The US Marine Corps has long claimed that all they need are a “few good men” to accomplish what needs to be done. It would appear the three-man NFDXA team who entered the 2014 CQ WW SSB contest have met that standard—and then some!

Kudos and hats off to our champs (shown l-r), Captain Ron, N4KE, Jim, NU4Y and Mike, N4EPD

By the time the world-wide 48 hour contest ground to a close on the evening of October 26 the trio manning the mikes at VP5DX had overcome obstacles ranging from extreme fatigue, electrified stormy weather and equipment failure to accumulate an extraordinary raw score totaling nearly 13-million points!

For all the 2014 VP5DX details including a team salute to the NFDXA members back home who took time to add their totals to the final club tally read The World According to NU4Y starting on page 5

K4EB and W1FO Nominated as 2015 President and Vice President

Long-time NFDXA member Larry Jungstrum, K4EB (Excellent Base) has been nominated for the office of club president in 2015.

Current NFDXA president Mike Garcia, W1FO was nominated to run for vice Vice President. Current club secretary Mike Reublin, NF4L, and club treasurer Jim Hughes, KC4FWS were nominated to continue in their current positions if elected.

Nominations were made during the regular NFDXA monthly meeting October 18 meeting at the Cedar River Seafood Restaurant. Additional candidate nominations from the floor will be taken prior to the final vote at the meeting November 15.
The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is a group of Amateur Radio Operators located in north Florida and south Georgia whose interests are primarily Contests and DXing. NFDXA typically meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at a location selected by a meeting organizer. Visitors are always welcome. Officers elected for the calendar year 2014 are:

**President**
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**Vice President**
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**Treasurer**
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PileUp story ideas, manuscripts and photographs should be sent to
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### 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.
Hello Fellow NFDXA Members. It seems everyone has been busy chasing the FT4 but me. I have been so busy with work that I only had time to give him a few calls on 20 meters without winning the prize. Oh well, maybe next time.

I want to remind everyone that we will be holding Officer Elections at the meeting this coming Saturday. We will be taking nominations from the floor for those who are interested in leading the club thru the next year. If you cannot make the meeting and are interested in filling one of the Officer positions, please email Mike NF4L or myself with your intention. I want to take this moment to thank the present club officers for their time and dedication to the club. I am sure we will have some well qualified members step up to take leadership of this fine club thru the next year.

Completely off the topic, I am working on a new amplifier project that members of the club may be interested in. How does 1000 watts plus from a single transistor sound. Yes I said one transistor. I have a couple of friend who have built these amplifiers and even one who combined two of these devices and is currently running 2000 watts plus on HF. The two device amp actually peaks around 2500 watts. Being broad banded I am hoping to be able to move them to 6 meters as well. One amplifier board with the device mounted is coming in at 400 dollars. I bought a surplus board from my friend and will soon be building an amplifier. I plan to document the entire process. We are looking at 1000 watts plus, Solid State for around 600 to 700 dollars depending on what one has available in their junk box. I am in the process of designing the Filter board to be used on 6 meters. Of course the amp will work 10 – 160. Filter boards for 160 have already been designed.

Ok Gentlemen, I hope to see everyone at the meeting this Saturday for some good food and camaraderie. — **Mike, W1FO**

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### Minutes of October 18, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mike, W1FO at 5:58 p.m.

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

**Treasurer’s Report** - Treasurer Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of $992.34

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

**New business** - Club officers for 2015 were discussed. Larry, K4EB will run for president. Mike, W1FO will run for vice president. Jim, KC4FWS and Mike, NF4L will run for treasurer and secretary. The club contest was discussed. Due to low participation it was suggested that a break be taken.

**Guests** - There were no guests attending the meeting

**The next meeting planner** (November) is Larry, K4EB.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike, NF4L, Secretary.
Meeting attendance in October was sparse with the A-Team being away in VP5 for the 2014 CQ WW SSB contest. However, as shown in the middle picture in the bottom row, Jimmy, NU4Y and Mike, N4EPD attended from Middle in the Turks and Caicos via Skype. Although the VP5DX contest team missed out on the good Cedar River Seafood they apparently made up for it with some special island cuisine which (along with a few 'Greenies') fueled them to a 3rd place finish in North America!

Shown in the photo inserts below are (l-r) Larry, K4EB, voicing an opinion; Jim, KC4FWS, relaxes while taking it all in with Cory, N1WON, observing from his end of the table. The bottom row shows Mike, NF4L, checking out the laptop screen which displays Jimmy, NU4Y and Mike, N4EPD in the background via a Skype connection. On the right is president Mike, W1FO. Not shown is Warren, NW4C taking these pictures.
Another great trip to the Turks & Caicos Islands is now in the history book. N4KE, N4EPD and myself set out on Tuesday morning Oct. 14th for Miami and then to Providencials. A normal day, the airport has changed down there. It took quite a while to get through customs. We went to AVIS rented a van and headed for the Turtle Cove Motel. Then we went to the TIKI hut for drinks and dinner. I called Jody (VP5JM) and she came down for a Rum Punch with us. We snacked on Conch Fritters and some other delights. Caught up on times and what was happening. The bartender sure didn’t waste any punch in the Rum Punch’s and we had to call it an early evening. On Wed. morning we headed out for breakfast, and then picked up the 6 boxes I had shipped down there ahead of time. In those boxes were 3 computers, 2-TS950 and a rotor that was donated to us by Pres W4FDA. We then went grocery shopping and headed for the dock and the Ferry. Our friendly taxi driver Mac picked us up in North Caicos for our trip to Middle Caicos (with our stop at the liquor store).

