



The North Florida DX Association

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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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NFDXA Ops 'Showered' in April by Good DX Conditions and Major DXpedition Announcements

April has opened with a shower of good DX tidings. First came announcements of major DXpeditions to places not heard from in ages--like number-four most-wanted FT5Z Amsterdam Island and remote and isolated XR0Z Juan Fernandez off the South American coast.

As this is being written, two licensed Ham Radio ops are en route to number 9 most-wanted ZS8 Marion Island. Both may be QRV by mid-May; two others on the team will be licensed shortly. Last, and certainly not least, another major DXpedition announcement has been promised April 20 by the Intrepid-DX Group.

All this good news is being enhanced by improving conditions. The 'high bands' are surprising many with late openings well into the night and early morning hours. The solar flux has been running close to 150 several days running!

This has led to a burst of activity by a number of NFDXA ops. **Dick, K4UTE** reports numerous 12 and 15 meter Qs with usually hard-to-hear Asian stations like 9V, BV and VU. Early-risers **Larry, K3LB** and **Bob, W4GJ** nailed a "really loud" Lord Howe Island station on 20 CW. And a club-wide increase in activity has been noted in the NFDXA Club Zone Contest.

The enhanced conditions are being enjoyed by DX-stations as well as. According to **Rolf, DL7VE** who's currently QRV as **5W0M** in Samoa: "We are surprised about the fantastic openings to Europe on the high bands with big signals especially during first part of the night until midnight (local)."



Rich K4UTE



Larry K3LB



Bob, W4GJ

FCC Wants to Reassess its RF Exposure Limits Rules

The FCC wants to take another look at its RF exposure limits and policies and to propose changes to the existing requirements. In late March the commission filed a 201-page notice of proposed rule-making which stated a periodic review of regulations is needed in order to keep pace with current knowledge, specifically those reviews related to health and safety of radiofrequency (RF) emissions from radio transmitters. These proposed changes would affect the Amateur Radio Service ([Part 97](#)) rules.

The commission's actions are intended "...to ensure that its measures are compliant with its environmental responsibilities and requirements and that the public is appropriately protected from any potential adverse effects from RF exposure as provided by the rules, while avoiding any unnecessary burden in complying with these rules." The FCC invited comments on how this would affect the amateur community and is encouraging interested parties to comment on relative costs and benefits of proposed changes in this section, as well as those of alternative approaches."



April NFDXA Meeting
Clark's Fish Camp
5pm Sat April 20

NFDXA OFFICERS 2013

The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is a group of Amateur Radio Operators located in north Florida and south Georgia whose interests are DXing and Contesting. NFDXA meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at a place selected by the meeting organizer. Officers elected for the calendar year 2013 are:

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Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the elected officers of the Association <http://www.nfdxa.com>

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March Meeting Attendance

Name	Call	# Attending	Name	Call	# Attending
Steve Brown	AB4UF	0	Billy Williams	N4UF	0
John Hale	AC4ET	0	Mike Reublin	NF4L	1
Larry Bostic	K3LB	1	Dave Mains	NO4J	0
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	0	Jim Iori	NU4Y	1
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	1	Warren Croke	NW4C	1
John Silberman	KB4CRT	*1	Mike Garcia	W1FO	0
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	1	Pres Graham	W4FDA	0
Bill Walker	KX4WW	0	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	0
Cory McDonald	NIWON	0	Steve Barber	WA4B	1
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	1	David Price	WA4ET	0
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	0	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	1
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	0	Dick Knox	WR4K	0
Ron Blake	N4KE	1			

Attendance: NFDXA Members 11 (* = Attend via Skype) Guests 2

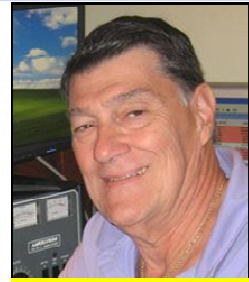
Notice to NFDXA Membership

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



— DX FEVER —

How quickly a month goes by, I would like to thank everyone that attended the March meeting and helped resolve the By-Laws issue for now. As I sit at the computer trying to assemble a slide program for Dayton on a radio topic that has absolutely nothing to do with DX while listening to a very weak (to me) J28 station on 15M, I am constantly reminded of just how diverse a hobby we enjoy. Chasing DX, working contests, rag chewing, Public Service, FM, AM, SSTV, VHF, digital modes, ARDF, EME, Balloon launches etc. all provide us with a chance to explore different facets of the hobby. I sometimes wish I had the funds to dabble in many of the different modes. The main point, I guess, is that Ham Radio means something different to everyone and regardless of which aspect of the hobby we select; we should encourage others to join our ranks and enjoy being a ham.



Bob WA6EZV

Club Activity – Several members are near or have just reached some great DX milestones. These include Jim, NU4Y for again joining the ranks of DXCC Honor Roll, Mike, NF4L, who is patiently awaiting 3 QSLs (At last count) for DXCC Honor Roll, Richard for working #328 on 12 Meters, and Dale, N4NN for an absolutely impressive stat for the Sprately operation, not only landing them on 160 meters but also on some 12 other bands/modes.

DXA Software – This was something new for the TX5K operation. It was very impressive, especially seeing your call on the screen just a minute after operating the station. I found it also useful for seeing who was working them from where and on what frequency. I expect we will see more of this in the future. I would be curious to hear what others think of this type of software.

Favorite DX Spot – XXXX on 14000 going QRT. Would love to reply. Gee thanks for letting me know they are no longer there

Until next time, 73
De **WA6EZV, Bob**



Minutes of March 16, 2013 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by **WA6EZV at 6:04 PM**
Everyone introduced themselves. The January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report—Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of: \$1246.54, and all dues are paid.

Old business -

Those who attended the Orlando Hamcation were recognized, and it was agreed a good time was had by all.

Bob, WA6EZV gave an update on the club contest, recognizing the leaders and noting that **Rich, K4UTE** had lapped the field by starting over.

The by-law change proposed by **Warren, NW4C** to eliminate the meeting attendance requirement was discussed and passed 8 to 2 with one abstention.

There was some discussion about the ARRL requirements to remain listed as an affiliated club. The consensus was that we are qualified to remain on the list.

David's (WA4ET) request for the return of his amplifier was discussed, and **Jim NU4Y** volunteered to work out a settlement with David.

