



The North Florida DX Association

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The NFDXA Newsletter



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K3LB, NW4C, NF4L and KC4FWS Elected NFDXA Officers for 2012

There will be a new look at the top of NFDXA's leadership in 2012, and some familiar faces are going to fill the remainder of the club's offices. **Larry Bostic, K3LB**, an avid CW operator and DX hunter, was selected president of North Florida's oldest continuing DX and Contest oriented Ham Radio organization. This is Larry's first appearance on the club's executive leadership team. (See *K3LB Column Page 3*)

Warren, NW4C takes over as vice president; **Mike, NF4L** and **Jim, KC4FWS** retain their positions as secretary and treasurer, respectively.



NIWON Qualifies for DXCC Honor Roll. Now the fun part—Waiting for the final DXCC OK!



The latest NFDXA member to work the required number of countries needed to qualify for the coveted DXCC Honor Roll is **Cory MacDonald, NIWON**. The last 'needed one' for him to reach 332 was **XV9DX** in Vietnam. Cory also worked **XV2RZ** on two bands but the **XV9DX** QSL card (above) got here first.



"I feel very lucky to have been in the right place at the right time for many of my contacts," said Cory. "Right now, I'm waiting to have my cards checked." As for the many DX ops on the other end of his QSOs Cory offered this compliment: "They have helped me reach the goal of Honor Roll...and I appreciate that."

In addition to filling his DXCC needs NIWON has also been an active 'band-slot' chaser. He says he was fortunate to have worked some of the rare ones that he already had on one band because he'll probably never hear them again.

As for future Dxpeditons: "I got Malpelo (HK0M) years ago on 20 so would like them on a few new bands. (However) I know that I'll probably never be able to hear Pratas or Scaffold Reef."

After making the DXCC Honor Roll, what's next for NIWON? "I guess the best thing to do now is to try for the Desoto Cup", says Cory. "I'm a third of the way there. I'll probably never make it but it's a goal and goals are what help keep us going. Somewhere I read that only about 40 people have reached that goal so far. If I'm lucky I'll raise it a little more." Stay tuned.





NFDXA OFFICERS 2011

The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is made up of a group of Amateur Radio Operators located in and around Jacksonville, north Florida and south Georgia whose Ham Radio interests are primarily contests and DXing. The NFDXA generally meets monthly on a date and location selected by an organizer picked for that meeting. Officers elected for the calendar year 2011 are:

President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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

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Attendance at November 19, 2011 NFDXA Meeting

This meeting was at the St Johns Seafood and Steaks

Name	Call	Attend	Name	Call	Attend
Steve Brown	AB4UF	N	Dale Conner	N4NN	N
John Hale	AC4ET	N	Billy Williams	N4UF	N
Larry Bostwick	K3LB	Y	Mike Reublin	NF4L	Y
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	Y	Dave Mains	NO4J	N
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	N	Jim Iori	NU4Y	Y
John Silberman	KB4CRT	N	Warren Croke	NW4C	Y
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	Y	Pres Graham	W4FDA	N
Bill Walker	KX4WW	N	Gary Liljegren	W4GAL	N
Cory McDonald	NIWON	N	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	Y
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	N	Steve Barber	WA4B	N
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	N	David Price	WA4ET	N
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	N	Bob Frey	WA5EZV	Y
Ron Blake	N4KE	N	Dick Knox	WR4K	N
Total Members Attending					

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... Dots and Dashes ...

Each month, NFDXA 2012 president-elect Larry Bostic, K3LB plans to write a few words in that month's edition of the "PileUp" that will bring attention to some issue that is important to the club. The title of his column is appropriate: "Dots and Dashes", no doubt an expression of K3LB's devotion to Ham Radio's historic method of communication.

—NW4C

I will assume the office of President of NFDXA in January with some surprise and a great deal of humility.

Our Club is home to many giants in the DX world, hams whose accomplishments rank with the best in the world.

We all can be justly proud

of our Club's accomplishments this past year, this past decade, and indeed since the Club's founding.

Most of you know that I spent 26 years in the Navy and have been deeply influenced by Navy culture. We have a Navy saying: "Steady as she goes". That will be the perspective I bring with me to my new office. Warren has been a terrific President; all the officers and members have had a great year under his leadership. I would hope that 2012 will be another year of great DXing and contesting.

I will be "all ears" this next year. Just let me know what activities and projects you think would be enjoyable and worthwhile for us to undertake and support.

— Larry K3LB



Next NFDXA Meeting—5pm Jan 21, 2012, St. Johns Seafood

Secretary's Report—November 19, 2011



The meeting was called to order by President **Warren, NW4C** at 6:23 pm EST

Secretary's Report - No additions-corrections to September minutes as printed in the *PileUp*.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer **Jim, KC4FWS** reported a balance of \$978.88

Unfinished Business - **Mike, NU4Y** reports ARRL club affiliation status has been restored.