We settled in putting things away and unpacking, then on to the porch for relaxing. We had dinner at Mudjin Harbour bar and grill. Cracked Lobster and fries with coconut. Thurs-Day I started working on the dead AL-1200 amp, had to replace the band switch, I also noticed the 100 ohm 2 watt parasitic resistor was cracked, (probably caused the problem in the first place). I had to open the AL-80 and remove the resistor from it as had no replacement there. It took me 2 days and a lot of green bottles to finally finish that. Also the other AL-1200 (the working? One) seemed to have a problem with an occasional pop of high voltage; also the HV reading was only 2400 volts where it should be 3600 volts.

iTurned out one of the voltage divider resistors had changed value, and I found one of the equalization resistors open on the HV capacitor printed circuit board. Both amps fixed and working. Mike installed the PEP boards I had brought down for the Drake W-4 meters. That would make them more active for Captain Ron. One of the first antennas we installed was the 160 meter inverted L. We installed a 40 meter vertical antenna on top of a top section of Rohn 25 and ran a wire from its top to the porch. There was going to be a Stew Perry warm up contest on Sat. night and I was going to play in it. We installed the new Windows XP machine upstairs on top of the TV hutch. Used a USB Wi-Fi in the window to connect to the internet through the Blue Horizon Resort. Also they gave us a Wi-Fi hotspot unit, this way we had 2 connections to the internet, and Ron could use his I-Pad to get his email. The 2 new Windows 7 machines were installed downstairs at the operating positions. We spent about a day messing with settings, finally getting it all to work.

30 feet of tower was installed alongside the shack and the A4 tribander was put on top of that. It was ok except for 15 meters. I was on top of a step ladder on top of the roof of the shack while Ron tilted the beam over so I could reach and remove the driven elements. We opened traps and inspected rechecked measurements etc. and never did figure out what was wrong. I guessed that either some water was in the trap and would dry out with the antenna in the air or not having the unit attached to multi-position switch eliminated some of the counterpoise. We gave up on it for the day, and sure enough the next day it was fine. We installed the 80 meter full wave delta loop from the top of the tower, and it played well. We nixed installing the GAP voyager down at the beach, since with only 3 of us, just carrying the thing down there would be a taxing job. (Not to mention hauling the 700 feet of coax through the brush) Also we put up a 40 meter vertical right in front of the house. It worked better than the 40 meter dipole in the Stepp-Ir. Since they have had a lot of rain, the brush all around the area has grown up a lot. Running beverages could be done, but we decided not to break out the machete to get them through the bushes and I made 2 pennant antennas, one for the east and one for the west. They work, but not like the full size beverage antennas.

The first Sat. night I started to operate the Stew Perry warm up contest on 160 meters. I operated for quite a few hours search and pounce, but a large thunderstorm was off about 10 miles to our North. The EMP was so great that at times would shut the TS-950 down and even at times activate the PTT line. It got scary and I unplugged and disconnected everything and headed upstairs. There was Mike standing on the porch just watching the lightning hit the water, you would go blind for a second or two. It was spectacular, one of the best shows you will ever see, but not good for radio especially on 160. I woke up early and headed down to the shack about 4 or 5 am and made a few more contacts. Worked over 100 Q’s barefoot with the 160 inverted L, the pennant antennas were not installed at that time. Except for my cooking chores everything was fixed and installed with 2 days to spare. We had plenty of time to DX, go down to the beach, and/or over to the Bar and Grill for cracked conch. (Continued on page n)
We started the contest on 20 meters, and stayed on one freq. for the first 5 ½ hours. At 06:00 already had almost 1500 q’s in the log with 284 mults. A great run, working EU, the USA and deep Asia on the low tri-band antenna left pointed straight north. I was beat and headed up for some sleep. Got about 4 hours in and then back to it. All the antennas were working well, we had some trouble keeping the link between the computers up, and also found the USB keyboards acting up at times, wound a few toroids on the cords and the problem seemed to go away. Need to do something about routing the cables better next year. 15 and 10 meters were booming and we had tremendous pileups. Usually you will fight a pileup for an hour or so then it would get into a rhythm and you could fly, but this year the pileups never stopped and I felt like I had lost it somewhere. One W2 (a well known contest) called in and commented, “You have a big problem there”, as the callers would not stop even when working someone else.

After the first 24 hours we were at 4885 q’s and 572 mults. By 03:00Z the second day we all were pooped and actually stopped operating for sleep. We only had 1 qso in the 03:00 hour. After getting our wind we were back to it. (The amp on the mult station gave up with a large bang that normally would have shaken me up, but with headphones on and a thousand stations calling, hardly was noticed.) A new fuse put it back on the air, but with limited output. Ron did not seem to mind and still was able to work mults with little trouble. We could not change out the amp as I had stolen the resistor out of the AL-80. At 5:00 am local we all had hit the wall and went to bed. Only 6 contacts in the log over the 09:00 to 11:00z hours. But that little bit of sleep helped refresh us. During the 22:00z hour with only 2 hours to go, I was on 20 meters and all the contacts were being marked bad in the log. I was working at a good clip and did not want to stop to figure it out, but then again with new mults calling us, the other station would not have a proper listing of the stations worked. I stopped and because of being tired, and worn out. Then, it took me about 45 minutes to realize that the Kenwood’s report was saying the contacts were in FM not SSB. Took another 15 minutes or so to fix both logs. With only 1 hour to go I said the heck with it, and opened a green bottle.

Here’s how we ended up.

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NFDXA members worked during the contest were,

AB4UF 20/40 M  
W1FO 20/40/160 M  
KC4FWS 15/20 M  
K4EB 15 M  
K4RL 15 M  
WR4K 10/15/20/40/80 M  
W4GAL 15 M  

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DX Notes and DXpedition Announcements

The Next Big One . . . As was expected by many in the DX community, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has authorized the KP1-KP5 team to conduct a DXpedition to KP1 Navassa Island. Navassa is widely recognized as either the number 1 or number 2 most-wanted DXCC entity worldwide. The call sign for this long awaited and much anticipated DXpedition will be K1N (Kilo One November) and the team will operate from the site of the abandoned Coast Guard lighthouse.