New business -

Jim KC4FWS asked for direction regarding NFDXA contribution to NCDXF. The vote was to continue the annual \$250.00 contribution.

Ron, N4KE reported that Pres, W4FDA had suffered a stroke, and currently is in Brooks Rehab facility. He is expected to be released around the 27th of March.

Tentative plans had been to have the gathering for the 2012 contest at Pres's home. It was decided to delay until the fall (Sept-Oct).

Jim NU4Y asked for the donation of a tri-band Yagi to take to VP5 to replace the unusable one there. Contact Jim if you have one.

Next meeting planner (Apr) is **Joe, N4JBK**

Guests: **Dale, N4NN** and **Greg N4CC**

The meeting was adjourned at **6:47 PM**

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



Faces in the crowd at the NFDXA meeting March 16, 2013



Top row, L-R: Bob, WA6EZY; Guests Gregg, N4CC and Dale, N4NN; Jim, NU4Y and Larry, K3LB
2nd Row, left side top to bottom: Mike, N4EPD; Warren, NW4C; Steve, WA4B. Middle group shot,
front to back: Mike, NF4L; Dale, N4NN; Gregg, N4CC; Mike, N4EPD; Jim NU4Y and Larry, K3LB. 2nd
Row, right side top to bottom: Rich, K4UTE; Waitress Melissa who always makes the club feel welcome
 when we come here and Jim, KC4FWS. Bottom row, middle, l-r: Mike, NU4Y and Ron, N4KE.

Insert, far right: Laptop screen shot of John, KB4CRT, who attended the meeting via Skype.

— Photos by WA4B and NW4C

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS



A reminder that International Marconi Day will take place April 20. For more information and to see what stations have announced they will be part of this event take your web browser to www.gb4imd.com. (IARU via AR Newsline)

4A – MEXICO (CQZ 06) 4A8DMR, Mexico, will celebrate World Amateur Radio Day, April 18th. It's the IARU's 88th anniversary. The theme of this year's event is Amateur Radio: Entering its Second Century of Disaster Communications. Inclusive dates of the 4A8DMR operation are Apr 18-21. The ops will be on 160-6 and satellites from various Mexican grids. There is an associated award. <http://www.dxxe.org/>. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog. QSL direct via N7RO. --DDX

5T – MAURITANIA (CQZ 35) During the month of May 5T0JL (ON8RA), Jean, will be using special event callsign **5TIFOC** in celebration of the 75th anniversary of FOC (First Class CW Operators' Club). The special license was issued by the Autorite de Regulation (ARE) and a copy of the ticket "has been sent to the ARRL DXCC Manager Bill/NC1L" says Jean. He'll be operating simplex "exclusively" as he doesn't want to "be a jammer to others".

CE – CHILE (CQZ 12) Special event station **XR86PL** is QRV until Apr 30 in commemoration of the 86th anniversary of the Chilean police, Carabineros de Chile. Activity is on all bands using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via CE3ETE. --ARRL DX

CT – PORTUGAL (CQZ 14) Special event station **CS250CLE** is QRV until the end of 2013 to celebrate the jubilee of the construction 250 years ago of the Torre dos Clerigos bell tower in Porto. QSL via CS5RPT. --ARRL DX

DL - FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (CQZ 14) Special event station **DP50IPAHB** is QRV until the end of 2013 in commemoration of the close association between IPA and amateur radio in Bremen during the last 50 years. QSL via bureau. --ARRL DX

F - FRANCE (CQZ 14) Special event station **TM28UFT** has been QRV since Apr 7 and will be QRV until the 21st in commemoration of the 28th annual meeting of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT), taking place in Panazol, France. QSL via F9IE either direct or via the REF QSL bureau. --DDX

F - FRANCE (CQZ 14) Celebrating 35 years the members of the Provins ARC (F6KOP) will be airing special call **TM35KOP** May 3-18. Activity will be on 1.8 through 10 GHz (JN18pn), mostly over the weekends. F6KOP has organized many big DXpeditions like 5V7C, TO7C, 5H1C, J5C, XT2C, PJ4C, TJ9PF, 5X8C, TK7C, IS0R, TS7C, TM7CC, TM7C and even some French IOTA's. QSL via the REF QSL bureau to F6KOP or direct to F5NQL with SAE and one valid IRC or two US green stamps. --DDX

F – FRABCE (CQZ 14) TM64PAU is being organized by the Radio Club of Pau in France. This one will be on the air May 6-21 on 80M-70cm, to mark the 72nd Grand Prix race there and the 4th edition of the Grand Prix historic of Pau, Department 64, France.) <http://f6kdu.wordpress.com/>. QSL via F6KDU, the club's call sign, via the Office of REF-Union, or to the: Radio Club of Pau, 7 rue Pierre Brossollette, 64000 PAU, FRANCE

GB0 - ENGLAND (CQZ 14) Look for John, M0JFE, of the Fleetwood Radio Enthusiast Group, (along with the help of others) to activate some CASHOTA monuments during the month of April. He has obtained the special call sign **GB0FRG**. His remaining schedule is as follows: **April 16** - War memorial in Memorial Park Fleetwood; Reference numbers: LR SD328474, WAB SD34 and QRA IO83LW. **April 23** - Activation Jubilee Towers Quernmore just outside of Lancaster; Reference numbers: LR SD542573, WAB SD55 and QRA IO84PA. Activity will be on 80-10 meters and 2m & 70cm; propagation dependent. Stations that work ALL 4 activations and E-mail in their log to <gb0frg@hotmail.com> will be E-mailed a special certificate from their club. The club's Web site is: <http://www.fleetwoodradiogroup.moonfruit.com/#>

HB – SWITZERLAND (CQZ 14) Members of the Tera Radio Club are QRV with special event call sign **HB30OK** until the end of 2013 in celebration of their 30th anniversary. They will also be active in the upcoming CQ WW WPX SSB contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via HB9OCR. --DDX

HZ – SAUDI ARABIA (CQZ 21) During the month of May, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of FOC, 7Z1HL, Harry, will be operating special event station **HZIFOC** from Saudi Arabia. --DDX

LZ – BULGARIA (CQZ 20) LZ134SOF from Bulgaria is on the air to celebrate the 134th anniversary of Sofia, the capital. This one plans activity on all bands and modes. QSL to LZ1KZX.

