece of the left over plate and some 1/2" all-thread rod and mounted the winch on that. The mounting bolt holes on the tower made



The 3/16" cable that raised the top section was replaced with 1/4", and the 1/4" for the bridle around the tower the pulley attached to, as well as the 1/4" stand-up cable were replaced with 5/8". The pulleys were also upgraded and so was the hardware attaching them to the raising post. I also added a pulley for a total of three to ease the 2 ton plus initial load on the winch.

The winches have a 3/4" coupling nut pinned to the shaft, and the motor has a 3/4" socket welded to the wheel hub. That socket was removed and replaced with an impact swivel socket to allow for the slight misalignment of the motor to the winch. The impact swivel socket has a much smoother action than a standard swivel socket because it uses a ball instead of a universal joint.

The Yagis both have bridles to support the booms. To provide a mounting point for the bridle, a stub mast is mounted to the same plate the antenna is on. When the tower was erect, the tilt mounts didn't close all the way. With help from the guys on the crank-up forum, I learned that because of the way the stub mast is angled, the boom bows slightly, causing the weight to be slightly off center horizontally. The cure is to loosen the bridle enough for the boom to sag slightly. Who knew?

After numerous trips to AB4UF's QTH to fabricate parts, I decided to buy a little welder from Harbor Freight. It uses flux-cored wire. I haven't made pretty welds yet, but they are OK for my needs. The new angle grinder made 'em look nice. Here is one of the pair of motor mounts I made from SuperStruct steel. I also made a mount for the G-6 from a length of square tubing and a piece of 2" EMT. The welder and the sawzall turned out to be very handy tools to have. The sawzall went through the 1" steel rod in a couple of minutes. It would probably taken close to an hour with a hack saw. I also acquired a drill press which was invaluable making various antenna mounts.



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## A Funny Thing Part 4 — Continued from page 7



When I replaced the bolts that hold the lifting cable ends, I managed to get one in wrong. It was long enough that it caught on the Z bracing and broke 6 welds loose. Fortunately I have a neighbor who has a portable setup and he came over and we replaced the damaged/missing Zs with some straight sections cut from 5/8" ground rod.

I host a couple of antennas for Barry, WD4ASW. They pick up railroad traffic and send it out over the interweb

so RR buffs can see a graphic representation of the traffic, and audio. These two coaxes and the four for my antennae plus the rotor cable and SteppIR control cable made an unwieldy bundle to route down the tower. There is a stand-off at the top of each section (sixteen feet apart) with a piece of dacron rope on it that the bundle is taped to. It also has a tape wrap about every two feet to prevent it from blowing in the wind. Getting it taped to the stand-offs at the right places involved a couple of raises and lowers. Getting all the twist out never happened. When the tower is down, the cable bundle hangs in loops instead of piling up on the ground. It all comes into the house via a 27' long buried conduit of 3" PVC.

One day when the tower was laid over, I heard a loud sharp bang coincident with a very bright flash. Going to the shack, I feared the worst. Turned out bad, but not as bad as it could have been. The cable modem was toast, the rotor didn't work, the SteppIR control box was shot and the serial control for the radio didn't work. Also one of the two USB ports on the MacBook Pro was gone, as well as the 21" external monitor. For the computer I bought a 10 port USB expander, and determined the monitor was OK, the external adapter was fritzed. I packed the K3 and P3 and rotor box off to California. SteppIR no longer repairs the old control boxes, so a new one plus control cable and a pair of nifty screw terminal DB25 connectors was ordered. Yaesu deemed the controller unrepairable, so a new one came in from HRO. Glad I paid my insurance premium.



To lay the tower over, I insert a length of 2x4 into the base, remove all but the two base bolts and give a couple of strokes with the floor jack. Here's what the whole thing looks like almost a year after the December 19 2013 purchase.

The last piece was antennas for 80 and 160 meters. The old tower had 1/4 wave slopers fed from a common point. I had transferred the setup to the new tower and it just didn't work. The location of the house made it impossible to do anything with the angle of the wire to the tower. I put a call for help out and NU4Y, AB4UF, N4EPD, KC4FWS and



K4UTE responded. After futzing with it for a while it was decided to try to move the tie-offs to the back yard so we could experiment with the angles. That proved fruitless. Jim NU4Y suggested separating the two bands and changing the 160M to an inverted L. The tower was collapsed and tilted over. The team cut the 160 wire free and attached a PVC standoff to the top of the tower. Wire was added to make a total length of 130'. The tower was raised

and another PVC standoff added at the bottom, keeping the wire about 13" from the tower. A piece of coax was added to feed the wire, the 80M wire was tied off and it's time to test. The inverted L has a SWR from 1.2 at the low end to 1.4 at the top. 80M was equally as good. L->R NU4Y AB4UF K4UTE and N4EPD.

In a bit under 3 hours of the ARRL 160M contest I made 49 QSOs, worked 27 sections and had 2 DX contacts. There wasn't a lot of DX on. I worked everybody I heard. Happy dance ... **NF4L**



## Here and There among the NFDXA membership . . .

### Upright and Taking Nourishment

It's always good when we can report encouraging news regarding a club member undergoing cancer treatment. In this instance, [it's](#) Richard, K4UTE, who says "I am about 80% back to where I was before the surgery" after undergoing four separate operations to remove cancerous tumors in his kidneys.

Rich acknowledges that "four times under anesthesia can really weaken a person" but that the doctors have told him they got all the cancer and they will be keeping a close eye on his future recuperation. He says currently he can do most things on his own without help, just a little bit slower. In sum, says NFDXA's long-time DX-master, "I'm just glad to be here."

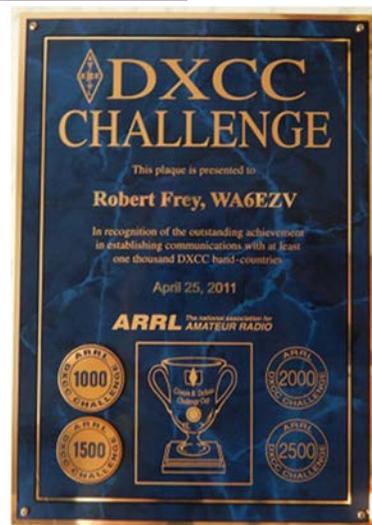


### Way to Go, Bob!

It is said that DXing is not a contest, but a personal achievement that presents a set of challenges all of its own.

NFDXA's WA6EZV has met those challenges and then some by reaching the 1500 DX contact level in the ongoing DXCC Challenge. In recognition of Bob's achievement he received the 1500 medal to attach to his handsome DXCC Challenge plaque pictured on the right.

Says Bob, "I guess perseverance pays off." Bob added that he wishes now that he'd sent out all those QSL many years ago because if he had he thinks he would



### Half an amplifier puts out 1220 Watts!



Just thought I would share a pic of new SS amp I am working on. This amp was in another amplifier where a guy was using two similar amps with combiner for 2400 watts! This one should come in about 1200 give or take. Probably closer to 1400!

As you can see the amp board is mounted on Copper spreader and I have mounted the copper spreader to 8x8 Heat Sink. The two big green wires are the 50 volt lines and the other smaller wires control Bias. So it begins. By the way I laid the 6 inch rule next to copper spreader to give you an idea of how small it actually is. I have also started winding the Cores for the Low Pass Filter Board. I

initially I was only going to build to LP filters. One for 160 and one for 6 meters unfortunately I do not have much free time these days only have had a short time to work on it.

I am trying to find any aluminum panels I can to make enclosure for the amp. Any help is welcome.

— Mike W1FO

If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.  
So I like to know where I'm going before I start the journey. — N0YY

## Here and There among the membership



### Bright RED is the color of W4GJ's High Speed CW Mobile setup

The 'new look' in mobile CW in the Gainesville area is W4GJ's bright red Nissan crew-cab pickup complete with a matching red Tarheel 300A screwdriver antenna. Bob says with a smile that he picked the Tarheel over other antennas because "I could get it in **"Republican RED"** to match my pick-em-up truck -- and it was recommended to me by Dave, K9FN."