Specific dates for the Navassa operation haven’t been announced but a note of on the KP1 teams’ website says specific dates will be released shortly (www.navassadx.com). The 15 Team members (AA7JV, K0IR, K4UEE, K5AC, K9CT, KT4TTT, N2OO, N2TU, N4GRN, N6MZ, NASU, NM1Y, W0GJ, W6IZT, WB9Z) have been advised to be available for a two week operation starting in late January. January is the month of minimum bird nesting activity and this is the primary reason USFWS is asking that the operation be completed during that month.

Navassa’s weather is unpredictable in January and because the island is completely surrounded by high cliffs, a safe landing by boat may not be feasible. The cliff-mounted chain ladder and cargo crane used in the past to offload supplies for the long abandoned Coast Guard lighthouse has deteriorated over the years and it’s believed that it’s no longer safe or usable. For safety reasons and in order to maximize the team’s operating time on the Island, a helicopter airlift operation of men and equipment is planned. Navassa is over 100 miles (160 km) from the nearest helicopter staging point and as many as ten round trips will be required at the beginning and end of the operation. Obviously, this means that there will be a significant cost for activating this #1 ranked DXCC entity.

Fundraising for the Navassa DXpedition has started. If able, you are encouraged to financially support the project. You can donate by PayPal, check or money order. For check or money order make it payable to “KP1-5 Project” and mailing to: Mike Thomas NA5U, 5717 Puerto Vallarta North Richland Hills TX 76180.

EP in early 2015 . . . A multinational team with members from Belgium, The Netherlands and Greece will conduct a DXpedition to the Islamic Republic of Iran in January 2015. The requested call sign is EP6T.

Ten operators will be QRV with four and possibly five stations around the clock for at least 10 days at the end of January 2015. Specific dates will be announced at a later stage but they are aiming for the last two weeks of that month.

All HF bands will be covered from 10 through 160 meters in three modes: CW, SSB and RTTY. As with previous expeditions from the Rockall DX Group they say they’ll have stations overnight focusing on the low bands with separate receive antennas and quarter wave verticals near the beach. Since they are on an island their location will be not far from the sea. Depending on propagation, good signals can reasonably be expected on all bands.

The DXpedition will have pilot stations to provide the EP team with feedback from an expected world-wide audience. EP Iran has few operators QRV at this time and the entity is ranked 30th in the DX Magazine’s 2013 poll. The results of the 2014 poll won’t be available until after the EP6T operation is underway.

More information and a dedicated website will follow soon. Follow the EP6T team on twitter or keep an eye on the DX bulletins. If you have any questions related to this expedition contact the team via EP6T@rockall.be.

NEWEST 9N OP IS A YL . . . 9N1DX is one of Nepal’s newest Amateur Radio operators and also one of the youngest, at 16, licensed two months ago. A YL, Tejaswita Kharel, is the daughter of 9N1AA, Satish (her father) and of Kalpana Pokharel (her mother), who was assigned the 9N1MM callsign two years ago.

Tejaswita says she is “doing my A Levels course at Rato Bangala School” in Patan and working on “improving my Morse Code skills.” She says she has been “keen to learn about ham radio since my childhood. I always observed RTTY QSOs of my dad. So, I am more comfortable with digital modes.” — DX World.net
DXpedition Announcements and Updates

KH5K Kingman Reef Status . . . The news is not encouraging. The reef is almost completely underwater at high tide and with any significant storm winds anyone on what remains what land is left would be at risk. The pictures are from the KY6R blog. They were taken by Steven Chew, a member of a salvage crew that’s been working the site at Kingman removing remains of a fishing boat which grounded there and has been polluting the waters as its steel hull and superstructure disintegrate. According to Chew “Kingman reef is above water nearly all the time, especially at the high areas, though only slightly at high tide. If it is really rough, it can get buried under the waves.” In the experienced salvor’s opinion: “...I can tell you that Kingman bye far was the most treacherous conditions our captains have ever encountered. In the 4 ½ months we were on station in Palmyra and Kingman, we only had 6 days with weather good enough to conduct operations on the reef, and never in succession. I would recommend staying as far away from that place as possible, it is a death trap.” KH5K Kingman Reef now stands at number 12 worldwide on the most wanted DXCC entity list.

POSSIBLE SOUTH GEORGIA ACTIVATION . . . GM0HCQ/VP8CMH, Mike, has left the Falkland Islands aboard the Royal Research Ship James Clark Ross, which is currently heading to Punta Arenas for some scheduled ship repairs. Next they will set sail for Signy Island, South Orkney Islands (November 18-21), Bird Island, South Georgia (November 27-29) and King Edward Point, South Georgia (November 30-December 2). The dates are approximate. Mike is hopeful he will be able to disembark on to Bird Island for some activity as VP8SGK, possibly operating for two nights, depending on several factors. Activity will most likely be after 20Z on SSB and depending on conditions both at the shack and propagation.

-- DDX

PLANNING CONTINUES FOR 2016 VK0EK HEARD ISLAND . . . New operators have been added to the Dxpeditions growing list. New additions are VK6CQ, ZL3CW, HB9AHL, HB9BXE, WJ2O, K3EL, I8NHJ, NP4IW, AE0EE and DJ5IW. The number of ops signed up is now above the minimum number needed to charter the vessel for the project to go ahead. The team is balanced between scientists and radio operators. These milestones clear the way for the next planning details, including acquiring facilities and equipment, logistics, developing science and radio goals, developing the software, and fundraising. Half the team will do exploratory science, such as searching for rare and unknown species of plants and animals. They estimate as many as 300 as yet unknown species are on Heard, valuable parts of global biodiversity.

Also, due to Heard’s isolation, it has value for testing prediction models about climate change.

Half of the team, of course, will do ham radio, with about 21 days on the island. 100,000 or more QSOs are the goal. Some activities will be seen real time on http://www.heardisland.org. There is also a “needed poll” on http://vk0ek.org/vk0ek-band-made-poll/.