PA – NETHERLANDS (CQZ 14) PB200KING (Pays-Bas 200 years of Kingdom) will be active due the inauguration of HRH King Willem-Alexander on Apr 30, 2013 celebrating 200 years of the Kingdom no the Netherlands. Thetation will be active until May 8., QSL via buro or direct PA1TX. There will be a delay as the QSL-cards have yet to be ordered and printed. --DX Coffee via PA7CW

PA – NETHERLANDS (CQZ 14) PA150BA is a special Dutch call marking 150 years of Bronbeek, a military pensioners home and museum. Op PA0FAW is concentrating on CW, with some digital and SSB. QSL PA0FAW via the buro plus eQSL es direct, but no LoTW.

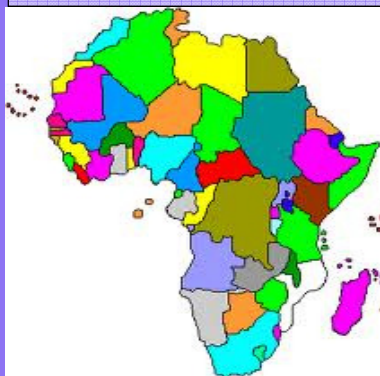
LZ – BULGARIA (CQZ 20) LZ134SOF is celebrating Sofia's 134th anniversary. Activity on all bands and modes. QSL to LZ1KZX.

SV9 – CRETE (CQZ 20) J49C is on the air from Crete celebrating the 100th anniversary of Crete's final annexation to the Kingdom of Greece. QSL direct to SV9COL or get credit on LoTW. There will be a ClubLog log search. --DDX

VQ9 – CHAGOS (CQZ 39) ND9M, Jim, is QRV as **VQ9JC** from Diego Garcia until July with special call **VQ975FOC** during May for the 75th anniversary of FOC. June-July 7th he'll use special call **VQ93JC**. Jim operates Field Day style with single band dipoles, as the VQ9 club station is QRT. Listen for him typically 12-16Z and on Fridays starting as early as 0830Z. QSL via ND9M. --DDX

YO – ROMANIA (CQZ 20) Special event station **YP20ARER** is QRV until the end of 2013 commemorating 20 years of the Association of Romanian Amateur Environmentalists. QSL via YO6CUF. --ARRL DX

DX AFRICA



5H – TANZANIA (CQZ 37) Here's a chance to get some African IOTAs. The *Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin* reports **5H1DX** in Tanzania by DF8DX will be Apr 20-28. Bodo plans to get to several IOTAs, AF-075, Bongoyo, call sign 5H1DX/3; AF-063, Pemba, call sign 5H1DX; and AF-032, Zanzibar, call sign 5H1DX. He will be on HF and EME. QSL via DF8DX. – *OPDX and DDX*

5H – TANZANIA (CQZ 37) Maurizio, IK2GZU will be QRV as **5H3MB** until May 8 while working at a local hospital and orphanage. He will be active in his spare time on the HF bands. QSL to home call. – *ARRL DX*

5T-MAURITANIA (CQZ 35) Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the The First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC), look for Jean 5T0JL to be active from May 1-31, 2013 as

5T1FOC. QSL via ON8RA. — *DX World.net*

9L – SIERRA LEONE (CQZ 35) This one is for your futures file ... **9L1BXU** will be the call of G7BXU, Stephen, from Freetown, Sierra Leone in December of this year and January of next. QSL via G7BXU. --*DDX*

9X – RWANDA (CQZ 36) Kiyoo, JR1IZM is QRV as 9X0ZM in Kigali and expects to stay here for a year. He is active in his free time on 40 to 10 meters using mainly PSK31 and JT65 with some CW and SSB. QSL via JOICRA. --*DDX*

A3 - TONGA (CQZ 32) **A35JP** from Tongatapu Island, IOTA OC-049, will be QRV May 5-22. Op JA0RQV, Masa, is there doing some work for the Tonga government and will operate in his spare time, hopefully every night, local time, after he gets off work. He plans CW and SSB with 100 watts to a tuner and ground plane. If you need Tonga you can email Masa asking for a sked: ja0rqv@jarl.com. QSL to his home QTH in Japan with SASE and one IRC. –*OPDX via DDX*

FH – MAYOTTE (CQZ 39) You've had several chances to work this one since our last *PileUp*. DL7BC, Hartwig, was on Mayotte Island (AF-027) where he was QRV with special call **TO7BC** Mar 26- Apr 9 - including the CQ WPX SSB Contest - and then Apr 10-12 as **FH/DL7BC**. The special TO7 call was only good for two weeks; hence, the last three days Hartwig used FH/home call. He has a web page at http://www.qslnet.de/member/dl7bc/en_TO7BC.htm. If you worked either or both calls, QSL direct or via the DARC QSL bureau to DL7BC. --*DDX*

FH – MAYOTTE ISLAND (CQZ 39) The next DXpedition by "Italian Dxpediton Team" will be to Mayotte Island (FH), Oct 3-17, 2013. The HF Pilot station will be IK7JWY and the 6M band Pilot station: IK0FTA. Software Management (real-time log on line) will be handled by IH9GPI. Official website for the DXpedition: <http://www.i2ysb.com> and the 'Official' forum: <http://www.hamradioweb.org> --*DX WORLD.net*

ST – SUDAN (CQZ 34) Mario CT1FTR is QRV from Khartoum as **ST2FT** until June, 2013. He's using and FT-857 working into an Antenna loop using an SGC-230 tuner. QSL via CT1FTR or eQSL -- *DX Coffee*

ST – SUDAN (CQZ 34) PA5M, Michael, renewed and obtained his **ST2DX** license in Sudan and hopes to be QRV soon. He borrowed a rig from ST2M, Madgi, and expects to be in country until the end of April. He'll be mostly on SSB on HF. QSL via PA7FM. --*DDX*

SU – EGYPT (CQZ 34) RW3AH, Sparky has received his Egyptian call sign, **SU9AF** which allows him to operate on 160, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 from his Cairo QTH--but not 80 or 30M, as those bands are not allowed in Egypt. Also not allowed, 6M, VHF, UHF or satellite. Andy's station is an Icom IC-718 to a delta-loop for 20 and 10, a vertical for 17, 15 and 12. He does not have a 160 antenna at present. It took nine months for the license to come through and is good through the end of this year. The length of his stay in Egypt is not known. <http://www.CQDX.ru/su9af>. Here are frequencies Sparky favors: **CW** - 7002, 14002, 18070, 21002, 24895 and 28002 kHz. On SSB look for him around: 7155, 14155, 14195, 18155, 21295, 24940 and 28495 kHz — *DDX*