Bob says he can position the toolbox-mounted adjustable antenna from the cab on all the HF bands (except for 60M) with an Ameritron SDC-102 10-position screwdriver controller and that this combination "works very well."

W4GJ operates primarily high speed CW using an American Morse Mini B single lever "sideswiper" paddle strapped to is leg which keys a Yaesu FT-100D. Bob says he chases DX with this 100 watt mobile rig whenever he's on road trips outside of Gainesville or when he's in the parking lot outside of W. Travis Loften High School where he's a substitute teacher. He says he usually gets to the Loften campus around 0715 local and that gives him about half an hour to ragchew before he has to go to his class.



### Nothing Ventured—Nothing Gained

The strange looking device being held by Tony, K4OCF, is an updated version of the 1960's 'Spud Gun'. The purpose of the original is shrouded in mystery. Not so the 2014 version. It uses compressed air to propel a monofilament 'messenger line' over some high object like a large tree. The messenger line can then be used to pull over a heavier line—like an antenna halyard, for instance.

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It takes a crew of to handle this particular 'spud gun' version, one to hold and aim the device (Tony, K4OCF), another to hold the monofilament line (Vic, N4QK) and another (Bill, N6BM), the gunner' to actually fire the device.

In the photos shown here, the one on the left shows spud gun builder Tony (seated) aligning his spud gun while Vick, holds the spinning rod with the monofilament messenger line. Bill stands by to press the trigger releasing the compressed



air provided by a little pancake air compressor shown in the photo inset on the right. The small white 'end-capped' PVC tube attached to the monofilament line is the actual spud that will be inserted into the 'gun's' muzzle and fired.

In this instance the Spud Gunners' where hoping to be able to get a line over a broken antenna wire entangled in the top of a 70 foot tree. Alas, after a shot of 'shots' there was no joy as the two available spuds were shattered when they struck tree limbs. The errant antenna wire was later recovered by an arborist who climbed the tree.

## DXpedition Announcements and Updates



ZS5J— QRZ.com photo

### BOTSWANA ACTIVITY IN THE WORKS

The Botswana Communications Authority (BOCRA) has issued Amateur Radio license A25J to John Kramer, ZS5J. John has previously operated from Lesotho as 7P8/ZS5J and Mozambique with the call sign C91J.

John has already been to A25 to collect his new ticket and to take a look at prospective operating sites. His priority included finding "possible venues that could accommodate antennas for future Dxpeditons" that he may make.

John is currently using an IC-7000 running 100 watts into a 43-foot vertical, BigIR (80-6 meters) and Windom (80-10 meters). He was recently operating from near Francistown and returns home back in South Africa in late November.

Listen for John on "whatever HF bands are producing the best results" on CW or SSB on 80-10 meters. For his next trip he plans to take "better antennas and a linear amp". He is hoping to be on LoTW "eventually". For those who need a paper confirmation (QSL) send SAE and 3\$ to: John Kramer, P.O. Box

102303, Meerensee, 3901 SOUTH AFRICA — **DDX, Various**



### 5R8DX DXPEDITION CANCELLED

EBOLA isn't the only disease forcing cancellation of scheduled Dxpeditons to the regions of Africa. Several weeks ago a planned operation in Madagascar was called off by fears of infection from bubonic plague! "Due to the risk of plague prevalence in the area" JA8BMK, Toshi, says his 5R8DX "project has been canceled". This one was planned between January 10 and 25, 2015. Toshi is now looking at other opportunities. --**DDX**

### DX0P SPRATLY DXPEDITION UPDATE



A long-planned Amateur Radio DXpedition to Pagasa Island in the Phillipine-claimed portion of the Spratly Islands is scheduled to take place in April next year. The call sign will be **DX0P**.

The DX0P Spratly Islands expedition team is in the process of being put assembled. At this juncture the 11 committed Amateur Radio Operators are all of Filipino Ancestry. On the op list so far: AD5MD, DUIBP, K6BF, K6BG, WA6LOS, WE6DX, WJIP, WW6CP, K6ZRH, DV3KWM and DU7RJA. WA6LOS is the team leader.

All the gear used in the operation will be left on Pagasa island for the purpose of setting up a permanent ham radio station there. The main HF rigs for the DX0P Spratlys operation will be the Elecraft K Line, including an KX-3 QRP-only rig.

The **Spratly Islands** are a disputed group of more than 750 reefs, islets, atolls, cays, and islands located in the South China Sea. Just about any type of DXpedition operation to the area will face difficulties as six nations, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan and China, all claim portions of the island area. Pagasa Island is claimed by both Taiwan and China in addition to the Philippines. The possibility that large oil and gas deposits may lie beneath the south China Sea's ocean floor intensifies the territorial claims. The Spratlys and numerous other islands in the region - including DXCC entity Scarborough, BS7 - have been sources of increasing tension in the region as China extends its power throughout southeast Asia and enforces its claims to sovereignty.



QRZ.com image

### VK9C COCOS KEELING PLANNED FOR MARCH 2016

LB2TB is moving from the Arctic to the tropics for this operation. Lars reports he is planning a **VK9/C Cocos Keeling (CQZ 29)** operation for **March 2016**. He hopes by announcing it this far in advance it will help others set their plans so they don't all go the same place at the same time. Lars plans to be on 160-10 CW, SSB and RTTY with at least two stations and two to three

operators. The focus will be "to give out a new one to as many hams as possible, and activating 80/160 meters." He notes that many previous operations from this one have been holiday style. He and his group will try to do it "100% DXpedition style." Air flight tickets cannot be booked until within 12 months of the trip. — **DDX**



## Still More DXpedition Announcements and Updates



### Update for January 16-26 C5X Operation

M0DXR, Mark, has had to drop out. G3XTT, Don, will take his place on the team. He joins ops G3VMW, G3XAQ and M0PCB. They have had to abandon their original operating site, the well-known "Radio Syd" guesthouse, where C5A, a Czech contest group, operated successfully for several years. The C5A group advised there were severe LF/HF noise problems, which have been confirmed by C5YK, Andre. A nearby electric fence installed by a European contractor within

the last two years is causing it. The fence is at a high security prison 200 meters to the west. The 2015 C5X operation will move to the Ocean Villa Heights Lodge, English run, on the coast at Brufut, southwest of Banjul. There is a "large northwest-facing lawned garden area" just 100 meters from the beach, a good spot for antennas. With the KIN Navassa and EP6T operations expected on around the same time, C5X will try to steer clear of those pileups. -- DDX



### MARCH 2015 ACTIVATION OF T8 PALAU

**T8 - PALAU (CQZ 27)** Tevfik, TAIHZ (T5TC/ZAITC/ex-TBICAK), member of the TCSWAT, will once again be active as **T88HZ** from Koror Island (OC-009) **March 5-12, 2015**. (Note: The requested "TC" suffix has not been issued, but it will still be a TCSWAT activity.) Operations will be from the West Plaza by the Sea Hotel, working with Kenwood TS-570S, ALS-600 PA, into a 3 element beam and wire antennas. Activity will include the

ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. The log will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible,



### SEVEN DAY TI9 COCOS ISLAND OPERATION IN FEBRUARY 2015

Seldom-heard Cocos Island will be activated in February as a combination DXpedition and repair party. It has been six years since the last Ham Radio operation was done on TI9. The seven day operation in February 2014 is being labeled a "project by 3Z9DX and friends (that will be

done) in close cooperation with **National Parks of Costa Rica**, which are managed under the umbrella of **SINAC** (Sistema Nacional de Areas de Conservacion), a department of **Costa Rica's** Ministry of Environment and Energy (**MINAE**)."