BIG NEW SIGNAL FROM WESTERN SAHARA . . . If the signals from semi-rare Western Sahara seem a bit louder these days chances are it’s due to their new 10-element Eantenna. The super-sized, multi-band skyhook was a gift FROM JA1BK, Kan Mizoguchi, to the Sahrawi Amateur Radio Union URS club station S01WS. If you’ve worked S01WS you can receive the pictured QSL card by sending your information direct to EA2JG.
IOTA Withdraws AN-014 Berkner Island
There’s No Land There - It’s all Ice!
Berkner Island, the sole qualifying island of AN-014, has been on the IOTA list since the very start of the IOTA Program. It was regularly shown on maps as a large island, albeit covered with a layer of very thick ice, separating the Ronne Ice Shelf from the Fildchen-Ronne Ice Shelf. Some contacts were made by LU1ZX from the old General Belgrano III Base on the island more than 30 years ago - no more than a handful of amateurs worldwide are credited with AN-014 on the IOTA database.

The remote possibility of a second operation that might be mounted at huge expense caused IOTA Management to review the retention of Berkner Island on the list. In recent years there have been authentic reports from the scientific community that Berkner Island is an ice-rise and that no part of the land-mass under it would be above water if there were no ice.

This information seems to have gathered credence with map-makers as the accepted view of the scientific community. Faced with information that confirms that the ice-rise does not meet IOTA’s qualification rules as a valid island IOTA Management have taken the decision to withdraw AN-014 from the IOTA list with immediate effect before any further operation takes place. The few existing credits will be withdrawn no later than 1 January 2015. — IOTA News

SINGLE OP LAOS, CAMBODIA, NEPAL AND MADAGASCAR OPERATIONS SCHEDULED
XW8BM, XV7BM, 9N7BM and SR8DX DXpeditions have been scheduled by operator JA8BMK, Toshi Fukuta, for January-February. Approval and documentation has been received. Here is Toshi’s schedule:
9N7BM, Toshi is presently in Nepal until November 20, with a vertical and receive antennas. SR8DX, January 10-25 by JA8BMK and JN1THL focusing on low bands and digital. XW8BM, February 5-25 from a new QTH with low noise and space for good antennas, including receive antennas XV7BM, March 1-31 with improved receive antennas. — DDX

Bouvet Island: High hopes for 2016!
The DX-WORLD.net has reported that well-known op ON4WW has received permission from the Norwegian Polar Institute for a one man DXpedition lasting for 3 months with a time frame of half January 2016 through half April 2016 to Bouvet Island.™ Bouvet Island (AN-002) is ranked number 3 in the DX Magazine’s 2013 Most Wanted Countries Survey (the results of the 2014 survey will not be known until January 2015). The last two operations from Bouvet were in December 2007 by Petrus, ZS6GCM, as 3Y0E and in December 2000 by Chuck, N4BQW, as 3Y0C.

Both operations were one man efforts. The last large DXpedition that took place there was 3Y5X (December 1989). Stay Tuned For Updates! - OPDX
Special Event Operations

7V – ALGERIA (CQZ 33) Throughout the month of November 7X2RD, Garti, and 7X2J; Noury, plan to have special event station 7V60AR on the air for the 60th anniversary of the Algerian Revolution. 7V60R is QRV for the same observance until Dec 31. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL Via 7X2ARA. Other 60th anniversary of the Algerian Revolution until Dec 31. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL Via 7X2ARD. — DDX

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AT – INDIA (CQZ 22) AT1JCB is an Indian call sign from Rajkot, Gujarat, Nov 21 - Dec 9 to celebrate the birth anniversary Nov 30 of Indian scientist Aacharya Jagdish Chandra Bose. This one will be on digital modes only, operated by VJ2EXP, Rajesh Vagadia. Raj will be experimenting with and learning how to use PSK31, PSK63, PSK125, JT65, JT9, RTTY, SIM31, ROS, SIM31, OLIVIA and others, on 40, 20, 15 and 10M. QSL direct to VJ2EXP, or eQSL or LoTW. VJ2DSI and VJ2JAU have been helpful in supporting this operation. They will be putting the call signs AT1JCB and AT3JCB themselves — OPDX

EA – SPAIN (CQZ 15) Members of the Cartagena Team put the special event call EHSN5SM on the air to commemorate the sinking of the Spanish Frigate "Nuestra Senora de Las Mercedes" during the battle at Cape Santa Maria (5 October 1804). QRV Nov. 1 to 16, QSL via EASHRD (d/B). http://cartagenateam.blogspot.de/ — DARC DX NL

FO8 – FRENCH POLYNESIA (CQZ 32) Starting November 1st through the end of the year members of the Club Oceane de Radio et D’Astronomie (COR), 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

G - ENGLAND (CQZ 14) Members of the North Kent Radio Society draw attention to the history of Hall Place, a former stately home and communications centre during WWII, with the call GB0SFE. QRV until 15 March 2015. — DARC DXNL

IY – ITALY (CQZ 15) (Special Prefix). Look for special event station IY1YE to be active now until Dec 31 from Loano <www.ariloano.it> to commemorate the experiments conducted by Gugliemo Marconi from his yacht 'Elettra' in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. Expect activity on CW and SSB, and on all bands including 30/17/12m. Receive a special QSL card via IK1QBT direct. — OPDX, DARC DXNL

JA – JAPAN (CQZ 25) The Ome Amateur Radio Club celebrates the 50th anniversary of the town Ome until Dec 13 with the call 8J150ZYG. QSL automatically via bureau. — DARC DXNL

K7 – ARIZONA, USA (CQZ 03) On Nov 17 members of the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club in Prescott, Arizona will be celebrating the 143rd anniversary of the National Rifle Association (NRA) operating K7NRA from the Gunsite Academy. Activity will be on 7.250, 14.050, 14.250 and 21.335 between 1500 and 0000Z http://www.w7yr.org/ — DDX

OP – BELGIUM (CQZ 14) (Special Prefixes). Belgian Telecom authorities (BIPT) granted to all Belgian stations the privilege to use the OP prefix to commemorate the Great War Nov 1-30 of each year and until 2018 (included). — OPDX

OR – BELGIUM (CQZ 14): Mario, ON4KV, informs the DX community that members of the Belgian Railway Amateur Radio Club (BRARC) will put the special event call OR50FIRAC on the air until 12 Dec. http://www.firac.de/index.html — DARC DXNL