A good antenna is ALWAYS the best amplifier in a station-F8AFC

DX ASIA



7Z – SAUDI ARABIA (CQZ 21) NI6S, Edward, is in Saudi Arabia until Dec 2 and has been issued the call **7ZIES**. He's running a 100 watt Icom into an Inverted Vee/Cushcraft R8/20 Meter Moxon. Plans are to be QRV on SSB, CW, RTTY, Digital, DStar and Sat I60 through 2 meters. QSL via IZ8CLM direct or bureau. Also, LoTW and eQSL. --DDX

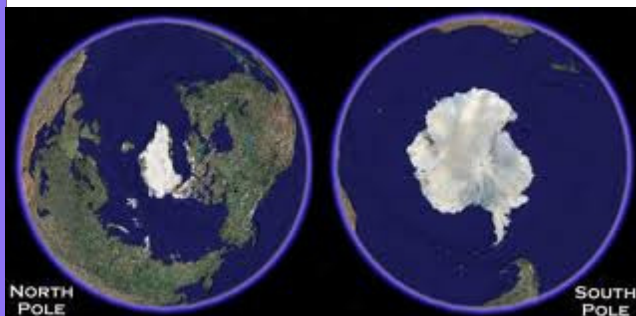
A9 – BAHRAIN (CQZ 39) A92IO, operator EI3IO, David in Bahrain, has had all of his 160M vertical radials stolen! He does not plan on getting back on 160 before he leaves Bahrain at the end of August. David tells the story on his QRZ.com page. --DDX

T6 – AFGHANISTAN (CQZ 21) T6MO (K9GY), Eric, is starting to wind down in Afghanistan in preparation for coming home. He's training his replacement and have a little more "on the air" time and hopes to remain QRV until around Apr 26-28. He believes "160m is toast for the season now" and "may put a 6m 3L beam in its place" --OPDX

UA0 – ASIATIC RUSSIA (CQZ 18) Vladimir, RV3EFH is QRV as **RV3EFH/0** from Bolshevik Island, IOTA AS-042, until October. Activity is on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to home call. --ARRL DX

HS – THAILAND KC7X/HSOZIP is planning an expedition for later in the year to some IOTAs off the west coast of Thailand, and is pursuing operating permission for Myanmar and/or Cambodia. Politically, he says, Laos would be easier but there is already an expedition operating from there, reducing the demand for it. --DDX

DX ARCTIC—ANTARCTIC



2014 Antarctica and South American Tour (CQZ 12-13) K3LP, Dave, is planning a trip with his with family between Feb 2-16 next year. Stops include Antarctica, Falkland Islands, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. Dates for each stop can be found on Daves Website at www.k3lp.com. --DDX

OX – GREENLAND (CQZ 40) OX5YL will be active on HF from Kangerlussuaq between 16 – 20 Aug 2013 with the following YL-operators: Unni-LA6RHA, Mio-JR3MVF, Chae-HLIKDW, Kay-WA0WOF, Solveig-SM6KAT. QSL via PA5YL --OPDX

XP – GREENLAND (CQZ 40) Henning, OU2I/OZ1BII, will once again be active as **XP2I** from Kangerlussuaq between May 23-27th. Activity will be CW only. He will also be in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ Low-Power entry. QSL via OZ1BII (see www.oz1bii.dk/qs1-info.htm).

ZS8 – MARION ISLAND (CQZ 38) Carson, ZR6CWI, and David, ZS1BCE, will be active on Marion Island May 2013 - April 2014. Their calls are **ZS8C** and **ZS8Z** respectively and they won't be QRV until sometime in the middle of next month after current team on Marion Island heads back to Cape Town. Carson will be the Space Weather Engineer and will be using a TS-570S. David will be the radio technician will have TS-480HX. The two will be mostly on SSB and digital modes and can "only use the existing commercial broadband HF antenna". QSL both via ZS1HF.

—ZS1HF/ZS8M, Pierre via DDX and DX World.net

If we knew what we were doing they wouldn't call it research, would they?" - Albert Einstein.

DX NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA



4A – MEXICO Members of the Club de Radio Experimentadores de Occidente are celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding of their club during the year 2013. The Club de Radio Experimentadores de Occidente has obtained from COFETEL the special call sign "4A1TD" which will be used by a team of operators in different competitions (ARRL, CQ and WAE..etc.) and in activity normally throughout the year. **4A1TD** was active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st). The QSL Manager for 4A1TD is XEIGZU. More information is available at: <http://www.qrz.com/db/4A1TD> --**OPDX**

CY0 – SABLE ISLAND (CQZ 5) Operators Gary/VE1RGB and Murray/WA4DAN are pleased to announce a DXpedition to Sable Island between Oct 1-11th, 2013. Approvals are in hand from Parks Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard. They have chartered with Maritime Air Charter LTD to provide the Britten Norman Islander aircraft for landing on the beach. The callsign CY0P has been issued for the October DXpedition. The CY0P(Parks) callsign was chosen in recognition of the newest National Park in Canada. VE1RGB is a veteran of two previous CY0 DXpeditions and is a top CW con-
tester. WA4DAN has coordinated two previous CY0 DXpeditions, including the

October 2012 DXpedition that was cut short due to Hurricane Sandy. An all bands 160-10 meters, CW/SSB/RTTY operation is planned. Look for more details to follow in the coming months. --**OPDX**

FM – MARTINIQUE (CQZ 8) TO5PX, Martinique, is now scheduled for Apr 20-May 4 due to airline schedule changes. As reported the Mar 6 DDX, AI5P, Rick, plans a holiday style operation from **J75PX**, moving next to Martinique. Operating holiday style, his April 6-20 dates at J75PX are unchanged. QSL via AI5P. --**DDX**

J3 - GRENADA (CQZ 8) (Update to OPDX.1104). Operators Tom/OE2ATN and Franz/OE2SNL will be on a suitcase DXpedition to Grenada Island (NA-024, WLOTA 0718) between October 28th and November 10th. The call sign has not been issued yet. Operations will be on CW, SSB and RTTY with 100-200 watts. Their Web page is now available at: <http://j3.oe2atn.at> --**OPDX**

V3-BELIZE (CQZ 7) K4UUK (G8RLD), Bob, will be QRV in Belize as **V31RD** starting May 4th for two weeks. He'll be operating on SSB only on 80 through 6 meters. QSL via K4UUK.