New Business - **Larry, K4EB** has new bride, **Thania** (pronounced 'Sonia'). **Congratulations!**

Jim, NU4Y reported **NFDXA** was missing as 'club entry' in CQ WW. **Jim, KC4FWS** notes club is registered.

Jim, NU4Y motioned that **NFDXA** not have a December meeting; **motion passed** unanimously.

Bob Frey WA6EZV was unanimously elected to NFDXA membership.

Officers elected for 2012:

President: Larry Bostic, K3LB, Vice President; Warren Croke, NW4C;

Secretary: Mike Reublin; Treasurer: Jim Hughes

Next meeting (January 19, 2012) planner is: Ron Tivy, N4GFO

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted, **Mike Reublin, NF4L, Secretary**



The Secret to N4NN's Success *by Jim, NU4Y*



Dale N4NN

At the last meeting of NFDXA (without Dale's attendance) there was much discussion of the amount of DX worked from his station, **N4NN**.

Someone suggested that **Dale** did not even realize how good he had it. Quiet location, large area for antenna's etc.

My theory was that the ground surrounding his area had something to do with it. A search of the FCC data base on ground conductivity showed that his area is 4 millisiemens/meter. The chart lists from .5 to 30 millisiemens with salt water being 5,000. So his ground is below average, probably not the cause of the big signal.

Measuring the ground in his area could be done exactly.

See <http://www.amfone.net/ECsound/KIJJ12.htm>

But this seemed to be too much work.

Then I remembered the chickens... and all that chicken sh*t. I will call it chicken poop from now on. An exhaustive search on the internet on the contents of chicken poop could yield no reference to improved ground conductivity from this substance.

Furthermore the Urban Dictionary say's chicken sh*t means, superfluous, unnecessary, petty, trivial, needless, uncalled for, etc.

I then found a thread on eHam that explained it all.

www.eham.net/articles/17025

The meat of this thread (a must read) was about putting copper coated bb's into a fertilizer spreader spraying them all over the yard to improve ground conductivity.

After reading all of this it dawned on me. Mix the copper coated bb's with the chicken feed. Some would be deposited on the ground and some would remain in the chickens. This would be a win, win solution. Better ground system and heavier chickens. Are they not sold by the pound? This is my story and I am sticking to it.

— **NU4Y**

(Of course a few kilo bucks of Aluminum and Radios plus lots of seat time might have a something to with it, too! - Jim)

Lucky 13 - WA6EZV

Award	Selected	Applied	Awarded	Total / Current
Mixed *	1	0	347	348 / 340
CW *	13	0	112	125 / 124
Phone *	1	0	347	348 / 340
Digital	2	0	9	11 / 11
80M	4	0	90	94 / 92
40M *	3	0	133	136 / 133
20M *	1	0	276	277 / 270
17M *	6	0	103	109 / 108
15M *	1	0	228	229 / 225
12M	28	0	31	59 / 59
10M *	0	0	190	190 / 184
Challenge *	43	0	1028	--- / 1071



Bob WA6EZV

The LoTW matrix reproduced above is the ticket for **Bob Frey, WA6EZV** to officially become a member of the **NFDXA 300 Club**. Coincidentally, Bob's 'induction' (?) as the 13th member of this somewhat nefarious collection of NFDXA characters coincided with his being voted a member of the club during its November 2011 meeting.

All kidding aside, welcome aboard, Bob. That's an entity total many of us would happy to have credited to our call sign. — **NW4C**

DX News and Notes from Here and There



No kidding, **Uncle Poppa Two Zero** is a legitimate prefix. You'll be hearing and perhaps working it if you connect with a station in Kazakhstan from now through the end of the year. The **UP20 prefix** is in celebration of the 20th anniversary of The Republic of Kazakhstan Independence. As an enticement to look for an 'Uncle Poppa Two Zero' there is an award for working 10 of them. Complete details can be found at <http://kw.cqun.kz/component/content/article/62-2011-10-11-19-11-51.html?start=2>.

Another special call sign you might be hearing these days is **PBI XMAS** from the Netherlands. It's good the holiday season, from December 14 through January 1. It's licensed to operator **PB5X, Roberto**, who says last year he was mostly active on 20 meters but this year wants to try 40-10M including 30, 17 and 12. Roberto's previous Christmas season calls were **PD09XMAS** and **PBI0XMAS**. If you worked any of these call signs send your QSL to PB5X direct or bureau. For direct, the address is P.O. Box 3160, Zip 4800DD Breda, The Netherlands. If you go the direct route be sure to include \$2 and an SAE



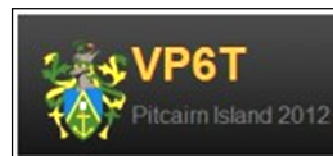
Roberto PB5X



Here's one that just popped up on the DX World web site. The Palestinian Authority in Ramallah has issued the license (which was granted May 25, 2011), signed by the Minister of Telecommunications, the call sign being **E44PM**.