R100DA will mark the 100 years of the Russian Military Air Forces. This one will be on digital modes only. QSL via RV3YR. — DDX

SP - POLAND (CQZ 15) Polish amateurs operate the following special event calls until Nov 25 for the national day of railway employees: 3Z2014DK, HF2014DK, and SN2014DK. They plan to operate together with FIRAC members on HF. A digital award is available for those with at least 3 contacts with these stations. QSL 3Z2014DK via SP8AJC, HF2014DK via SP6EQN, SN2014DK via SP5DZC, all others via bureau. http://sp9ja.blogspot.de/ and http://dziekolejarza.blogspot.com/ — DARC DXNL

SP – POLAND (CQZ 15) SN63D commemorates the end of the Warsaw Uprising (which lasted 63 days) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of the month from Lukow. QSL via SP8 (d/B). — DARC DXNL

YW – VENEZUELA (CQZ 09) In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Grupo DX Caracas special event station YWSN will be QRV as a QRP DXpedition from Pico Naguata Dec 12 - 14. Activity will be on 7,434 MHz, all modes. http://www.yy5ve.net/yw5n.html QSL: P.O. BOX 3636, CARACAS 1010 - A — DDX

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3B9 - RODRIGUEZ ISLAND (CQZ 39) Olof, G0CKV, will be active from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) Nov 16-22 Rodrigues Island; call sign 3B9HA. Olof will go to Mauritius to be part of the 3B8MU team for the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 29-30) in a Multi-Op entry. QSL L via G0CKV, direct, LoTW or eQSL. — OPDX

8Q – MALDIVE ISLANDS (CQZ 22) Russian ops 8RD, UA8DX and UA9CDC, are heading to Sun Island in the Maldives where they will be QRV as 8Q7DV Nov 23 - Dec 4. They have a website at http://8q7dv.net/, QSL via UA9CLB. — DDX

8Q – MALDIVE ISLANDS (CQZ 22) Francesco, IK0FUX will be active holiday style mostly CW on HF bands from Maayafushi Island, Maldives Islands 1-9 December as 8Q7UX QSL via home call. — AT DX News, OPDX

FR – REUNION ISLAND (CQZ 39) Stef FSUOW and Alain FBFUA will be active from Réunion Island IOTA AF-016. 29 Oct – 20 Nov, as FR/FSUOW & FR/FBFUA, respectively. QSL via home calls. — DX Coffee
EA8 – CANARY ISLANDS (CQZ 33) EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Andrea/IK1PMR and YL laud- ia/PA3LEO will again be active as EA8/home call from Tenerife Island (AF-004) Dec 9-Jan 8 (2015). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via HB9FKK (preferred) or their home call signs, by the Bureau, direct, or E-mail requests for Bureau cards. Also via LoTW and Clublog. For more details and updates, see: http://www.ik1pmr.com – OPDX

3W – VIETNAM (CQZ 26) Tony, KM0O will be active from Danang, Vietnam as 3W3O Nov 25 - Dec 24. Activity planned during CQ WW CW contest. Tony likes 80 and 160 meters, so he will probably be emphasizing those bands before and after the contest. QSL via H/c. LoTW uploads as soon as possible. QSL cards will NOT go out before until summer 2015– OPDX, DX-World.net

9N – NEPAL (CQZ 22) Toshi, JA8BMK is active from Kathmandu, Nepal in until 20 November as 9N7BM. He will be active holiday style using verticals and an amp on the HF Bands. QSL via home call. – DX-World.net, AT DX News

JW – SPITSBERGEN (CQZ 40) Alexander, UA3IPL will be active again from Spitsbergen archipelago till the end of February 2015 as JW/UA3IPL. He will be active on HF Bands CW (slow speed), SSB, RTTY, PSK31, JT65. He will use Yaesu FT-857D with FC30 tuner running 100 watts into a G5RV antenna. QSL via RW6HS direct. – AT DX News, OPDX, DARC DXNL

JW – SVALBARD (CQZ 40) LA9JKA (JX9JKA & JW9JKA), Svein, is heading to Bear Island (EU-027), Svalbard where he will be QRV as JW9JKA until April of next year. He will be working for the Meteorological service. As a reminder Bear Island counts as JW-Svalbard for DXCC and it counts as a separate country for the CQ World Wide DX Contests and the CQ DX Marathon. Svein will be QRV on HF and 6 Meters. QSL direct to LA9JKA. – DDX

RII - ANTARCTICA (CQZ 38) Oleg/ZS1ANF, Slava/RD3MX, and Alex/UA1PAW are going to stay on Novolazarevskaya Base (AN-016, AA UA-08, WAP RUS-09, RFF-162) from November to March next year. QRV as RII1ANR on 160-10m in CW and SSB. QSL via RK1PWA. – DARC DXNL

RII - ANTARCTICA (CQZ 39) Nikolai, RW6ACM ex RII1ANP will be active from Progress station, Antarctica starting 22 December as RII1ANZ. He will operate on all HF bands CW, SSB, Digital modes. QSL via RON1ON, LOTW, eQSL, OQRS. – AT DX News
AFRICAN TOURS (Update). Nick, G3RWF, is heading back to Southern Africa for a 5 week holiday starting in Lesotho and being active as 7P8NH Dec 11-14. Nick informs OPDX that this is “real holiday” with the entire family coming to Southern Africa between Christmas and the New Year. However, he will be there longer with his wife, Liz. Nick states [edited], “I shall be on the air from South Africa from about Dec 18 to Jan 5 as ZS1/G3RWF, and then from Namibia from about Jan 6-13(2015) as V5/G3RWF. All CW only (taking my K2).” Listen for him on the higher bands on CW (no SSB). He “doesn’t anticipate any 80m or 160m (and not 6m for those who always ask).” Nick also mentioned one other thing to OPDX that his 7P8 license is good for a year and he may well return there sometime not too far off. QSL via G3RWF. - OPDX