The TI9A will be a DXpedition, to the DXCC's 26<sup>th</sup> most wanted entity and the much-desired IOTA# NA 012. It will also be a project during which the team's three operators, 3Z9DX, TI2HMJ and K7CO, "will make important repairs of HF and VHF marine safety system located in Cocos Isl."

The park service equipment upgrade and repair list is quite long starting with the installation of several new marine HF radios. It also includes new HF and VHF antennas as well, as new power lines for all radio equipment. Finally, repairs will be made to several of the radio towers as well as the marine HF station.

The boat trip to Cocos Island will take place on Valentine's Day and last 30 hours. After set-up the team expects to be able to operate two radios 24/7 for about 6 days. Activity is planned on 80 through 10 meters CW, SSB and RTTY. — **DX Coffee**



### PQ0T TRINDADE ISLAND IN LATE 2015

A 5-man team plan to be active for 4-5 days from Trindade Island as **PQ0T** during the second half of 2015. DX-World has received full details of this DXpedition, but at the request of their team leader only limited information will be published for the moment. Trindade is **#30** most wanted on Club Log.

— **DX Wold.net**



## Special Event Operations



**FO8 – FRENCH POLYNESIA (CQZ 32)** Now QRV through the end of the year members of the Club Oceanien de Radio et D'Astronomie (CORA), French Polynesia's IARU society are celebrating their 80th anniversary operating as **FO8AA/p** with activity on CW, SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65. Check out the new CORA Website (in French) at <http://www.cora-tahiti.net>. -- DDX

**ON – BELGIUM (CQZ 14)** Members of the Radioclub of G.T.M. in Kruikeke commemorate the Battle of the Bulge with the call **ON70NUTS** between **Dec. 16 and Jan 14**. QSL preferred via ClubLog-OQRS, ON4CFB (d/B). <http://on7kec.be/on70nuts/> -- DARC DXNL

**ON BELGIUM (CQZ 14) OT500AV** celebrates the 500th birthday of Andreas Vesalius, physician and founder of modern human anatomy. **QRV until the year's end**, mainly on 40, 20, and 6m. QSL via bureau, ON4PM. -- DDX

**RA – EUROPEAN RUSSIA (CQZ 16)** R100DA calls attention to long-distance flights by the Russian air force begun 100 years ago. QRV until the end of the month. QSL via GM0WRR or RV3YR for Russian stations, ClubLog. -- DARC DXNL

**RA – ASIATIC RUSSIA (CQZ 18) R11IEK** celebrates the 111th birthday of Ernst Krenkel (RAEM) until the end of the month. There is also a special award available. QSL via UA9OA. -- DARC DXNL

**RA – RUSSIA (CQZ 17)** In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Ufa Radio Club special event stations (R90WGM, R90WJV, R90WO, R90WXK, RM90WF, RU90WZ, RV90WB, RW90WC, RZ90W, RZ90WU and UF90W) will be **QRV through December 25th** from Ufa, Asiatic Russia. <http://ufa90.hamlog.ru/> -- DDX

**S5 – SLOVENIA (CQZ 15)** Special event stations **S507SLG** and **S507PMC**, both run by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD), call attention to Slovenj Gradec's role as a Peace Messenger City. QRV until **5 Jan 2015**. There will also be a WW PMS Contest on Jan 3/4. QSL via bureau. [http://www.s59dcd.si/en10/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=78&Itemid=92](http://www.s59dcd.si/en10/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=78&Itemid=92)

**VP8 – FALKLAND ISLANDS (CQZ 13)** Members of the Royal Air Force ARS will activate the special calls **VP8RAF/100** and **VP8FIR/100** on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the "Battle of Coronel". QSL for VP8RAF/100 via G8FC (d). <http://www.rafars.org/> -- DARC DXNL

**W2 – USA (CQZ 05) W2HRU** is a special event station, all bands and modes, from Long Island, New York, USA, **Dec 28-Jan 4**. "HRU" stands for "ham radio university," a 16th annual event at Briarcliffe College in Bethpage, New York. QSL via N2MUN direct or bureau, or LoTW and eQSL. <http://hamradiouniversity.org/> -- DDX

**TC5 - TURKEY (CQZ 20)** (Special Event). Look for special event station **TC5OCK** to be active from Adana **Jan 1-10**. Activity is to recognize the anniversary of Liberation Day of Adana City (January 5, 1922). Look for operations on the HF bands. Operators mentioned are Adem/TA5BS, Murat/TA5IW and Met/TA5FA. QSL via address at: <http://qrz.com/db/TC5OCK> -- OPDX

**UE – RUSSIA (CQZ 16)** In remembrance of the 55th anniversary of Russia's Strategic Missile Forces Russian Amateur Radio operator will be using the special UE55 prefix starting at 2100Z on **December 11th through 2059Z on December 16)21st**. Complete details can be found (in Russian) at <http://afaru.saratovradio.ru>. -- DDX

**VU – INDIA (CQZ 22)** Two special event stations are going to celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda (12 Jan 2015). He was a Hindu monk and scholar. He was the first Hindu to speak at the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893 in Chicago. Manju, VU2SMS, operates **AU1SV until 31 Jan. 2015**, QRV on 40, 20, 15, and 10m on SSB and PSK31. **AU5SV will be operated during the same time** by Suhas, VU2SMN, on 40-10m. QSL AU1SV via VU2SMS (d), AU5SV via VU2SMN (d) --DARC DXNL

**ZS – SOUTH AFRICA (CQZ 38)** In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the South African Radio League special event station ZS90SARL starting January 1, 2015. Special QSLs are being designed for this celebration. -- DDX

## DX Indian Ocean

**3B8 MAURITIUS AND 3B9 RODRIGUES (CQZ 39)** Jose, EA5IDQ will be active from Mauritius as **3B8/EA5IDQ** between **May 10-19, 2015**. Thereafter, he will be QRV from Rodrigues as **3B9/EA5IDQ** **May 19-24, 2015**. Activity on 40-10m, SSB/RTTY. QSL via H/c. -- **DX-World.net, AT DX News**

**S7 – SEYCHELLES (CQZ 39)** Eric, OE4AAC will be active from Seychelles **January- February 2015** as **S79AC**. He will operate from Mahe Island and Praslin Island (both IOTA AF-024) on 40-10m CW. QSL via OE4AAC, OQRS. <http://www.qrz.com/db/S79AC> -- **AT DX News, DDX**

**VQ9 – DIEGO GARCIA (CQZ 39)** N7XR, Robert, is currently operating from Diego Garcia, in the Chagos Islands. He was issued the call **VQ9XR** and expects to QRV until just before Christmas. Plans are to be on CW, SSB and RTTY on 1.8 through 28 MHz. He may possibly use special calls VQ92X or VQ92XR. QSL direct (no LoTW or Bureau) only to N7XR. <http://www.wake-diego2014.org/> -- DDX



## DX EUROPE

**3A – MONACO (CQZ 14)** Jose, EA5IDQ will be active from Monaco 28- 30 Dec as **3A/EA5IDQ**. He will operate on 40- 10m SSB, RTTY. QSL via home call. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.dxpedition.eu/> – **OPDX, AT DX News**

**OY - FAROE ISLANDS (CQZ 14)** Carsten, **OYICT**, will be active during the **CQWW WPX CW Contest** (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m, alternative 15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via OYICT. -- **OPDX**



## DX ASIA



**3W – VIETNAM (CQZ 26)** 3W3O from Danang, Vietnam, is active until Dec 24, with KM0O operating. Tony was in the CQWW CW event and might do some SSB during his month on the air. He is focusing on 80 and 40. QSL on LoTW or via KM0O. – **DDX**

**4S7 – SRI LANKA (CQZ 22)** Peter, **DC0KK** is operating from **Sri Lanka** for a long period, until **10 April 2015** with the call **4S7KKG**. He will be active on the HF bands preferably on digi and CW. QSL via home call. – **DX Coffee**