2014 SOUTH AMERICAN IOTA TOUR David, K3LP, has announced on his Web page that he will be operating from the Antarctica; Port Stanley, Falkland Islands; Chile, Argentina and Uruguay between February 2-16th, 2014. He informs OPDX that this is a family vacation and plans to operate a few hours at each location (listed below) along the way. He plans to take a vertical antenna and IC-7000 on the trip. The tentative schedule and callsigns are as follows:

February 2-16th - Buenos Aires, Argentina; callsign LU/K3LP

February 6th - Ushualia, Argentina; callsign LU/K3LP

February 7th - Cape Horn, Chile; callsign CE/K3LP

February 8th - Schollart Channel, Antarctica; callsign ??/K3LP

February 8th - Paradise Bay, Antarctica; callsign ??/K3LP

February 8th - Gerlache Strait; callsign K3LP/MM

February 9th - Elephant Island, Antarctica; callsign ??/K3LP

February 11th - Port Stanley, Falkland Islands; callsign VP8/K3LP

February 13th - Puerto Madryn, Argentina; callsign LU/K3LP

February 15th - Montevideo, Uruguay; callsign CX/K3LP

QSL via his home callsign. --**OPDX**

... ONE DAY EVENT ...

In celebration of the 222nd anniversary of the birth of Samuel F. B. Morse, special event station **W2M** will be operated by the **QSY Society** April 27th from 14-19Z. They will be QRV with three stations from the "front porch of (Morse's) historic Italianate-style home located at Locust Grove" in Poughkeepsie, New York. Suggested frequencies are 18.076, 14.061 and 7.034 MHz. Send your QSL card to Stan Levandowski, 6 Chatham Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. No need for "money or envelopes". --**DDX**

DX PACIFIC - OCEANA

A3 – TONGA (CQZ 32) UT6UD (S21XV), Vadum, plans to head to Tongatapu Island (OC-049), Tonga where he will be QRV as **A35UD** on 40-10m CW, SSB and RTTY May 1-7. QSL via UT6UD. –DDX

E51 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (CQZ 32) Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks is where ZL1AAO, Bruce, is heading for a holiday style operation as **E51AAO** May 3-17. He'll be running 100 watts on SSB on 7 through 28 MHz using wires. QSL via ZL1AAO and LoTW and eQSL.

E51 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (CQZ 32) E51AGY will be QRV from Rarotonga, South Cooks by ZL2AGY, Tony starting May 7th for about two dozen days. QSL via ZL2AGY.



PACIFIC ISLAND TOURS (CQZ 32) – MAY KZ3AB, Al, will be sailing aboard the **MS Paul Gauguin** and is planning to set up portable operation on the various islands including Tahiti, Bora Bora, Raiatea, Taha'a and Moorea in French Polynesia (FO) from May 3rd to 13th. Listen for him on SSB on 40, 20, 15 or 10 meters. QSL via WA3EOP, Page Pyne, 204 N. Locust St. # 2 South, Hagerstown, MD USA 21740-4051

PACIFIC ISLAND TOURS (CQZ 28) - JUNE 5W0W (H44RK), Ralph, plans an **IOTA tour** through the Solomon Islands beginning in early June. Joining him will be SQ9KWW, Dom, and H44MK, Maggie (YL). H40IOTA is the callsign they have applied for. Island groups include (in order): OC-149, OC-168, OC-047, OC-127 and OC-285 (Stewart Island, which has never been activated). After those islands Ralph is planning single op efforts as he sails back to Brisbane, Australia aboard the **SV Hafskip** (<http://hafskip.yolasite.com/>) from the following island groups: OC-065, OC-100, OC-163, OC-110 and OC-104. Ralph and the team are requesting donations via PayPal (ralph.honiara@gmail.com) to "much needed supplies and solar lighting packs to each chief of the villages operated from". There is still room for a "proficient CW" op for the "OC-285 leg of the journey." QSL all via NR6M. –OPDX

KH8 – AMERICAN SAMOA (CQZ 32) N8A will be the 1X1 call sign used from American Samoa Nov 12-27, according to ZL3CW/F2CW, Jacky Calvo. Jacky, along with ZL1GO (JE4EKO), Aki, will be at the Turtle and Shark Lodge in the Vaitogi village on the south west side of Tutuila Island, American Samoa (KH8), where they will join up with N6MW, Bill. This will include the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. Bill will be there Nov 11-21. <http://n6mw.jimdo.com> –OPDX

P29 - PAPUA NEW GUINEA Akira, JA1NLX, plans to operate P29VNX from somewhere in Papua New Guinea this year. P29VNX licence has been already issued and it is valid thru January 2014. More details and updates at: <http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~yy7a-ysd/P29VNX-2013.htm> and <http://ja1nlx-aki.blogspot.jp> –OPDX

T2 – TOKELAU (CQZ 31) ZK3N from Tokelau by DL6JGN and DL2AWG is Apr 25-May 8. Hans and Guenter plan to be on 80-10 CW, SSB and digital. QSL via DL2AWG. <http://www.tokelau2013.de/>. –DDX

T33 – BANABA (CQZ 31) A multi-op team has set Nov 6-17 for a rescheduled DXpedition to Banaba Island (aka Ocean Island). Activity is expected on 1.8 through 28 MHz on SSB, CW and RTTY. The **T33A** license has been "approved by the government" and the team has obtained landing permission. Elecraft will be supplying six radios and amplifiers. The team is currently looking for two-to-three more ops (possibly one for 6m) to complete the crew. Email t33-ops@t33a.com for more details. T33A will eventually have a Website with more details at www.t33a.com. –DDX, OPDX

V6 MICRONESIA. (CQZ 27) Operators Takio/JH3QFL and Keizo/JH3AZC will be active as **V6H** and **V6S**, respectively, from the South Park Hotel in Pohnpei Apr 29-May 5. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. QSL via their home call sign. –OPDX



**Q - How do you greet a Ham Radio Operator?
A - WITH A SHORT WAVE**



DX INDIAN OCEAN



8Q – MALDIVE ISLANDS (CQZ 22) Jim, G3VDB plans to return to the Maldives (this time from Komandoo Island) as **8Q7EJ** May 13-26, 2013. Holiday-style activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via H/c.