5R – MADAGASCAR (CQZ 39) Toshi, JA8BMK and Ken, JN1THL will be active from Madagascar 10-25 January 2015 as 5R8DX. They will be active on HF bands with focus on 80 and 160m. QSL via home JA8BMK. – AT DX News

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7P – LESOTHO (CQZ 38) Nick, G3RWF will be active from Lesotho 11-14 Dec as 7P8NH. He will be active on HF bands CW. QSL via home call. – AT DX News

A6 – UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (CQZ 21) VE6LB will be in the United Arab Emirates and QRV as A6/VE6LB on 7 through 28 MHz mostly on CW Dec 2-25. He’ll be running holiday style running 100 watts. QSL via VE6LB either direct, via the bureau or LoTW. - DDX

CN – MOROCCO (CQZ 33) RV3MA currently active on the HF bands from Morocco as CN2MA. QSL via UA2FM. – AT DX News

D4 - CAPE VERDE (CQZ 35) Fran, EA7FTR will be active from Boa Vista (Cosy) Island (IOTA AF-086), Cabo Verde 9 Nov -5 Dec as D44KS. He will be active on 40-6m SSB, RTTY. QSL via EB7DX. – AT DX News

EA8 – CANARY ISLANDS (CQZ 33) Starting Dec 9 EA8/IK1PMR, Andrea, and EA8/PA3LEO, Claudia, will be on Tenerife Island, Canary Islands. They’ll be QRV on 1.8 through 50 MHz on CW, RTTY and SSB until January 8, 2015. QSL via HB9FKK either direct, via the bureau, or LoTW. http://www.ik1pmr.com/ -- DDX

J2 – DJIBOUTI (CQZ 37) Christian, F5MBF currently in Djibouti until July 2015 using the call J28NC. He is using a Cushcraft AV5 and a wire antenna but is having a lot of trouble with his reception. Christian says “Many operators do not understand that I have a lot of trouble with my reception. I have problems with my Yaesu FT2000 RX and, in addition, I have a lot of local QRM here where I live. . .” QSL manager is Jean-Marc, F5RQQ. QSL requests may be sent via the bureau or direct with payment for postage. Details may be found at http://www.qrz.com/db/j28nc

V5 – NAMIBIA (CQZ 38) Nick, G3RWF will be active from Namibia 6-13 January 2015 as V5/G3RWF. He will be active on HF bands CW. QSL via home call. – AT DX News

ZD8 – ASCENSION ISLAND (CQZ 36) NSZO will be active from Ascension Island 17 Nov- 3 Dec as ZD8O. He will be active in CQ WW DX SSB CW Contest in SOAB category. QSL via OH0XX. – AT DX News

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ZS8A MARION ISLAND (CQZ 38)
E5 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (CQZ 32) Steve, KL7SB will be active from Rarotonga Island (IOTA OC-013), South Cook Islands November - December as E51RAT. Activity will be limited as time permits but he will be QRV in CQ WW DX CW Contest 29-30 Nov. Steve describes the station as an IC756Pro and kilowatt to a Tennadyne T7 for 17-10M, a KLM 205-M monobander for 20, a 43-foot vertical for 40, and off center-fed dipole for 80. QSL via NISDX. – DDX, AT DX News, OPDX

FO0 – AUSTRAL ISLANDS (CQZ 32) Wayne, KK6BT, plans a trip to Raivavae Island (OC-114) Jan. 5 - 11. QRV on 40-10m in SSB with a focus on north and central Europe. More information and callsign to follow. – DARC DXNL

JD1 – MINAMI TORISHIMA (CQZ 27) Take, JG8NQJ, is currently working at the wx station on Minami Torishima (OC-073, WW Loc. QL64xg, JCC 10007). QRV solely in CW during spare time until mid-December as JG8NQJ/JD1. QSL via JA8CJY (d), JG8NQJ (B). – DARC DXNL

KH8 – AMERICAN SAMOA (CQZ 32) JH3PRR will be active from American Samoa in CQ WW DX CW Contest 29-30 Nov as KH8B. He will be in SOAB HP category. QSL via JH3PRR, LOTW. – AT DX News

TX5 – AUSTRAL ISLANDS (CQZ 32) KK6BT will be active from Raivavae Island (IOTA OC-114), Austral Islands 5-11 January 2015 as TX5W. Wayne will be active on 40-10m SSB, including the 17 and 12m bands. His primary objective is to work as many amateurs in Central and Northern Europe as possible. Logs will be posted on Club Log. QSL via KE8G and OQRS. http://www.qrz.com/db/TX5W – OPDX, AT DX News, DDX

V6 – MICRONESIA (CQZ 27) As of Tuesday November 11th JE1HXZ, Mitsuru, was QRV as V63XZ from Pohnpei Island, Micronesia. He’s running 100 watts on CW and SSB until November 16th. He’s on 7-50 MHz using a full size dipole on 40, rotary dipole on 30, 17 and 12 meters, a multi-band Yagi on 20, 15 and 10 meters and a five element Yagi on 6 meters. QSL via JE1HXZ either via the bureau or direct with SASE. – DDX

V7 – MARSHALL ISLANDS (CQZ 31) NL8F, Tim, tells The Daily DX he’s “heading back to the Marshall Islands” and plans to be QRV as V73TM from Majuro (OC-029) “for a week and a few days, starting late Nov 24 and departing Dec 3. – DDX

VK9N – NORFOLK ISLAND (CQZ 32) G7VJR, Michael, will be traveling to Australia with Samantha, his YL, for Christmas and plans to take a side-trip to Norfolk Island (VK9N) Dec 26 - Jan 1. He plans some “holiday-style” CW using his barefoot Elecraft K3 and verticals. There are no plans to operate the low bands. His log will be posted on Club Log at http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=VK9/G7VJR. He’ll also “promptly” be uploading to LoTW. QSL via M0OXO. – DDX