**4X – ISRAEL (CQZ 20)** On Friday and Saturday **Dec 26 - 27** members of the Holyland DX Group will be operating as **4X0WFF** from the Israel National Park Mamshit (4XFF-026). Team members include 4Z4BS, Shalom; 4Z4K, Mark; 4Z5FI, Ruben; 4X6HP, Yulik; 4Z5LA, Ros; 4Z5IW, Vlad; and 4XIVF, Jan. They will have two stations QRV with activity on CW and SSB. QSL via 4Z5LA. – **DDX**

**9N – NEPAL (CQZ 22)** 9N7CB from Kathmandu, Nepal, will be a one-day operation by DL2GAN, Clemens, "in the near future." He plans to be on the air **December 24, 20** and 15M SSB, "just as I did in November, 2012," he says. He will have 50 or 100 watts PEP from approximately 0800 to 1400Z. -- **DDX**

**DX0 – SPRATLY ISLANDS (CQZ 26)** 4F2KWT, AD5MD, DUIBP, K6BF, K6BG, WA6LOS, WE6DX, WJ1P, WW6CP will be active from Pagasa Island (IOTA AS-051), Spratly Islands in **April 2015** as **DX0P** They will be active on 160-10m CW, SSB, RTTY QSL via WJ1P – **AT DX News**

**JA - JAPAN (CQZ 25)** 8J125SSI marks the 125th anniversary of the town Shisui (AS-007, WW Loc. QM05) on the bands until **31 March 2015**. QSL automatically via bureau. – **DARC DXNL**

**JA – JAPAN (CQZ 25)** 8J1KP celebrates the 60th anniversary of Koganei Park, the second largest park in the Metropolitan Tokyo Area. QRV until Dec. 31, QSL via bureau. – **DARC DXNL**

**S7 – SEYCHELLES (CQZ 39)** Eric, OE4AAC, will be active as **S79AC** from Mahe (WLOTA 3286) and Praslin Islands (WLOTA 2862) in the Seychelles Island group (AF-024) **Jan 17 - Feb 10, 2015**. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters on CW. QSL via OE4AAC, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. – **DDX**

**XW – LAOS (CQZ 26)** "At long last I'm heading "home" to Laos to relax and do some DXing", reports Bruce, **XW4XR** (3W3B), He'll be there until **January 2** and again from **January 15-23**. The old antennas are being worked on and he plans to install antennas on 80, 40 and 30 meters to be able to concentrate on RTTY. QSL both XW4XR and 3W3B via E2IEIC. – **DDX, DARC DXNL**

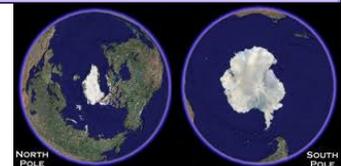
**YC8 - INDONESIA (CQZ 28)** Ron, **YC8ROP**, will be active from Sangihe Island (OC-210) during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (**Mar 7-8**) and the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (**Mar 28-29**) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low- Power entries. QSL via LoTW or direct to YC8OP. -- **OPDX**

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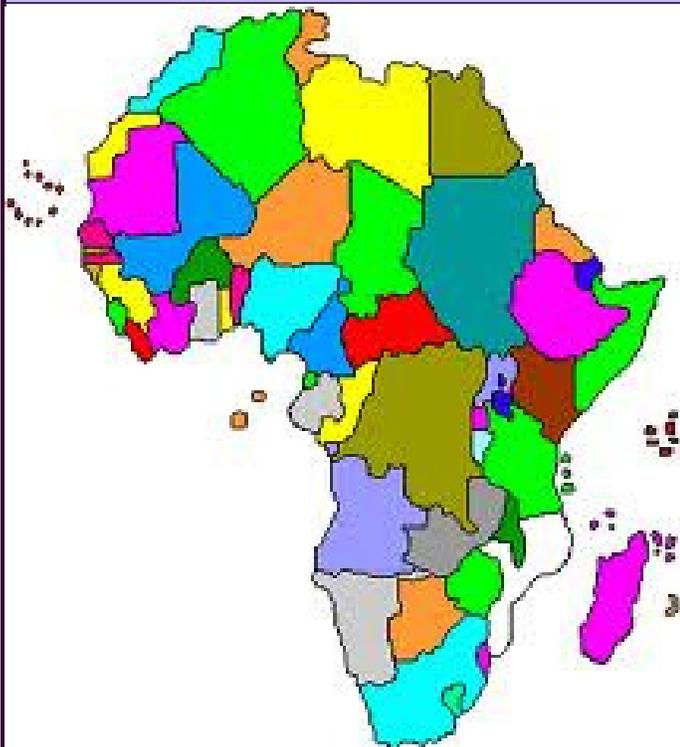
**3Y0 – BOUVET ISLAND (CQZ 38)** The Bouvet Island DXpedition (**3Y0F**), led by UN7PCZ, Alex, has announced the "preliminary window from **17 December 2015 to 10 January 2016**" for their operations. A website for this much anticipated DXpedition to Bouvet Island is in the works. -- **DDX**

**CE9 – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 29)** Paolo, IZ2QEJ is staying on Concordia Base (AA MN-06, WAP MNB-03, IOTA AN-016, ANFF-006) until February 2015. During his free time, he will try to get on the air as IA/IZ2QEJ on the HF bands. QSL via IZ2QEJ (d) after his return. – **DARC DXNL**

**CV0 – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 13)** **CV0A** is a Uruguay call sign for the Antarctic Artigas Base on King George Island in the South Shetlands. The operation will be in the southern summer, now to **March 2015**. Specific dates are not yet set. QSL via CX2ABC. — **DDX**



## DX AFRICA



**5Z – KENYA (CQZ 37)** Bertrand/DF3FS and Oli/DL9OLI plan to operate from Kenya **between Feb 16 and March 8** next year as **5Z/home calls**. They will use verticals on **80, 40 and 30 meters** and Hexbeams on **20, 15, 10m HF** in CW and SSB. Direct QSLs for both calls via DF3FS, bureau cards via home calls. <http://www.df3fs.de/5z-2015/index.html> -- **OPDX, AT DX News**

**6W – SENEGAL (CQZ 35)** F8CRS, David, is **currently in Saly, Senegal** and QRV as **F8CRS/6W** using an 80-watt FT857D into a 10-meter long wire with activity mostly on the 79-WARC bands. He'll be on CW and possibly RTTY. QSL via F8CRS either direct, via the bureau and LoTW. -- **DDX**

**6W – SENEGAL (CQZ 35)** F6BLP will be active holiday style from Saly Portudal Senegal 80 kms south of Dakar on the coast **10 January- 5 February 2015** as **6W7SK**. He planning to operate on 160-10m CW. Look for his low

**9Q – DEM REPUBLIC OF CONGO (CQZ 36)** "The Radioamateur Association of the Democratic Republic of Congo (ARAC) has invited the Italian DXpedition Team for a short stay in Kinshasa **during March 2015**. Purpose of the activity will be theoretical and practical training and refresher courses for the Amateurs of the DR of Congo. The call of the operation will be **9Q0HQ**. As usual, the official website will be <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/> and the official forum will be <http://www.hamradioweb.net/>. HF pilot station: Art IK7JWY 50 Mhz pilot station: Sergio IK0FTA Software Management (log in real time): Giacomo IH9GPI" -- **DX Coffee**

**A6 - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (CQZ 21)** VE6LB is in the United Arab Emirates and QRV as **A6/VE6LB** on 7 through 28 MHz mostly on CW **until December 25**. He's QRV holiday style running 100 watts. QSL via VE6LB either direct, via the bureau or LoTW. - **DDX**

**CN – MOROCCO (CQZ 33)** Dariusz, SP9DLM will be active from Agadir, Morocco 19 December 2014- 2 January 2015 as **CN2DM**. He will operate on HF bands. QSL via home call. -- **AT DX News.com**