The operation most probably will start December 16 and will last 7 days. For more information got to their web site: <http://www.hb9iqb.ch/palestine.html>

Pitcairn Island is scheduled for activation in late January 2012. A five-man DXpedition team hopes be on the air from January 20 through February 4th. The QRV date for **VP6T** is dependent on weather which is always factor in travel to this extremely remote and storied Pacific island. Prior to Pitcairn the team to be active from Tahiti and if time permits from Mangareva (Gambier islands – [IOTA OC-063](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/3/ip-address/)) with callsign **TX6T**.



News of the upcoming DXpedition to No. 12 most-wanted Malpelo continues to trickle out release by release. (The 'trickling tactic' keeps us more interested, I guess– Ed.) The latest information covers a two day meeting between three US HK0NA team members (K4UEE, N4GRN and W6IZT) and six of their Colombian counterparts. It was decided to extend the DXpedition operating dates 2 or 3 more days because Columbian authorities have indicated it will be a long time before another operation to Malpelo is approved. As it now stands the team plans to be QRV from Jan 21 through Feb 5/6.

The complete release can be read at: <http://dx-world.net/2011/press-release-hk0na-malpelo-2012-dxpedition/>

Now active through March 10 of next year DC0KK will be operating as **4S7KKG**, the same call sign he used last March from **Sri Lanka (AS-003)**. Peter will be on CW and digital modes using dipoles. Hopefully the good propagation will continue. QSL via DC0KK.



The 2011 DXpedition of the Year

DX chasers who visit the DX World web site will find a poll that should interest them—especially if they've been in the hunt during 2011. It's a listing of 37 DXpeditions that took place during the year and you, the reader, will have a chance to vote for your *five* favorites. One of the first things a potential voter will notice is that there are so many 'candidates' for this singular honor. So, in an effort to give you a chance to review all the contenders each operations' QSL card or logo is posted on the following pages for you to peruse, contemplate and decide on your quintet before going to the selection 'ballot' at <http://dx-world.net/2011/dx-world-dxpedition-of-the-year-2011/>

VU4PB - Andaman Islands



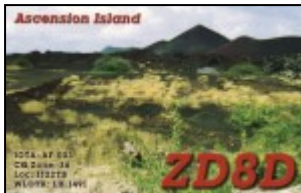
TJ9PF - Cameroon



3XY1D - Guinea



ZD8D - Ascension Island



D44TBE - Cape Verde



TU2T - Ivory Coast



S21YZ - Bangladesh



T31A - Central Kiribati



JX5O - Svalbard



TY1KS - Benin



VK9CX - Cocos Keeling



5M2TT - Liberia



H40KJ - Temotu Province



T32C - Christmas Island



VK9HR - Lord Howe Isl



DX World DXpedition of the Year Candidates *(continued)*

7Q7GM - Malawi



OJ0UR - Market Reef



TX7M - Marquesas Isl



9N7MD - Nepal



E51MAN - North Cook Isl



4A4A - Revillagigedo



3D2R - Rotuma



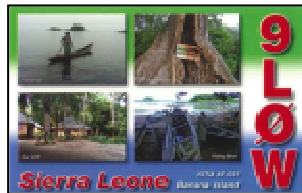
S9DX - São Tomé & Pr



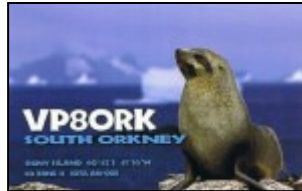
TL0CW - C African Rep



9L0W - Sierra Leone



VP8ORK - South Orkney



T2T - Tuvalu



ZD7XF - St Helena



T30AQ/T30RH - W. Kiribati



PP0T - Trindade Isl



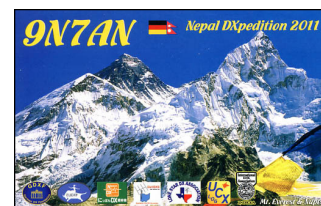
4W6A - Timor Leste



ZK2V - Niue



9N7AN - Nepal



DX World 2011 DXpeditions (conclusion)

ST0R - South Sudan



9L5MS - Sierra Leone



PJ7X - Sint Maarten



YJ0VK - Vanuatu



As the old cartoon caption goes, the job's not over until the paperwork is finished. If you've made yur five choices go to: <http://dx-world.net/2011/dx-world-dxpedition-of-the-year-2011/> and vote before you forget them!