- DX World.com

FT5Z—AMSTERDAM ISLAND (CQZ 39) If you haven't seen them already, here are some photos from Amsterdam Island that are currently posted on the FT5ZM DXpedition **Facebook** page. Hopefully, that very large extinct volcanic cone behind both of the operation's assigned transmitter locations does not block any signals heads our way!

<https://www.facebook.com/FT5ZM>

According to a recent update posted on the DXpedition's web site: "Our application process for this project is complete. We have been granted a permit to land on Amsterdam Island, [and] have anchorage

arrangements for our ship, and have been given two shelters approximately 2 km apart. Our team is currently completing their medical examinations and medical history forms." The international team of 14 experienced DXpedition operators is expected to land on or about Jan 15. Landing at Amsterdam must be timed according to sea conditions as there is no natural harbor to shield the landing area from the open sea. This may necessitate waiting off shore aboard the Braveheart until the sea conditions are suitable. The team's authorized 18-day operating window does not start until they step onto the island. Their permit is good until Feb 20. Among the operators is James Brooks, 9VITC, who in addition to being a top-notch CW contest and DXpedition operator is a well-known producer of DXpedition videos including VK0IR, ZL8R, FT5XO, BS7H and VP8ORK, to name a few. You can expect to see an FT5ZM production sometime after completion of the Amsterdam Island operation.

VQ9 – DIEGO GARCIA (CQZ 39) ND9M, Jim, is back in Diego Garcia and QRV as VQ9JC. Listen for him on 40 through 10 meters mostly on CW. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via ND9M.

DX EUROPE



EA8 – CANARY ISLANDS (CQZ 33) EA8/EB7DX, David, will be on the air July 16-24. David will be on from Puerto Rico, Grand Canary Island, in the Canary Islands, holiday style, mostly SSB. (**NOTE:** There is apparently more than one Puerto Rico!) QSL via EB7DX. --DDX

HB0 - LIECHTENSTEIN. (CQZ 14) A group of Dutch radio amateurs will be operating from Liechtenstein Apr 13-20, as **HB0/homecall**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. A couple of SOTAs will be activated as well. Operators mentioned are Mans/PA2HGJ, Hugo/PA2HW, Robert/PA2RDK, Frank/PA3CNO, Paul/PA3DFR, Henny/PA3HK, Gert/PE0MGB and Piet/PE1FLO. QSL via PE1FLO. --OPDX

IU – ITALY (CQZ 15, 33) Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) President IOSSH, Graziano Sartori, reports the Italian Ministry of Economic Development has depleted the IZ prefix and will now begin to use the IU prefix to newly licensed Italian Amateur Radio operators. --DDX

MJ – JERSEY (CQZ 14) Belgian ops ON8ZL, ON8ZZ and ON5NQ will be QRV from Jersey Island as **MJ/OT9Z** Aug 2-9. Plans are to be QRV on HF and 6 meters on CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. They have a Webpage at www.dxpeditiochannelislands.weebly.com. QSL via ON8ZL. --DDX

YO - ROMANIA (CQZ 20) Members of the AJR Brasov Radioclub are QRV as **YP0FOTO** until the end of August. QSL via YO6BBQ. --ARRL DX

ZA - ALBANIA (CQZ 15) Max, IZ4JMA is QRV as **ZA/IZ4JMA** for the next 18 months. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL to home call. --ARRL DX

**Work the DX that IS today because you can't work the DX that WAS...
And the DX that WILL BE hasn't arrived yet — W2IRT**

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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
Apr10	Apr15	Lord Howe I	VK9LT	W6NV Direct	DXW.Net 20130308	By W6NV
Apr13	Apr20	Liechtenstein	HB0	PE1FLO	425DXN 20130406	By PA2HGJ as HB0/PA2HGJ, PA2HW PA2RDK PA3CNO PA3DFR PA3HK PE0MGB PE1FLO likewise; 160-10m; CW SSB PSK31; QSL OK via PA Buro or direct
Apr13	Apr20	St Vincent	J8		425DXN 20130330	By GW4DVB as J8/G4DVB fm Palm I (NA-010, FK92ho); 80-6m
Apr15	Apr20	Micronesia	V63	Home Call	JA7HMZ 20130219	By JA7HMZ as V63DX and JA7GYP as V63T fm Pohnpei I (OC-010)
Apr15	Apr30	Tokelau	ZK3N	DL2AWG	DXW.Net 20121125	By DL6JGN DL2AWG fm Nukunonu Atoll (OC-048); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY
Apr20	Apr28	Tanzania	5H1DX	DF8DX	VA3RJ 20130308	By DF8DX; also fm Pemba I (AF-063, WLOTA 1437)
Apr20	Apr30	Martinique	TO5PX	A15P	425DXN 20130330	By A15P fm NA-107; holiday style operation
Apr22	May 04	Ogasawara	JD1BMH	JD1BMH Buro	JG7PSJ 20130308	By JG7PSJ fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 40-10m, perhaps 80m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JG7PSJ direct
Apr23	Apr30	Maldives	8Q7KP	LotW	DXW.Net 20130310	By VU2PAI W4VKU fm Bodufinolhu (AS-013); HF9V, 2 ele SteppIR; OQRS to be available
Apr27	May 04	Tunisia	TS8IT	IK2DUW	IK7JWX 20120927	By IK7JWX IK2DUW IW2NLC IS0AGY IK2PGM I8LWL IK8GQY IK6CAC IV3FSG IT9SSI fm Djerba (AF-083, WFF 3VFF-007, WLOTA L-1394, ARLHS TUN-022); HF 6m; SSB PSK31 RTTY CW
Apr28	May 04	Ogasawara	JD1BLY	J15RPT	J15RPT 20130309	By J15RPT fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 40-10m + satellite; CW SSB + digital
Apr28	May 05	Ogasawara	JD1	LotW	JP1IOF 20130122	By JE2EHP JF1BVG JP1IOF as JD1BLC and JD1YBT fm Chichijima I; 160-6m; all modes; QSL also OK via JP1IOF, Buro or direct
Apr29	May 05	Micronesia	V63	Home Call	JH3QFL 20130324	By JH3QFL as V6H and JH3AZC as V6S fm Pohnpei I (OC-010); 80-6m; SSB CW RTTY JT65
Apr29	May 06	Tunisia	TS8TI	IK2DUW	425DXN 20130216	By I8LWL IK2DUW IK6JRI IK8GQY IK8TEM IS0AGY IW2NLC KF5EYY 3V8ESG 3V8SA 3V8SF 3V8ST fm Djerba I (AF-083)