**CN – MOROCCO (CQZ 33)** Jean-Pierre, F6CTF, continues to be active as CN2JF until 20 March 2015. QSL via F6CTF (d), eQSL. -- **DARC DXNL**

**TY – BENIN (CQZ 35)** Wynand, ZS6ARF, will be active as **TY2CD** until 2018. He hopes to set up a station on HF to work on CW, SSB, and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, ZS6ARF (d). -- **DARC DXNL**

**Z8 – SOUTH SUDAN (CQZ 34)** Z8IB, Massimo, is IZ0EGB, in Juba, South Sudan. Due to the increased security concerns in the fledgling nation he has not been on the air much recently. Much of his equipment was shipped out of country, however he does have a 100 watt rig and Windom for use on 7 through 50 MHz on SSB and has made some recent QSOs. QSL via Z0EGA either via the Italian QSL bureau or direct to Alessandro Colasanti, Via Pia Nalli 30, 00134 Rome, Italy. -- **DDX**

**Z8 – SOUTH SEDAN (CQZ 34)** YI1DZ, Diya, renewed his **Z8ID** South Sudan license and can now operate, despite the situation in Juba still not completely stable. He's planning to be QRV throughout " ... the days coming". His station is an FT950 and ACOM1000 running between 400-600 watts. Diya has a MA5B, dipole, long wire inverted L and vertical antennas. He is capable of activity on 1.8 through 50 MHz. He will be QRV in his spare time. QSL via OM3JW. - **DDX**

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**DPI – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 38)** DL5XL, Felix, is back to Antarctica and QRV as **DP1POL** until the end of February 2015. Keep an ear out for him on 10.122 MHz on CW during his evenings. QSL DL1ZBO direct, via the bureau or LoTW. As a reminder the DP0, DPI and DP2 prefixes are used outside mainland Germany. -- **DDX, DARC DXNL**

**RI – ANTARCTICA (CQZ 12)** Alexei RV3ARY is planning an attempt to operate from [Mount Vinson](#), Antarctica (grid square EB62) between 24 December 2014 and 03 January 2015. More details to be released closer to the date. -- **DX-World.net**

**JW – SVALBARD (CQZ 40)** Svein, LA9JKA, is putting Bear Island (EU-027) on the air **until May 30, 2015**. QRV on HF and 6m in his spare time. Equipment is limited, due to rules of work. Focus will be on 160m during the winter, and 6m in springtime. QSL *only direct* to his

## DX PACIFIC

**AH2 – GUAM (CQZ 27)** Kan, JJ2RCJ, will be active as **AH2/AB2RF** from Danilo/KH2JU's rental shack on Guam **Dec 27-30**. Activity will be focused on 30/17/12 meters RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct to JJ2RCJ. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog, LoTW and eQSL. -- **OPDX**

**FO – FRENCH POLYNESIA (CQZ 32)** French Polynesia: Philippe, FO4BM, is QRV as **FO8AA/p** on Mangareva Island (OC-163) **until the year's end** in CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, and JT65. FO8AA is the call of the Club Oceanien de Radio et Astronomie (CORA), which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. QSL FO8AA/p via bureau or direct, FO8BM/p via F4FJH, LotW, ClubLog. -- **DARC DXNL**

### FW - WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS

**(CQZ 32)** Jean-Jacques, **FW5JJ**, is back on Wallis

Island (OC-054) after a few months holiday on Corsica as TK5JJ. He is expected to be on Wallis **for 2 years** (possibly longer). Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters. Also, FW5JJ is now operating on 144 MHz EME and has made his first FW-F (Wallis to France) QSO with F6BKI in Bordeaux, France. Jean-Jacques will also be installing 160 and 80 meters antennas soon. QSL direct only via F5RXL (OQRS). Check out the pictures on QRZ.com. -- **OPDX**

**JD – OGASAWARA ISLANDS (CQZ 27)** Hiroyuki, JG7PSJ will be active from Chichi Jima Island (IOTA AS-031), Ogasawara Islands (Bonin Islands) **28 Dec -10 Jan** as **JD1BMH**. He will operate on 160-10m CW, SSB, RTTY. QSL via JD1BMH buro or via JG7PSJ direct -- **AT DX News**

**T8 – PALAU (CQZ 27)** JH0IXE, Ryosei, will be at the VIP Guest Hotel in Koror, Republic of Palau starting on **Christmas Day through January 4, 2015**. Listen for special short call **T8CW** on 1.8 through 50 MHz on CW, RTTY, SSB, JT65 and PSK31. QSL via the bureau to JA0FOX or direct to JH0IXE, Ryosei Aimiya, 4595 Kamikatagiri, Matsukawa, Shimoina, Nagano, 399-3301 JAPAN. He'll also be uploading to LoTW and eQSL. -- **DDX**

**TX5 – AUSTRAL ISLANDS (CQZ 32)** KK6BT will be active from Raivavae Island (IOTA OC-114), Austral Islands 5-11 January 2015 as TX5W. He will be active on 40-10m SSB. QSL via KE8G. -- **AT DX News**

**V6 – MICRONESIA (CQZ 27)** W5MJ will be active from Pohnpei Island **16- 23 February 2015** as **V63MJ**. He will operate on 160-10m CW only. QSL via home call. -- **AT DX News**

**VK9N – NORFOLK ISLAND (CQZ 29)** Nobuaki, JA0JHQ will be active from Norfolk Island **20-22 December** as **JA0JHQ/VK9N**. He will operate on HF bands mostly SSB. QSL via home call. -- **AT DX News**



## TURKMENISTAN and AFGHANISTAN CAUTIONS



**EZ - TURKMENISTAN (CQZ 17)** - Just to remind everyone Amateur Radio in Turkmenistan has been banned since August 2006. Despite this there have been at least two EZ stations (**EZ8BP** and **EZ7V**) that have been QRV. If you look closely at the EZ7V license, post at <http://www.qrz.com/db/ez7v>, it expired at the end of 2011. EZ4A is really E74A, being miscopied or miss-spotted. The ARRL DXCC Desk is waiting for official word from Turkmenistan that Amateur Radio is once again officially authorized. Until then it's probably not a good idea to promote any activities until the internal matter has been resolved. -- **DDX**



**T6 - AFGHANISTAN (CQZ 21)** - As a reminder since early 2005 the Afghanistan International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Spectrum Management and the Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA) have stopped issuing YA prefix call signs and have only been issuing full T6 call signs since. So if you hear any YA, YA/homecall or T6/homecall they are not legal and won't count for DXCC. These types of operations jeopardize future Amateur Radio operations from within the country. -- **DDX**

## DX NORTH, CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA

**CE0Z - JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND (CQZ 12)** The Provins ARC, F6KOP, the same team that recently activated FT4TA Tromelin Island, will be on Robinson Crusoe Island SA-005 (Juan Fernandez Archipelago) from 24 Feb to 4 March 2015. A team of 22 operators from 7 different nationalities will be active on 160 to 6m. The web site will be online soon. QSL direct / buro / LOTW. Team Leader : F5JTV Alain, Co-leaders : F8ATS Tony, FIULQ Jean Luc Source : F6KOP More later. – **AT DX News**

**FM - MARTINIQUE (CQZ 08)** SP7VC, SP7TF will be active from Martinique Island **27 Jan - 3 Feb 2015** as **FM/SP7VC, FM/SP7TF**. Operations on 160-10m CW, SSB, RTTY. QSL via home calls. – **AT DX News**

**FP - ST PIERRE and MIQUELON (CQZ 05)** Rob N7QT will be active from St Pierre and Miquelon as **FP/N7QT** between July 20-29, 2015. QRV on 80-10m CW, SSB and digi modes. QSL via N7QT and LoTW. – **DX-World.net**