INTRUDER WATCH: NATIONAL RADIO AFGHANISTAN ON 40 METERS

Uli Bihlmayer, DJ9KR, reports that National Radio Afghanistan is operating on 7 point 2 MHz in the amateur Radio 40 meter band. DJ9KR says via the IARU-Region I website that he monitored the station on November 28th as being centered on 7200 kHz and covering 7195 through 7205 kHz with its audio sidebands.

DJ9KR says that the best way to handle this situation is to inform your nation's telecommunications agency if you are suffering interference from National Radio of Afghanistan and ask them to file an international complaint. Another recommended procedure is to file a report with the Intruder Watch coordinator in your nation.

--IARU-RI Website



NFDXA Meeting Pictures St Johns Seafood November 19, 2011



(Left Row, front to back)- NF4L, KC4FWS, NU4Y, WA6EZV. (Right row, front to back)-NW4C (back to camera), K3LB and incoming NFDXA president K4EB. (Right side, top row L-R) - K4EB and K3LB, newly elected president for 2012. (Middle row, L-R) NU4Y and new member WA6EZV. (Bottom row, L-R) Outgoing president NW4C, NFDXA secretary NF4L and treasurer KC4FWS. Photos by W4GJ.

2011—That Was The NFDXA Year That Was

January — **WR4K** and **NF4L** were 'spotlighted' members. **W3KT** hosted JM1GDA over the Christmas holidays. **WA4EYR** ne **N4KE** was the featured 'Who Dat?' member in a 1970s photo. South Sudan was projected to be the next 'new' DXCC entity and the 'Microlite' DXpedition team expected to activate the South Orkney Islands in Antarctica as **VP8ORK** on January 27th.

February — Sunspots began appearing in significant numbers and again, **KC4FWS**'s motor home proved a gathering place for NFDXA members to meet and greet during the Orlando HamCation. The Florida Contest Group discussed changes in Russian DX contest brought about by cheating allegations. **K4UTE** achieved 10-band DXCC with a 6 meter QSO.

March — Claims by a Virginia group that they were the 'first' to operate on 60 meters from **KG4 Guantanamo** during their 2011 DXpedition were challenged by NFDXA's **N1WON** and **WA4ET** who had been there and done that on 60 meters back in 2003. **NF4L** awarded CW DXCC for 15 and 20 meters. NFDXA member's 'Boat Anchor' stations were featured in a photo spread. Some old time QSL cards received by **W4FDA** were shown in a PileUp photo feature. The 'Who Dat' of the month was **K4UTE** aka **YA4A** from Kabul, Afghanistan back in 1963.

April— Spring storm damages **VP5DX** tower/antenna; **N4KE**, **NU4Y**, **AB4UF** make trip to make repairs. **N1WON** gets WARC beam. Bad motor found on **NF4L** SteppIR beam.

May — **N1WON** confirms his 326th entity, 9N7DX, only two more to go (at the time) for Honor Roll. **KB4CRT** announced he'll operate again from Montserrat as **VP2MRT** in June. **N4JBK** gets a new pair of 'boots', a 150-pound Commander HF2500E export version linear with three 3CX800s. **K4UTE** holds lead in NFDXA's DX Marathon. **NF4L** holds antenna party to reinstall his repaired SteppIR beam...and it still didn't work properly. **W4GJ** remembers '63 VW beetle ride with **K8IJ** when the car caught fire.

June — NFDXA gets a new web host. **KB4CRT** discovers electrical problem in paradise while operating as **VP2MRT**. **KX4WW** says he will be returning to MacClenny in July when **XYL** 'Captain' Nancy retired from the Navy. **N4NN** achieves 160 meter WAZ; Gives credit to **AB4UF** and **N4CC** for encouragement and assistance.

July — Republic of South Sudan recognized as newest DXCC entity; Number needed for Honor Roll goes up, again! **PileUp** photo spread features various hats worn by **AB4UF**. More antenna work on **NF4L**'s troublesome SteppIR beam—this time apparently successful. Gainesville NFDXAers **NW4C** and **KB4CRT** operate Field Day from **W4GJ** QTH. **K4EB** featured guest on TWiT TV.

August — NFDXA patriarch and conscience **Pres Graham**, **W4FDA**, turns 91 years young. Massive pileups disrupt **ST0R** operation in newest DXCC entity South Sudan. Full page **PileUp** photo spread of July meeting at **W4FDA** QTH which featured delicious shrimp boil courtesy of **KC4FWS**. **N1WON** confirms entity no. 330 of the required 322 for DXCC Honor Roll. 2009 **VP5DX** team (**N4KE**, **AB4UF**, **N4EPD**, **NU4Y** and **NW4C**) finally receive plaque for winning Caribbean Multi-Single Class in CQ WW SSB. **KB4CRT** posts **PileUp** commentary on DXCC chase.