FWIW – CALL SIGN NOW ALLOWED AS FACEBOOK “NAME” A policy change at Facebook will now allow ham calls to be used as your Facebook “name.” In the past hams have worked around this by using phonetics for their call. Example: KilloNinePapaGolf. That apparently will not be necessary now, making it easier for hams to find each other on that social medium.
6Y-JAMAICA (CQZ 08) 6Y6N is the call sign for DK9PY, Armin, Nov 26-Dec 17, from a QTH at Saint Elizabeth and Runaway Bay. He has an FT-857. For the CQWW CW he plans to use the station of 6Y5WJ, Josh. Armin will be "full participation," single operator. Outside the CQWW it'll be the 857 barefoot, 100 watts, to an inverted L. During the contest it'll be a Yagi and quad. Armin plans to be on all bands except 160, operating CW, active "as time allows," but usually in the mornings from 10-14Z and evenings starting at 22Z, open ended. – DDX

9Y – TRINIDAD & TOBAGO (CQZ 09) Nick, VE3EY will be active from Trinidad and Tobago Islands 26 Nov - 1 Dec as 9Y4/VE3EY. He will be active in CQ WW DX CW Contest 29-30 Nov in SOAB HP Category in a suitcase operation using K3 transceiver and KPA500 amplifier and two beach verticals. Prior to the contest listen for 9Y4/VE3EY on Topband. QSL via VE3EY -- AT DX News, DDX

CE0 – EASTER ISLAND (CQZ 12) Gerben, PG5M will be active from Easter Island (IOTA SA-001) 23-28 Nov as CE0Y/PG5M. He will be active on HF bands CW. QSL via home call, QOQRS. – AT DX News

CE0Z – JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLANDS (CQZ 12) CESWQO will be active from Robinson Crusoe Island (IOTA SA-005), Juan Fernandez Islands 19-27 Nov as CE0Z/CESWQO. He will be active on HF bands. QSL via KA3JKM direct. – AT DX News

CO – CUBA (CQZ 08). Frank, CO2IR, will be active during the CQWW DX CW (Nov 29-30) Contests as a Single-Op/Single-Transmitter/Single-Band (20m)/QRP entry. Frank states, "I will be also active especially on CW after and before the contests. QSL via the info on QRZ.com: http://www.qrz.com/db/co2ir – OPDX

FP – MIQUELON (CQZ 05) KV1J, Eric, will be returning to Miquelon operating as FP/KV1J Feb 26 - Mar 10 2015. He plans to be on 80-10 primarily on SSB and RTTY but some CW and other digital modes. Depending on weather conditions he may also be on 160 and 6 Meters. Eric will be active in the NAQP RTTY and the ARRL SSB DX contests. QSL via KV1J direct, bureau or LoTW. http://www.kv1j.com/fp/Feb15.html – DDX

HC8 – GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (CQZ 10) G8OFQ will be active from Isabella Island, Galapagos Islands 1 July- 30 Sept 2015 as HC8/G8OFQ. He will be active on 160-6m. QSL via HA3JB – AT DX News

HI – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CQZ 08) DJ0ML, Vittorio, is in Higuey, Dominican Republic and QRV as DJ0ML/HI7 on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters until June of next year. QSL via his callbook address. -- DDX

JP2 – CURACAO (CQZ 09) DH6TJ, Sascha, plans to in Westpunkt, Curacao Island Feb 2 - Mar 31, 2015 working at a dive base as a guide and will be QRV as PJ2/DH6TJ in his spare time. He'll be using an IC-706MKIIIG into a triple leg antenna for 20, 15 and 10 meters running 300 watts on SSB. Sascha notes this will be his first time on the air from the other side of the pileup. – DDX

PZ – SURINAM (CQZ 09) Wolfgang, DL4WO will be active from Suriname 15 Nov - 15 Jan 2015 as PZ5JW. He will be active on HF bands. QSL via home call. – AT DX News
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<td>VU4KV</td>
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<td>ATDX</td>
<td>By W4VKU VU2PTT VU2PAI VU2NKS VU2BSG VU3DMP VU2CDP A45WH VU2ABS VUJ3KPL fm Neil I (AS-001); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 5 stations, high power</td>
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The thing with DXing is to be on the air enough and live long enough. -- G3RZP E-ham DX Forum
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<td>FO/M</td>
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**CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 29-30, 2014)** Check for pre-contest activity.

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<td>EA8</td>
<td>LotW</td>
<td>IK1PMR 20141023</td>
<td>By IK1PMR as EA8IK1PMR and PA3LEO as EA8/P A3LEO fm Tenerife I (AF-004); 160-6m; CW RTTY SSB, QSL via HB9FKK (preferred) or home_call (Buro or direct)</td>
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<td>By JH0IXE fm Koror I; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY JT6S PSK31; QSL also OK via JH0FOX Buro, JH0IXE direct, eQSL</td>
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<td>By G7VJR fm VK9N/G7VJR; high bands; CW</td>
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**KNOWN PIRATE OPERATION**

Is the infamous Pacific Pirate QRV again? Perhaps as some clown has been bootlegging the call ZU1A on 30 and 40 meters CW. He claims his name is Henke and declaring he’s drilling ice cores in minus 40 Celsius located on the mysterious Union Island off the coast of Antarctica. The real ZU1A call sign is licensed to Shaun George Irwin from Cape Town, South Africa. If you hear ZU1A, especially on CW on 40, 30 or even 20 meters it’s probably a pirate. Spot him with the beam heading so we know where he is really located, probably in the southern Pacific! — DDX
### NFDSA 2014 Zone Band DX Contest - Thru 11/10/2014

**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 | 168 | 20 | 188
KX4WW | | | | 0
N1WON | | | | 0
N4EPD | | | | 0
N4GFO | | | | 0
N4JBK | | | | 0
N4KE | | | | 0
N4UF | | | | 0
NF4L | | 1 | 10 | 11
NO4J | | | | 0
NU4Y | | 0 | 100 | 0
NW4C | W | 10 | 0 | 10
VP5YZ | | | | 0
W1FO | B | 51 | 30 | 81
W4FDA | | | | 0
W4GJ | | | | 0
WA4B | | | | 0
WA6EZV | | | | 0
WR4K | V | 203 | 50 | 253

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.