**FS - ST. MARTIN (CQZ 08)** Marco, PJ7MF, is a new resident on the island and is now active with his new call sign, **FS4WBS**. He is QRV from his new QTH using an IC-7600, SteppIR and THP amplifier. QSL via IZ1MHY. – **OPDX**

**HI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CQZ 08)** Vittorio, DJ0ML, is going to stay in the Dominican Republic **until June 2015** And will be QRV as **HI7/DJ0ML** on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6m. QSL via DJ0ML (d). – **DARC DXNL**

**J6 - ST LUCIA (CQZ 08)** SP7VC, SQ7OYL, SP3IPB, SP7TF, SP3CFM, K2RPF will be active from Saint Lucia Island (IOTA NA-108) **27 Jan- 3 Feb 2015** as **J6/SP7VC, J6/SQ7OYL, J6/SP3IPB, J6/SP7TF, J6/SP3CFM, J6/K2RPF**. They will operate on 160-10m CW, SSB, digital modes. QSL via home calls. – **AT DX News**

**OA - PERU (CQZ 10)** Daniel, IK2SGL will be active from Peru **starting March 2015** as **IK2SGL/OA8**. He will operate on HF bands. QSL via IK2AQZ, LOTW, eQSL. – **AT DX News**

**PJ4 - BONAIRE ISLAND (CQZ 09)** Klaus, DG1SGW will be active from Bonaire Island **1- 12 March 2015** as **PJ4/DG1SGW**. He will operate on HF bands. Activity will be holiday style (this is a diving trip first) on the 20-6 meters, maybe 40m, using only SSB with a wire end-feed antenna and a MPI Portable Vertical antenna. QSL via home call. – **AT DX News, OPDX**

**PJ7- SINT MAARTEN (CQZ 08)** Dave, WJ2O, and his XYL Chris will be visiting with friends on Sint Maarten and will be active as **PJ7/WJ2O Feb 18-25 (2015)**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, and he plans to be in the ARRL CW DX Contest (Feb 21-22) as a Single-Op/All-band/Low- Power entry. Outside the contest, Dave can usually be found on 30/17/12m bands operating CW. QSL via N2ZN and LoTW. For more info and updates, see: <http://www.wj2o.com/index.asp?News=PJ7> – **DDX**

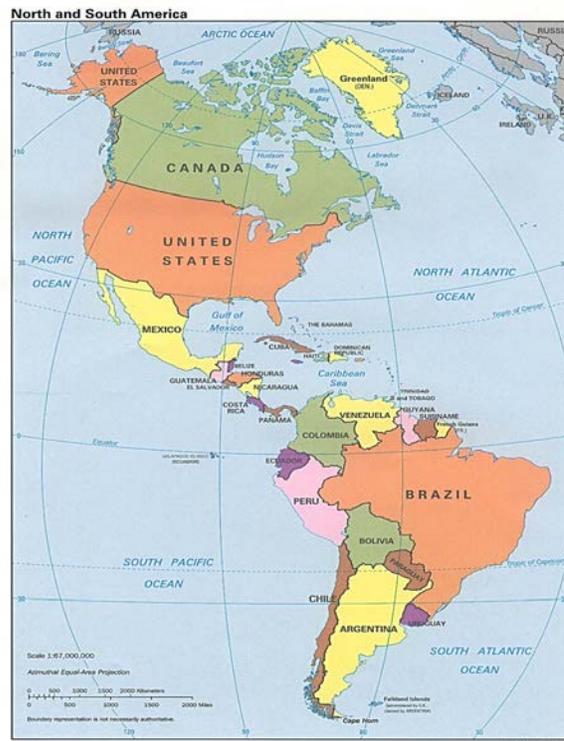
**PQ0 - TRINDADE ISLAND (CQZ 11)** A 5-man team plan to be active for 4-5 days from Trindade Island (SA-010) as **PQ0T** during the second half of 2015. DX-World has received full details of this DXpedition, but in accordance with their team leader we publish limited info for the moment. Trindade is [#30](#) most wanted on Club Log – **DX-World.net**

**PZ - SURINAME (CQZ 08)** Wolfgang, DL4WO is in Suriname **until 15 January 2015** as **PZ5UD**. He is active on HF bands. QSL via home call. – **AT DX News**

**T19 - COCOS ISLAND (CQZ 07)** Dom 3Z9DX, Jorge TI2HMJ, Jon K7CO will be active from Cocos Island (IOTA NA-012) 16-23 February 2015 as **T19/3Z9DX**. They will operate on 80-10m CW, SSB, RTTY. QSL via 3Z9DX, OQRS. – **AT DX News**

**V4 - ST. KITTS (CQZ 08)** John, **W5JON/V47JA**, says he will be active from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc.FK87SG) **Jan 20 - Mar 1**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as **V47HAM**. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct only or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs. – **OPDX**

**VP9 - BERMUDA (CQZ 05)** K4KGG, Larry, has announced (<http://www.qrz.com/db/VP9/K4KGG>) his plans to operate as **VP9/K4KGG** from Bermuda (NA-005) Dec 31 and Jan 5, 2015. QSL via W3HNK direct or via bureau and LoTW. – **DDX**



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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2014 Dec02	2014 Dec25	United Arab Emirates	A6	LotW	VE6LB 20141204	By VE6LB as A6/VE6LB; 40-10m; mainly CW; 100w; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via VE6LB, Buro or direct
2014 Dec03	2014 Dec19	Chagos	VQ9XR	N7XR Direct	N7XR 20141125	By N7XR; 160-10m; 500w; may use VQ92X call sign
2014 Dec04	2014 Dec12	Ogasawara	JD1BOX	F4HEC Direct	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20140930	By F4HEC; 80-6m; SSB; QSL request must include SASE + IRC or 2 green stamps
2014 Dec07	2014 Dec15	St Lucia	J6	Home Call	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20141119	By SM7EQL as J6/SM7EQL and SM7DKF as J6/SM7DKF; 20-10m; CW; holiday style operation
2014 Dec09	2014 Dec12	Palau	T88MZ	DUICKF	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20141204	By AF1Y; HF; spare time operation
2014 Dec09	2014 Dec16	Aruba	P40CX	K8CX	<u>425DXN</u> 20141206	By K8CX fm SA-036; 160-6m; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest, mixed mode; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2014 Dec09	2015 Jan08	Canary Islands	EA8	LotW	IK1PMR 20141023	By IK1PMR as EA8/IK1PMR and PA3LEO as EA8/PA3LEO fm Tenerife I (AF-004); 160-6m; CW RTTY SSB; QSL via HB9FKK (preferred) or home_call (Buro or direct)
2014 Dec10	2014 Dec14	Laos	XW4YT	K4YT	<u>ATDX</u> 20141205	By K4YT; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest; end date not provided
2014 Dec11	2014 Dec14	Lesotho	7P8NH	G3RWF	<u>ATDX</u> 20141010	By G3RWF; HF; CW
2014 Dec11	2015 Jan08	Martinique	FM	Home Call	<u>ATDX</u> 20141204	By F2VX as FM/F2VX and F9IE as FM/F9IE; HF; CW SSB; fm FM5WD stn
2014 Dec12	2015 Jan08	Cape Verde Islands	D44TWO	M0OXO	<u>ATDX</u> 20140527	By DF2WO fm Praia, Santiago I (AF-005); HF; CW SSB
2014 Dec13	2014 Dec14	Br Virgin Islands	VP2VGG	LotW	<u>ATDX</u> 20141208	By K6TOP W6RWC fm Anegada I for ARRL 10m Contest; mixed mode; QSL also OK via W6RWC direct
2014 Dec15	2015 Jan02	Laos	XW4XR	E21EIC	<u>ATDX</u> 20141201	By 3W3B; HF
2014 Dec20	2014 Dec22	Norfolk Island	VK9N	JA0JHQ	<u>ATDX</u> 20141117	By JA0JHQ as JA0JHQ/VK9N; HF; mainly SSB
2014 Dec22	2015 Jan02	Ogasawara Island	JD1	Home Call	<u>425DXN</u> 20141122	By JI1LET as JD1BOI and JA1UII as JD1BON fm Chichijima (AS-031); 80-6m; SSB CW RTTY
2014 Dec24	2014 Dec24	Nepal	9N7CB	DL2GAN	<u>OPDX</u> 20141201	By DL2GAN; 8-12z, perhaps until 14z; likely 20 15m; SSB, possibly CW; fm 9N1AA station; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2014 Dec25	2015 Jan04	Palau	T8CW	LotW	<u>ATDX</u> 20141107	By JH0IXE fm Koror I; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY JT65 PSK31; QSL also OK via JA0FOX Buro, JH0IXE direct, eQSL
2014 Dec26	2015 Jan01	Norfolk I	VK9N	M0OXO	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20141022	By G7VJR as VK9N/G7VJR; high bands; CW
2014 Dec27	2014 Dec30	Guam	KH2	LotW	JJ2RCJ 20141113	By JJ2RCJ as AH2/AB2RF; focus on WARC bands; RTTY
2014 Dec28	2014 Dec30	Monaco	3A	EA5IDQ	EA5IDQ 20141120	By EA5IDQ as 3A/EA5IDQ; 40-10m; SSB RTTY
2014 Dec31	2015 Jan05	Bermuda	VP9	LotW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20141203	By K4KGG as VP9/K4KGG; HF; QSL also OK via Club Log and W3HNC