September — **K3LB** gets his new 'cloud warmer', an Optibeam 12-4W; it's mounted atop a 100 foot tower and no doubt it will be heard 'round the world. **W4GAL** snorkels ashore and operates briefly on 2 meters from **KP5 Desecheo**, making contacting with friends in nearby **KP4**. **K4EB** gets a new IC-7800; no surprise, he loves it! **KB4CRT** has a close medical call with a bleeding intestine. **NF4L** designs the 'Texter' program for the Elecraft **K3** transceiver. Solar Cycle 24 rated as one of the weakest by NASA solar physicist on NPR.

October — **N4NN** makes clean sweep of all bands for both T32C and 3D2R Dxpeditions; first in Zone 5 to fill 3D2R slots; 4th worldwide. NFDXA '300 Club' inaugurated with **AB4UF**, **KB4CRT**, **K4UTE**, **NU4Y**, **NW4C**, **N1WON**, **N4GFO**, **N4KE**, **N4NN**, **WR4K** and **W4FDA** as 'charter' members. :) **W4GAL** gets 12 meter antenna by 'accident'. **N1WON** helps out **T6TB** by solving a website problem for him, then informing him of a 'buzz' on his signal and then suggesting he operate split...which he did. **WA4B**'s new 103 foot tower is up and topped by a stacked Tennadyne array of a T-28 over a T-8 enabling him to be QRV from 14 through 1300 MHz! **KX4WW** says he'll be operating as **VQ5X** from his vacation QTH on Provo during the 2011 CQ WW SSB.

November —2011 **VP5DX** team of **N4KE**, **NU4Y**, **AB4UF** and **N4EPD** score 13,292,438 points on 7179 QSOs and 782 multipliers; The best we've done in years-**NU4Y**.**K4EB** added to NFDXA 300 Club. **XV9DX** No. 332 for **N1WON**. **N4NN** has logged 233 entities on 160 meters.

December — **K3LB** elected NFDXA president for 2012; **NW4C** v.p., **NF4L** secretary and **KC4FWS** treasurer. **WA6EZV** 13th NFDXA 300 Club member. **NU4Y** opines the secret to **N4NN**'s many DX successes may be his station being on a chicken farm which gives him superior grounding due to the abundance of . . . Chicken poo. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone. May the good DX be yours throughout the coming year.

— **NW4C**

December 2011 DX Calendar *(Edited from: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)*

2011 Dec02	2012 Jan16	Namibia	V5	DJ2BQ	By DJ2BQ as V5/DJ2BQ
2011 Dec07	2011 Dec16	Palau	T8CC	LotW	By UA4CC; also using T88UU; 160-10m, perhaps 6m; CW SSB RTTY; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via UA4CC, Buro or direct
2011 Dec09	2012 Jan09	Rotuma	3D2	3D2AG Direct	By 3D2AG as 3D2AG/p fm OC-060 (RH87); 80-6m; SSB CW; 100w; battery and solar power
2011 Dec12	2011 Dec14	Guam	KH2	LotW	By JA1XGI as W8XGI/KH2 fm OC-026 (USI GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064); 20-10m; mainly CW; QSL also OK via JA1XGI, Buro or direct
2011 Dec12	2012 Mar10	Sri Lanka	4S7KKG	DC0KK	By DC0KK fm AS-003; CW + digital; dipoles
2011 Dec14	2011 Dec20	Curacao	PJ2T J	W3HNC	By K8ND fm Signal Point (SA-099, WLOTA LH-0942); QRV for Stew Perry 160m Contest
2011 Dec16	2011 Dec27	Belize	V31NB	EB7DX	By 5B4AIF; SSB; fm V31MD's QTH in Placenia
2011 Dec16	2011 Dec31	Palestine	E44PM	LotW	By HB9IQB; probable focus on WARC CW; QSL also OK via HB9IQB, Buro or direct; exact end date unclear
2011 Dec19	2012 Jan04	Togo	5V7MA	F4FOO	By F4FOO fm Sokode; 20-10m; SSB; QSL OK via Buro or direct; spare time operation
2011 Dec20	2012 Jan10	United Arab Emirates	A6	LotW	By VE6LB as A6/VE6LB fm Dubai; focus on 12 10m; mainly CW; 100w; G5RV; QSL also OK via VE6LB, Buro or direct, as well as eQSL
2011 Dec24	2012 Jan02	Ogasawara	JD1BLY	J15RPT	By JD1BLY fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 80-6m; CW SSB RTTY
2011 Dec24	2012 Jan07	Rwanda	9X0PY	SM6CPY	By SM6CPY; focus on high bands; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Dec26	2012 Jan05	Namibia	V5	DH3WO	By DH3WO as V5/DH3WO
2011 Dec26	2012 Jan05	Namibia	V5	DH3WO	By DK1CE as V5/DK1CE
2011 Dec26	2012 Jan16	Namibia	V5	DJ2HD	By DJ2HD as V5/DJ2HD
2011 Dec28	2012 Jan04	Burundi	9U3TMM	IV3TMM Buro	By IV3TMM fm Bujumbura (KI46qp); HF; SSB RTTY
2011 Dec29	2012 Jan06	Sable I	CY0		By N0TG as N0TG/CY0, WA4DAN AA4VK N1SNB likewise
2011 Dec30	2012 Jan07	Ogasawara	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ Direct	By JD1BMH fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY
2011 Dec30	2012 Jan08	Palau	T88OW	RA0FF	By RA0FF
2011 Dec31	2012 Jan13	Namibia	V5	DL1ZU Buro	By DL1ZU as V5/DL1ZU