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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
May 01	May 07	Tonga	A35UD	UT6UD	UT6UD 20130402	By UT6UD fm Tongatapu I (OC-049); 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY
May 02	May 05	Mariana Islands	KH0	Home Call	VA3RJ 20130221	By JL1UTS as KH0TH and 7L3PFH as KH0TG fm Saipan (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333); HF; all modes; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
May 03	May 14	South Cook Is	E51AAO	LotW	VA3RJ 20130322	By ZL1AAO fm Rarotonga I (OC-013, BG08dr); 40-10m; SSB; 100w; wires; QSL also OK via ZL1AAO, Buro or direct
May 03	May 19	Egypt	SU8N		OPDX 20130225	By SU1SK SU1AO SU1HM SU1AR fm Geziret Disuqi (AF-109, Nelson's Island); HF
May 03	May 12	Norfolk Island	VK9NT	LotW	DXW.Net 20130120	By VK3QB VK3HJ VK3GK VK3CBV VK2CA VK4GH VK4IO VK3GB VK3IJ VK3GL K5YY fm OC-005; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 4 stations; OQRS available and preferred (your QSL not required)
May 04	May 18	Belize	V31RD	K4UUK	ATDX 20121121	By K4UUK; 80-6m; SSB
May 05	May 22	Tonga	A35JP	LotW	OPDX 20130408	By JA0RQV fm Tongatapu I (OC-049); 80-10m; CW SSB; 100w; ground plane; QSL also OK via JA0RQV, Buro or direct: Masato Tamura, 891-4 Tomitake Nagano-city 381-0006 Japan (w/ SASE + 1 IRC)
May 07	May 11	Mozambique	C91GR	ZS6AYU	ZS6AYU 20130304	By ZS6AYU fm Bilene; 40-10m; CW; 350 watts; R7000 vertical
May 07	May 31	South Cook Is	E51AGY	ZL2AGY	VA3RJ 20130322	By ZL1AGY fm Rarotonga I (OC-013); CW; QSL also OK via ZL1AGR, Buro OK, but direct preferred
May 08	May 12	Mariana Islands	KH0	Home Call	VA3RJ 20130221	By KH8XGS as W3ANA/KHO and JA1RTS as KH0/JA1RTS fm Saipan (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333); HF; all modes; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
May 11	May 12	Reunion	TO1PF	FR1GZ	OPDX 20130211	By FR team fm Piton de la Fournaise (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WWFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812) at 2,632 meters; HF; all modes
May 13	May 30	Senegal	6V7S	RK4FF Direct	DXW.Net 20130124	By RK4FF; HF
May 24	May 30	Jersey	MJ	ON4ANN	ON4ANN 20130213	By ON team as MJ/ON6NB; 160-2m; SSB CW PSK; QSL OK via ON Buro or direct

[CQ WW WPX Contest, CW](#) (May 25-26, 2013) Check here for pre-contest activity too.

The World According to NU4Y — WHO'S IN CHARGE ?

This is not a political thing, it is common sense. When it comes to your money, you probably don't know where every penny you spend goes. But, I bet you know where every penny comes from and where every dollar is spent on living expenses. We depend on a lot of companies to handle billing, purchases and the like to be accurate with our bills and accounts.

I have two close relatives in different states that have filed their income taxes only to find out that they had already been filed by someone else claiming a refund. This becomes a terrible mess. Imagine you are expecting to get \$2,000 back and you cannot even file your own taxes. A recent article in the local paper talked about a guy who filed and sent in his check. Someone else had filed with his Social Security number and claimed a refund. The IRS cashed his check and then claimed he did not file correctly and it took over 2 years and hundreds of hours to get it fixed. One of my relatives had to file police reports for identity theft, then file forms to the IRS, get PIN numbers applied for the family and finally got their refund 18 months later. (Not to mention going to be audited every year from now to eternity.) Good thing they didn't need the money. The other relative (who needs the money) is still in limbo and probably will still be next year at this time.

The IRS reported that \$5,200,000,000 (that's 5.2 Billion) in fraudulent tax refunds were processed in 2011. And 15.2 Billion in fraudulent EIC (earned income credit), with another 3.2 Billion in American Opportunity Tax Credits. That starts to add up to serious money. (more than enough to pay for a few White House tours). To make matters worse, the IRS CFO Pamela LaRue has stated that the IRS does not have to report improper payments it makes.

This is not limited to the IRS. Medicare paid \$237 million to 481 firms that didn't even exist in the year 2007. According to them there is 100 Billion a year in Medicare fraud. As of March 28, 2013 the IRS has issued 770,000 pin #'s with 650,000 unsolved id thefts. Another recent discovery was that out of \$1,000,000,000 (1 Billion) given out for a Katrina rebuilding program, 700 million is not accounted for. That is 70% of the money. Did your Credit Card Company, Insurance Company or bank ever give you some extra money, then forgot where it was? Back in the 1970's I received a letter from the IRS saying I owed them some extra from the previous year. The amount was less than 1 dollar. I was not about to send a check for that and threw the letter away. I got 3 more letters, they spent more on postage than I owed. The next year when my refund came it was minus the 70 plus cents I owed. They sure found me ok.

To protect yourself from ID theft you should not give out your Social Security number. Since many of us that read this are already on Medicare you might notice that your Medicare # is your Social Security # with an A or B after it. I can see the government employee that came up with THAT saying "Yep, that will fool those thieves." You must trust whom you are doing business with. The ARRL handles your LOTW for DXCC and you trust and verify the results. You pay your Credit card companies and verify that all is well. All of the business you do is on a trust basis. Your Bank even ensures that if a mistake is made it will be corrected. As a modern day bank robber will say in the future. "I rob the government because that's where the money is." Who is in charge anyway? — **NU4Y**



QST Video Contest Winners

The ARRL has released on YouTube the winning videos in the 2013 QST video contest. The contest was for videos up to 5 minutes in length that illustrate the excitement of Amateur Radio. The first place winner will receive \$500; the second place prize is \$250 and the third place prize is \$100. For more details and to view the videos go to:

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/april2013/qst_video_contest_winners.htm



NFDXA 2013 DX Zone/Band contest.