**“Those who hear not the music, think the dancer mad.” - Chinese Proverb.**

January 2015DX Calendar (Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2015 Jan05	2015 Jan11	<b>Austral Is</b>	<b>TX5W</b>	K8EG	ATDX 20141017	By KK6BT fm Raivavae I ; 40-10m; SSB; see Web page for QSL details
2015 Jan06	2015 Jan13	<b>Namibia</b>	<b>V5</b>	G3RWF	ATDX 20141017	By G3RWF as V5/G3RWF; HF; CW
2015 Jan07	2015 Jan15	<b>Palau</b>	<b>T88</b>	Home Call	ATDX 20140527	By JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6KYU as T88HS, JE6DND as T88HK, JA6UBY as T88CP; 160-6m; CW SSB; QSL via direct only
2015 Jan09	2015 Jan17	<b>Easter I</b>	<b>XR0YJ</b>		ATDX 20140527	By JA3ARJ JA3HJI JA3IVU JH3LSS JI3DNN JA3AVO JH3PBL, also using CE0Y/home_call ; 80-6m; CW SSB + digital
2015 Jan10	2015 Jan18	<b>Cayman Is</b>	<b>ZF2PG</b>	LotW	ADIC 20141202	By K8PGJ fm Grand Cayman I (NA-016); mainly 20-10m, daytime; SSB; QRV for NAQP SSB; holiday style operation; QSL via K8PGJ direct
2015 Jan10	2015 Feb05	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>6W7SK</b>	LotW	F6BLP 20141022	By F6BLP; mainly CW; 300w; G5RV + inverted L; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via F6BLP, Buro or direct
2015 Jan11	2015 Feb03	<b>Haiti</b>	<b>HH5</b>	KC0W Direct	KC0W 20140825	By KC0W as HH5/KC0W; 160 80 40m; CW; 500w
2015 Jan15	2015 Jan23	<b>Laos</b>	<b>XW4XR</b>	E21EIC	ATDX 20141201	By 3W3B; HF
2015 Jan15	2015 Jan26	<b>Gambia</b>	<b>C5X</b>	LotW	DXW.Net 20140904	By G3VMW et al; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY, PSK; Spiderbeams, verts, dipoles; high power; logs uploaded Club Log daily; QSL via M0OXO
2015 Jan16	2015 Jan31	<b>Iran</b>	<b>EP6T</b>	LotW	DXW.Net 20141017	By 10 member ON PA SV team fm Kish I (AS-166); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; dates tentative; see Web page for full QSL details
2015 Jan17	2015 Feb10	<b>Seychelles</b>	<b>S79AC</b>	OE4AAC	OE4AAC 20141118	By OE4AAC fm Mahe and Praslin Is (AF-024); 40-10m; CW; QSL also OK via OQRS; holiday style operation
2015 Jan20	2015 Mar01	<b>St Kitts &amp; Nevis</b>	<b>V47JA</b>	LotW	W5JON 20121207	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts (NA-104, FK887pg); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB; dipoles, vertical, yagi on 6m; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2015 Jan22	2015 Feb17	<b>Guatemala</b>	<b>TG9</b>	VE7BV	VE7BV 20141003	By VE7BV as TG9/VE7BV; 20 17 15m, perhaps other bands; CW SSB; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via VE7BV, Buro or direct
2015 Jan25	2015 Feb13	<b>Navassa I</b>	<b>KIN</b>	N2OO	W0GJ 20141022	By 15 member team; dates tentative
<b>February</b>						
2015 Feb05	2015 Feb25	<b>Laos</b>	<b>XW8BM</b>	JA8BMK	DXW.Net 20141020	By JA8BMK; fm new low-noise area
2015 Feb15	2015 Feb24	<b>French Polynesia</b>	<b>FO</b>	K8PGJ	DXW.Net 20140728	By K8PGJ as FO/K8PGJ fm Bora Bora; HF; holiday style operation
2015 Feb16	2015 Feb23	<b>Cocos I</b>	<b>T19</b>	3Z9DX	DXW.Net 20141129	By 3Z9DX T12HMJ K7CO as T19/3Z9DX; 80-10m; SSB CW RTTY; 2 stations
2015 Feb16	2015 Mar08	<b>Kenya</b>	<b>5Z4</b>	DF3FS Direct	DF3FS 20141108	By DF3FS as 5Z4/DF3FS and DL9OLI as 5Z4.DL9OLI; 80-10m; CW SSB; verticals and Hexbeams; QSL also OK via DARC Buro home_call
2015 Feb18	2015 Feb25	<b>Svalbard</b>	<b>JW</b>	DL2JRM	ATDX 20140930	By DL2JRM fm EU-026; HF; CW SSB
<b>ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 21-22, 2015) Check for pre-contest activity.</b>						
2015 Feb24	2015 Mar04	<b>Juan Fernandez</b>	<b>CE0Z</b>	LotW	F5NQL 20141208	By 22 op international team headed by F5JTV F8ATS FIULQ; 160-10m; QSL also OK via REF Buro
2015 Feb26	2015 Mar10	<b>St Pierre &amp; Miquelon</b>	<b>FP</b>	KVIJ	KVIJ 20141030	By KVIJ as FP/KVIJ fm NA-032; 160-10m + 6m if open; mainly SSB RTTY, some CW PSK

## NFDXA 2014 Zone Band DX Contest - Thru 12/12/2014

From 1 August, 2014 through 31 December, 2014 work as many CQ zones as you can, on 160 through 10 meters, any mode. There are 360 possible points (40 zones X 9 bands) plus 90 points for working with VP5DX during the CQWW SSB 'test(10 points X 9 bands) for a grand total of 450.

There will be two categories, one for stations using a beam and wire antennas, and one for 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. "Beam" is the default category, so pay attention when you go to your log page the first time. If you make a mistake, I can correct it, but it'll be expensive.

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	Category	Zones/Bands	VP5DX	Total
AB4UF			0	
AC4ET			0	
K3LB	B	70	0	79
K4EB			0	
K4UTE	B	35	0	35
KB4CRT			0	
KC4FWS	B	171	20	191
KX4WW			0	
NIWON			0	
N4EPD			0	
N4GFO			0	
N4JBK			0	
N4KE			0	
N4UF			0	
NF4L		I	10	11
NO4J			0	
NU4Y		154	0	154
NW4C	W	11	0	11
VP5YZ			0	
WIFO	B	51	30	81
W4FDA			0	
W4GJ			0	
WA4B			0	
WA6EZV		63	10	73
WR4K	V	225	50	275

### ARRL CW Rookie Roundup Returns Dec 21

Recently licensed radio amateurs who have been working hard to improve their Morse code proficiency will have a great opportunity to put their improved skills to use on December 21, when the CW edition of the [ARRL Rookie Roundup](#) returns to the airwaves.