Any day now JG8NQJ, Susumu "Take" Kanno, is expected to be back working on staff at the **Minami Torishima** meteorological station. He will be active as **JG8NQJ/JD1**. During his last trip in late August through early October he was on 17 and 15 meters using an IC-726 (10W QRP) with a simple dipole on both CW and SSB. He is scheduled for another three month work assignment on Minami Torishima from **mid-December 2011 until mid-March 2012**. On this next trip he plans to take a new 200 watt rig and put up another antenna, but no plans for RTTY. QSL via JARL QSL bureau or direct to JA8CJY, Susumu Sanada, 5- 17, 5jo-4chome, Sin-Ei, Kiyota, Sapporo, 004-0835 JAPAN. — *The Daily DX*

January 2012 DX Calendar...continued *(Edited from <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)*

2012 Jan01	2012 Jan31	East Kiribati	T32AU	VO1MX	By VO1AU; exact begin and end dates uncertain
2012 Jan02	2012 Jan07	French Guiana	TO5G	F5KDR	By F4ACR F4CRE F4DNU F5OQK F6AIM FY5LH fm Royale Islet (SA-020)
2012 Jan05	2012 Jan08	Alaska	KL7	See Info	By NL8F N3QQ UA9OBA as KL7RRC/p fm NA-240; QSL via N7RO, except Europe via UA9OBA
2012 Jan05	2012 Jan31	Dominica	J79XB	VE2XB Direct	By VE2XB; 160-10m, perhaps 6m
2012 Jan07	2012 Jan08	Curacao	PJ2N	LotW	By N6EE W6XK fm Signal Point (SA-099, WLOTA LH-0942); QRV for ARRL RTTY Round-Up; QRV before and after using PJ2/N6EE and PJ2/W6XK; QSL also OK via NN6NN direct
2012 Jan07	2012 Jan10	Mariana Is	KH0	Home Call	By JE4SMQ as KH0K and JO3FRH as KH0UY fm Saipan (OC-086, USI NI002S, WLOTA I333); 80-6m; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2012 Jan08	2012 Jan22	Bonaire	PJ4B	PA8A Di- rect	By PA8A; include \$2 + SAE for QSL
2012 Jan11	2012 Jan21	British Virgin Is	VP2V	GM0LVI	By GM0LVI as VP2V/GM0LVI fm Cooper I; 20-6m; CW SSB
2012 Jan12	2012 Jan23	Bonaire	PJ4C	LotW	By 24 op team; SSB CW RTTY; 6 stations; 24hrs/day
2012 Jan12	2012 Jan26	Tuvalu	T2HA	LotW	By HA5AO HA5UK; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK
2012 Jan14	2012 Jan22	Cambodia	XU7	Home Call	By JA3AVO as XU7AVO, also JA3BZO (XU7AEN), JA1CJA (XU7CJA), JA3UJR (XU7UJR), JA3HJI (XU7HJI pending) and Tatsuo/JA3ARJ (XU7ARJ pending); 160-6m; CW SSB + digital
2012 Jan17	2012 Feb02	East Kiribati	T32	See Info	By VO1AU as T32AU (QSL via VO1MX), also KG8CO as T32CO, K8AQM as T32TR, KB8TXZ as T32TX, AC8W as T32WW, all QSL via KB8TXZ, and N8LJ as T32LJ (QSL via K8ESQ) fm Kirimati I (OC-024, BJ12ha); QRV for CQ 160m CW as T32XX (QSL via KB8TXZ)
2012 Jan20	2012 Jan29	Pitcairn I	VP6T	LotW	By F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZT FM5CD F4BKV; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via G3TXF
2012 Jan20	2012 Feb03	Senegal	6W7SK	F6BLP	By F6BLP fm Mbour; focus on low bands; mainly CW
2012 Jan20	2012 Feb04	Pitcairn I	VP6T	LotW	By F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZT FM5CD F4BKV; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via G3TXF, via usual routes, including email request (see Web pages)
2012 Jan21	2012 Feb04	Curacao	PJ2	LotW	By AA9A as PJ2/AA9A; 40-10; CW SSB; QSL also OK via AA9A
2012 Jan22	2012 Feb22	Malpelo I	HK0NA	TBA	By HK1R HK1T HK1X DJ8ZB HK1MW HK1N YV5SSB OH0XX HK3JJH W6IZT K5YY K4UEE VE7CT LU9ESD WB9Z; exact dates and duration TBD
2012 Jan24	2012 Feb23	Wallis & Futuna	FW0R	TBA	By HA0NAR + 2 others fm Wallis I; 160-6m, focus on low bands; CW SSB RTTY; QRV for ARRL DX CW; also 1 week sidetrip to Futuna I (OC-118)
2012 Jan25	2012 Feb05	Maldives	8Q7HU	CX3AN	By CX3AN CX4CR fm Maafushi I (AS-013, WLOTA 3911, WW Loc. MJ63rw); 80-6m; CW SSB + digital
2012 Jan26	2012 Jan29	Fiji	3D2HA	LotW	By HA5AO HA5UK; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK
2012 Jan28	2012 Feb05	Mayotte	TO4M	LotW	By IK5BCM IK5CBE IK5CRH fm AF-027; 80-10m; SSB CW PSK31 RTTY; 2 stations; amplifiers; dipoles
2012 Jan29	2012 Feb10	El Salvador	HU2DX	DH7WW	By DF7TT DK8YY DL2ARD DL3JJ DL4JS DL5SE DL8ALU OK4MM YS1GMV YS1MAE YS1ZC fm Barra de Santiago; 160-10m, focus on low bands