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

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

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

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

WORKED ALL PROVINCES OF CHINA (WAPC) DX CONTEST

The Mulan DX Club announces the 2013 Worked All Provinces of China (WAPC) DX Contest will take place between 0600Z on April 20th, lasting 24 hours. During last year's event "32 of the 34 Chinese provinces municipal cities, autonomous regions and special administration regions (were) on the air!" Complete rules can be found on the Mulan DX Club Website at <http://www.mulandxc.org/144>

--DDX

NFDXA Zone Contest Standings 11 Apr 2013



Call	Beam/Wire	Vertical/Wire	Score
AB4UF			0
AC4ET			0
K3LB	B		182
K4EB	B		39
K4UTE	B		182
KB4CRT			0
KC4FWS	B		1
KX4WW			0
NIWON		V	0
N4EPD		V	2
N4GFO			0
N4JBK			0
N4KE			0
N4UF	B		0
NF4L	B		62
NO4J			0
NU4Y		V	111
NW4C		V	13
VP5YZ			0
W1FO	B		97
W4FDA			0
W4GJ			0
WA4B			0
WA6EZV		V	135
WR4K		V	171

The Florida Contest Group announces that they are bringing back the 1x1 spelling bee for the 2013 Florida OSO Party, April 27 - 28. Stations that work all seven of the 1x1 calls to spell "FLORIDA" will receive a special certificate. (WF3C via ARRL Contest Update 27 Mar 2013)

"The meek may inherit the earth, but never a good run frequency." - Unknown

Separation anxiety - a mental problem in amateur radio

As most of you know, small children from the age of 8 months and up develop separation anxiety. They get in panic when separated from their mother. This condition is normal at their age, but when remaining until the person is grown-up it is abnormal.

I notice many radio amateurs suffer from separation anxiety. This is shown in pile ups when they call exactly on the DX station frequency or so close that they block reception of the DX. They keep doing it - they can't separate from "Mum" - the DX!!!

Others get jealous with their brothers who cling to Mum - they start bullying them, calling them "idiots" and other bad names. They behave just as stupidly.

Now, with psychological knowledge we know those who behave this way should see a doctor. Perhaps we must tell them to do so?

73, Ullmar, SM5-1252

— Comment posted on QRZ.com forum: The DX Zone

Day of the YLs Contest

The third annual "Day of the YLs' Contest" sponsored by the European Radio Amateurs Organization will be held May 18th and 19th. This purpose of this weekend event is to get as many YL's and XYL's to take to the airwaves at the same time as is possible. Various awards will be available. For more information, frequencies and operating times please see <https://sites.google.com/site/dl2nbycontestcalendar/rules/the-day-of-yls>

—Southgate via AR Newline

Dayton Withdraws 2013 Amateur of the Year Award

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association, sponsor of the annual Dayton Hamvention (R), has withdrawn its 2013 Radio Amateur of the Year Award, initially awarded to Mustapha Landoulsi, DL1BDF

Landoulsi, a retired airline pilot, had been recognized for work in promoting and developing amateur radio in the Middle East and for organizing delivery of emergency medical equipment and medication to countries in Africa

According to a post on the Hamvention website: "We have received conflicting information from credible sources regarding the accuracy of the winning nomination. . . . Based on all of this research the decision has been made by the Hamvention General Chairman not to award the Amateur of the Year for 2013." —CQ Newsroom

I am . . .here?

Finding out where you are in this world (more or less) is easy when you go to this web site.: <http://stevemorse.org/jcal/latlon.php>. All you have to do is enter your street address and zip code, and viola! Out comes your latitude and longitude.

Here today . . . Gone tomorrow

Hams were recently credited with the "un-discovery" of an island. Huh? Gene N7EO found this interesting article (<http://www.radiolab.org/blogs/radiolab-blogland/2013/mar/15/pacific-island-bigger-manchattan-vanishes/out>). It's about how some hams looking for a DXpedition location determined that the intended destination...wasn't!

--<http://www.arrl.org/contests/update/?issue=2013-04-10>

**"I do not think that the wireless waves I have discovered
will have any practical application"**
- Heinrich Rudolf Hertz.



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(DXW) ([http://www.dx-](http://www.dx-world.net/)

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Finally, Off-air and word of mouth from those who turned on their radios, listened, and then told **The PileUp** what they heard. — **NW4C**

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You Gotta Love the Aussies



Leave it to our brethren 'down under' to make a rather mundane product become interesting.

The contents of the can pictured on the left is what you and I call 'engine starter'. You know, the stuff you sometimes spray into the air intake of your gasoline-powered lawnmower or boat motor when it's slow to crank.

The product's name—according to the company's website—comes from the phrase they contend most of us will utter when confronted with a balky motor, i.e., "**Start Ya Bastard!**"

The engine's parentage aside, one wonders what research came up with that information!

A warning to would-be aerosol 'sniffers'. In addition to **Start Ya Bastard's** explosive potential, the product contains 24% Ether that when inhaled by 'sniffing' will most likely put you to sleep... permanently!

—Tnx WC4U

The Last Word

The old saying "It never rains, but it pours" seems appropriate regarding recent DXpedition announcements.

Since last summer we've been looking forward to the re-activation of VK0 Heard Island in January 2014 for the first time since the 90s.

But no other big time operation was on tap. This was worrisome because Sunspot Cycle 24 is supposedly approaching its final stages.

Suddenly, we have a rush of 'biggies' to look forward to. First came word of a two-week KH9 Wake Island operation in October. Using the call K9W and billed as a 'commemorative DXpedition', the activation will be in memory of 98 civilian workers who died there during WWII.

Just a few weeks back came the blockbuster news of another major activation in early 2014, FT5Z Amsterdam Island, the 6th most-wanted entity world-wide!

Now *another* DXpedition to a rare entity is expected to be announced at the Visalia DX Conference April 20th, the day of the next NFDXA meeting!

And still out there is the long-standing effort by the KPI-5 team to activate super-rare Navassa! Considering the vagaries of government department decision-making that word could come *anytime* between now... and never!

In the interim let's get out the rain gear and hope for more good news!

— NW4C



Warren NW4C