Who is a "Rookie?" A Rookie is any radio amateur who has been licensed for 3 years or less, regardless of license class. If you received your license in 2012, 2013, or 2014, you're eligible to compete as a Rookie. Operators licensed before 2012 may compete and will be recognized in the final results, but they may only submit check logs. Old Timers are encouraged to get on the air and work the Rookies.

Three Rookie Roundups — SSB, RTTY, and CW — are held during each calendar year. The [CW Rookie Roundup](#) will take place on Sunday, December 21, from 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC. Many major contest logging software packages support the Rookie Roundup or you can keep a paper log and summary sheet. Submit your score using the online [Score Submission Form](#) by 2359 UTC on Wednesday, December 24. Certificates will be e-mailed to all participants shortly after the event. — **ARRL News**

### DARC Christmas Contest: 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26



If you have tired of all the Christmas hoopla here's a short contest to get you away from it all—but not too far away! The event lasts only two hours—you pick the two out you wish to operate of the 24 hour contest period — and the 'test is only on two bands, 80 and 40 meters! The modes are CW and/or SSB and high power is anything over 100 watts. Non DL stations give signal report and QSO number; DLs give RST and a "special station" abbreviation. 1 point per contact.

More information at <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en/rules/>



**Veteran DXer, DXpeditioner and QSL manager Bob Schenck, N2OO, of Tuckerton, New Jersey, has been named CQ magazine's DX Editor, magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced. A 2008 inductee into the CQ DX Hall of Fame, Bob succeeds Wayne Mills, N7NG, who has stepped down to pursue other ham-related interests.**



## Two Friends



WIFO's daughter Sarah Garcia, aged 3, shown with her friend Pres, W4FDA, shortly before he died November 13. The two would roll exercise balls back and forth between them.

— WIFO photo

## ARRL's Logbook of The World Tops 100 Million QSL Records!



The ARRL's Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) online "card-less" contact-confirmation service this week recorded a new milestone — 100 million QSL records out of some 630 million uploaded contacts. That's an increase of more than 18 million QSL records since the end of last year. First described conceptually in the October 2001 QST "It



Seems to Us..." editorial, Logbook of The World launched in September 2003. Since then, it has become an accepted Amateur Radio institution — perhaps not at the same level of traditional QSL cards, but close and gaining. The 100 million contact confirmations, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, pointed out, is the equivalent of 200 million QSL cards. --

Over LoTW's 11-year lifetime, many logging programs have incorporated features to enable them to interface smoothly with LoTW. Several awards programs, starting with the ARRL DX Century Club ([DXCC](#)) award, now rely largely on LoTW to determine whether an applicant has met the award's requirements. It's also made it easier for award seekers to track their progress. LoTW is the primary means to confirm ARRL [Centennial QSO Party](#) contacts. The service also supports [VUCC](#), [WAS](#), and [WPX](#). — ARRL News

## Really, Really Old Radios



To close out the year 2014 and to bring this edition of the NFDXA PileUp to a close here's an interesting story. If you are into old radios—and I do mean *old*—you'll enjoy (and possibly relate to) this video tour of the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut...<http://tech slashdot.org/story/14/12/09/1851214/tour-the-vintage-radio-and-communications-museum-video>



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  - AT DX News (AT DX News)** (<http://dxing.at-communication.com/en/>)
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— NW4C

## Frivolous Factoids

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.



## **PileUp**

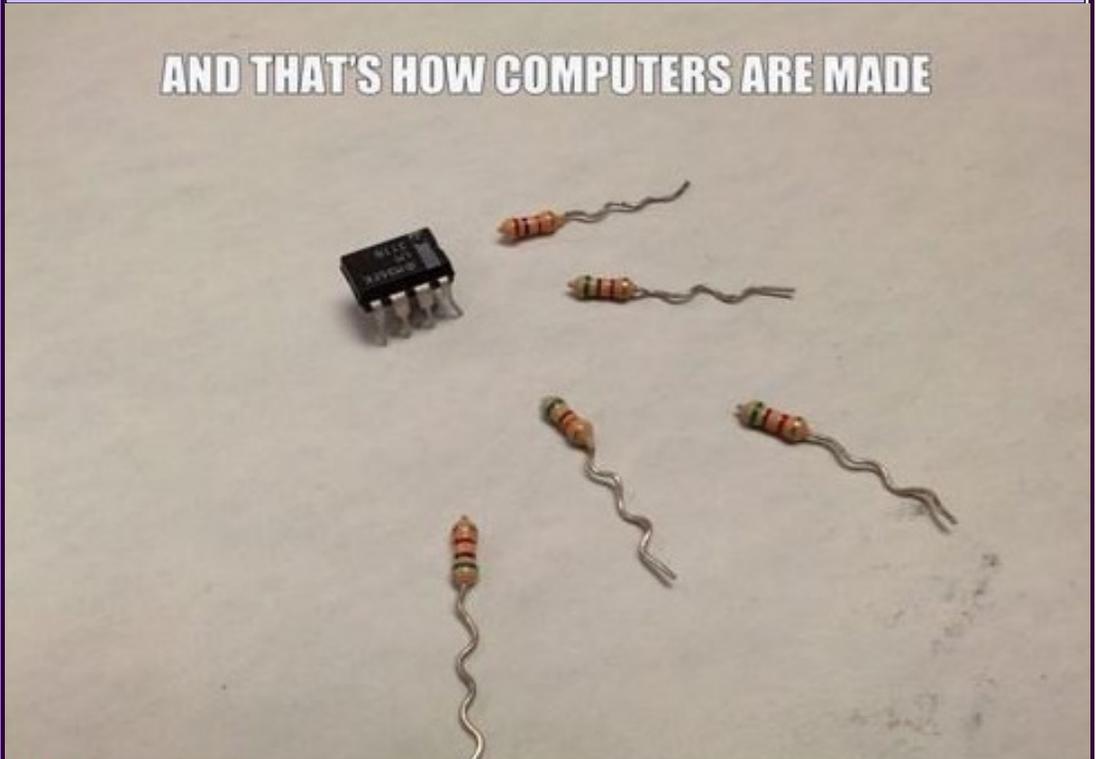
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## AND THAT'S HOW COMPUTERS ARE MADE



### The Last Word

There's an old saying that's applicable to our upcoming DX year; "It never rains but it pours!"

Unless there's one or more operations that I've forgotten 2016 will start off with a BIG bang with K1N Navassa and EP6T Iran DXpeditions in January. These will be followed in no particular order by operations in E3 Eritrea and VK9C Cocos Keeling in March. Then, provided everything remains 'reasonably calm' in the South China Sea, there'll be an April activation of DX0P, Pagasa, one of the Philippine-claimed islands in Spratly group.

However, it appears we'll have a break over the summer months as far as announced operations are concerned but I could be missing some because my memory tends to fade when overloaded.



Warren NW4C

But the action picks up a real head of steam as the end of the year approaches. Closing out 2015 and rushing headlong into 2016 we have VK0 Heard Island, two possible efforts on 3Y Bouvet, the double-header efforts on VP8 South Georgia and VP8 South Sandwich. Plus somewhere in that muddle there might be a team going to Palmyra.

And don't forget, there are the two wild cards that could be played anywhere in the 2015-2016 time frame, a Martti Laine operation to AH3 Johnson Island and (drum roll, please) P5 North Korea.

Looks like 2015 will be a DX version of Mr. Toad's Wild Ride.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and May the good DX be yours...NW4C



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