The CWops group will be featuring a Very Special Slow-Speed CWops Test on 12 November. The 20 wpm-and-under event is targeted at the new and enthusiastic CW Academy graduates -- help make them feel welcome and eager to come back for more.

Bill is still in the same hospital, the Hospital for Special Care, 1250 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT, USA, but now is in room 1250. Bill passes along his "sincere gratitude to everyone who has taken the time to send him a card, letter, [and] well wishes." He has received about 1,200 of them so far, with more coming in. W1RM (Pete) says, "As the true DXCCer he is, he started tracking how many countries he has received them from. Anyone wishing to contact him should do so through his home address," WILFRED G MOORE, NC1L 92 RESERVOIR RD, NEWINGTON, CT 06111

TC0A will be the Balkan Contest Club’s call sign in the CQWW CW, this time from Bozcaada, AS-099. The group will include LZ1CNN, LZ1DCW, LZ1MBU, LZ1NK, LZ2UUW, LZ3FN, LZ3ND, LZ3YY, TA2TX and TA3D. They will likely be active under their individual call sign stroke TA0/LZ**** or TA***/0 when not in the CQWW. QSL via LZ1NK or LoTW.
UK TO USE WW2 LORAN TECHNOLOGY TO BACK UP SATELLITE GPS

Technology developed during World War Two is to be used as a back-up for satellite-based Global Positioning System (GPS). The United Kingdom’s General Lighthouse Authorities announced that it has installed a system called enhanced or eLORAN in seven ports across Britain. The United Kingdom’s General Lighthouse Authorities says many critical instruments on ships use GPS, but if GPS were to fail the consequences could be disastrous. However, the General Lighthouse Authorities contend that eLORAN, which uses proven technology dating back to the 1940’s is ground rather than satellite-based system and is designed to be used in the event of a GPS failure.

Testing for eLoran has taken place in Felixstowe which is the busiest container port in the UK.

LORAN is an acronym that stands for Long Range Navigation. The system was developed in the United States and was widely used aboard both ships and aircraft during and following World War II. – AR News

SHORTWAVE’S NEWEST BROADCASTER GLOBAL 24 RADIO NOW ON THE AIR

There is a new shortwave radio broadcaster coming your way from here in the United States. Global 24 Radio is an English language, around-the-clock, fixed-frequency, commercial shortwave radio broadcaster, transmitting via the 100 kilowatt facilities of WRMI (Radio Miami International) in Okeechobee, Florida.

The shortwave station began broadcasting on Friday, October 31st at zero hundred hours UTC on 9.395 MHz.

More information on the station and a daily programming listing is at www.global24radio.com.

The operators of Global 24 Radio would like to hear from their listeners. Comments and reception reports can be sent to: qsls@global24radio.com — Global 24 Radio

WRMI’s 100 Kilowatt Transmitter

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At least we left there with everything working except the IC-736, which I never even looked at. Next year should be easier, and not as expensive. We had all of Tuesday to spend down at the beach and at the Bar. Wed. we traveled home and back to reality. What fun is that……. The contest would go better with at least 1 more person, maybe 2 or 3 more to share the contest load. We are not as young as we once were.

On a personal note: My grandson on Oct. 7 woke up and could not walk. Went from being a normal 9 year old active boy to into a wheel chair for a couple of weeks and then to a walker. Some kind of inner ear virus that has ruined his balance. He is getting better and within a couple more weeks should be near normal. This week he got a FedEx package. He is a huge football fan and follows the Jacksonville, Jaguars. It was a football jersey, Jaguars #5 signed by Blake Bortles, saying get well soon. What a class act. Now back to the dx, I really need to work the VU4 someplace for # 335 current.

— Jim NU4Y

The Golden Age of Ham Radio

The five-year period centered on when you got your license: Everything before then was a primitive wasteland and everything after that has been going to hell in a handbasket!


Frivolous Factoids

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.
It’s interesting to reflect on how major DXpeditions are remembered. The general view is if you managed to work them for an all-time new one (ATNO) or filled out a few spaces the DXpedition is considered to be a ‘good one’. If not…well, you get the picture. I wonder how FT4TA is going to be remembered.

Tromelin has been in the top 10 most wanted for some time. There’s no doubt it will drop down a few notches as this operation made a whopping 71,465 contacts during its 10-day stay! Quite an achievement for only 7 operators who (among other things) faced near continuous, deliberate QRM.

To their credit the FT4 team made an obvious effort to work NA stations, some 17,946 overall, and in particular efforting W6 and 7 contacts. Although total Euro contacts still doubled the number of NA Qs much of that can be attributed to Tromelin Island being much so much closer to Europe.

The FT4TA team’s early uploads to LoTW deserve special praise.

But I’m puzzled by the FT4TA team stating its focus would be to give out an all-time new contact to individual operators instead of the bingo card band fills to those who already had Tromelin confirmed. However, early on they began operating 80 and 40 meters and using RTTY—not exactly the bands and mode that one uses to maximize all-time new contacts! As it stands their unique total was 18,428 which wasn’t too shabby. It’s higher than the average operation.

One interesting tactic - which I assume the team used deliberately both to thin out the pile and lessen ongoing jamming attempts - was to make unannounced standbys. Sometimes they were QRX three-to-five minutes at a time. Several times, they simply changed frequency and went someplace else. This appeared to discourage the QRM miscreants a little bit as they apparently depend on near continuous cluster spotting to figure out where the DXped ops are at the moment . . . Then again it could simply have been a method to give the operator a breather. Using only seven men to keep four stations in nearly continuous 24 hour operation for 10 days had to have been an exhausting grind for the team.

In sum, I’ll remember FT4TA as one of the toughest entities ever for me to get as an ATNO. But I did get the Q, a single 10 meter SSB contact already LoTW confirmed, number 325. That makes it a ‘good DXpedition’ in my book. May the good DX be yours…NW4C