NFDXA-CQ DX Full Marathon Standings-Dec 15, 2011

Call	Countries	Zones	IOTA	Total
AB4UF	0	0	0	0
AC4ET	0	0	0	0
K3LB	233	40	108	381
K4EB	258	40	199	497
K4UTE	272	40	233	545
KB4CRT	7	7	4	18
KC4FWS	1	1	0	2
KX4WW	0	0	0	0
NIWON	229	38	143	410
N4EPD	0	0	0	0
N4GFO	0	0	0	0
N4JBK	0	0	0	0
N4KE	0	0	0	0
N4NN	0	0	0	0
N4UF	0	0	0	0
NF4L	159	38	75	272
NO4J	0	0	0	0
NU4Y	118	31	31	180
NW4C	107	34	49	190
W4FDA	16	12	0	28
W4GAL	0	0	0	0
W4GJ	227	37	88	352
WA4B	0	0	0	0
WA4ET	0	0	0	0
WA6EZY	177	34	69	280
WR4K	160	36	86	282

Full-MARATHON RULES

Between 1 Jan and 31 Dec 2011 work as many DX stations as you can on any band using any mode. Work each country only once—unless it spans CQ zones. Also, work the country as an IOTA, if possible. IOTA contacts count an extra point

WHY PARTICIPATE?

In addition to numerous spoken and written accolades, back-pats, atta-boys and possibly expressions of envy and regret from those who either didn't do as well or take part, the winner will receive a **free** dinner—including dessert! Who knows? Other prizes may be forthcoming? Stay tuned.

CQ Magazine has announced it plans to award additional plaques in the 2011 Marathon for the following: Top CW score; Top SSB score; Top Continental score and Top Single Band scores (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 and 80 meters).

The Future of RIMV Malyj Vysotskij Island



On February 4, 2011 the Finnish Parliament ratified the Lease Treaty of Saimaa Canal, later signed by President Tarja Halonen. The original 50 year lease was agreed to on September 27, 1962, which eventually gave birth to the DXCC



Entity of Malyj Vysotskij Island (M.V. Island) in the late 1980's. In June of this year both Finland and Russia agreed on the revised treaty in principle, which essentially no longer allows citizens of Finland access to MVI. "This temporary agreement has been made, because Russia needs to use the island but the official ratification is not in force yet" says OH2BU, Jari Jussila. Once the Russian Duma and President Putin sign the treaty and notify Finland "the official ratification papers will be exchanged", which would then take effect one month later. At that point Malyj Vysotskij Island would no longer qualify as a DXCC Entity and would be deleted. There are no plans for any future DXpeditions to RIMV.

— The Daily DX

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The Ultimate Contact Sport

WB6ACU AND THE EAGLES TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS IN 2012

Joe Walsh, WB6ACU (2nd fm rt) and The Eagles will celebrate their milestone 40th anniversary by touring in 2012. In an interview with Rolling Stone Magazine, Walsh said that this celebration is not going to be a continuation of the band's recent tours. Rather, says Walsh the band is pulling out all the stops to create a new set up that'll be more than worth the price of admission.

To accomplish this, Walsh revealed that he and his mates will take to the road for about five months during the second half of the year. According to WB6ACU, they have been archiving a lot of material from the Eagles early days, including concert footage, interviews and the like. He says that these will be the visuals to go along with the songs. WB6ACU says that they will revisit some old songs and some new material as well.

The full story of Joe's plans with both the Eagles and also the James Gang can be read on-line. The U-R-L is ultimateclassicrock.com/the-eagles-tour-next-year/.

While we're at it, let's all wish WB6ACU a happy birthday. Joe celebrated birthday number 64 on November 20th.



— *Ultimate Classic Rock via AR Newline 25Nov*

Knit One Dit, Pearl Two Dahs . . .

If you love Morse code, don't miss this unusual video in which author **Kristen Haring** talks about knitting in Morse code patterns. She wrote a book a few years back called "Ham Radio's Technical Culture" which many radio amateurs hated, but many others found unusual and interesting. Thanks to W0PV for the tip:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/OHSTcolloquia#p/a/u/1/hoiuYw5pVQ4>

--ARRL Contest Update

A Matter of Opinion

I recently had a conversation with a Florida ham that's been a Ham since the year of the spark. He said "With out the scoreboard, DX would be just boring." I said "Then maybe we should make all Qs go stale for DXCC credit after 20 years so you would have to experience what the rest of us have to go through today for a Q and DXCC credit. You'll have to continuously make Qs to keep your Honor Roll or #1. You won't be bored . . ." — **John, KB4CRT**



REMEMBER...U.S. Postal Rates Increasing on January 22

The cost of a first-class stamp will increase to 45 cents, as of January 22, 2012. Postcard rates will go up to 32 cents. International mailing rates will rise as well.

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DX World of Ham Radio

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on their radios, operated and

then told **The PileUp** what

they heard.

— NW4C

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A Ham's Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through two-meters, Not a signal was keying up any repeaters.
The antennas reached up from the tower quite high, To catch the weak signals that bounced from the sky.
The children, Tech-Pluses, took HT's to bed, And dreamed of the day they'd be Extras, instead.
Mom put on her headphones, I plugged in the key, And we tuned 40 meters for that rare ZK3.
When the meter was pegged by a signal with power. It smoked a small diode, and, I swear, shook the tower.
Mom yanked off her phones and with all she could muster. She logged the spot Packet Cluster,
While I ran to the window and peered up at the sky, To see what could generate RF that high.
It was way in the distance but the moon made it gleam, A flying sleigh, with an eight element beam,
And a little old driver who looked slightly mean. So I thought for a moment that it might be Wayne Green.
But no, it was Santa, the Santa of Hams. On a mission, this Christmas to clean up the bands.
He circled the tower, then stopped in his track, And he slid down the coax right into the shack.
While Mom and I hid behind stacks of CQ, This Santa of hamming knew just what to do.
He cleared off the shack desk of paper and parts, And filled out my **late** QSLs just for a start.
He ran copper braid, took a steel rod and drove it, deep into the earth, till the station was grounded.
He tightened loose fittings, resoldered connections, Reduced modulation, installed lightning protection.
He neutralized tubes in my linear amp... (Never worked right before-now it works like a champ).
A new, low-pass filter cleaned up the TV. He corrected the settings in my TNC.
He repaired the computer that would not compute, And he backed up the hard drive and got it to boot.
Then, he reached really deep in the bag that he brought, And he pulled out a big box. A new rig I thought?
A new Kenwood? An Icom? A Yaesu, for me?! (If he thought I'd been bad I deserved QRP!)
Yes! The Ultimate Station! How could I deserve this? Could it be those hours that I worked Public Service?
He hooked it all up and in record time, quickly, Worked one-hundred countries, all on one-sixty!.
I should have been happy, it was my call he sent. But the cards and the postage will cost two month's rent!
He made final adjustments, and left a card by the key: "To Gary, from Santa Claus. Seventy-Three."
Then he grabbed his HT, looked me right in the eye, Punched a code on the pad, and was gone, no good-bye.
I ran back to the station, and the pile-up was big, But a card from St. Nick would be worth my new rig.
Oh, too late, for his final came over the air. It was copied all over. It was heard everywhere.
The Ham's Santa exclaimed what a Ham might expect, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all, good DX."

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— Submitted by Steve, AB4UF