



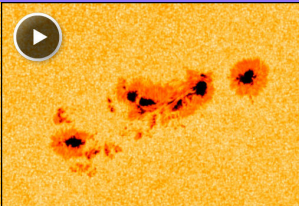
## The North Florida DX Association

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Sunspot 1158—Good News and Bad News.

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### -Late News-

**Southern Sudan website now active**

<http://www.dxfriends.com/SouthernSudan2011/>

### NFDXA Meeting

5 pm Saturday  
March 12  
Athens Café  
6271 St Augustine Rd  
Jacksonville



## WJ9B at Mar NFDXA Mtg

Noted radio contesteer and CW operator **Will Baber, WB9J** will be the featured speaker at the Saturday, March 12 meeting of the North Florida DX Association at the Athens Café, 6271 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville.

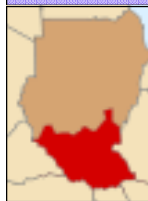


Will, WJ9B

Dr. Baber is known within the Ham radio community primarily as an avid CW operator and contesteer. A long-time member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club and the Florida Contest Group his call has been logged in everything from the ARRL Sweepstakes to the CQ WW CW competition.

Although widely recognized for his contest activity, WJ9B's radio interests are far ranging. They include experimenting in the UHF/SHF ranges—he's a member of the Florida Weak Signal Society—as well as the study of receiver dynamics. WJ9B is QRV from 160 meters through 10368 MHz.

## South Sudan Next 'New One'? OH2BH Group Efforting Change



Southern Sudan

Southern Sudan is separating from the Republic of Sudan, its northern neighbor and 'mother country', as a result of a recent referendum which resulted in an overwhelming vote for independence.

According to a recent report in *The Daily DX*, a 'working group' headed by **OH2BH, S53R** and **5Z4DZ/PA4DZN** will begin discussions shortly on introducing Amateur Radio to officials of the newly declared independent country. It's expected that OH2BH's experience in international communications (read NOKIA) and his introduction of Ham Radio in new and evolving countries will result in its being recognized and accepted in a professional, supportive role.

However, It should be noted that Southern Sudan is emerging with a very limited administrative structure. The country is devastated from civil war in which over 2-million people died. (Continued on page 4)

## Russian DX Rules Changes Hot Topic As Contesters Gather At Orlando Hamcation Dinner

By **Jamie Dupree NS3T** [radio-sport.net](http://radio-sport.net)



FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP

A new crackdown on cheating announced last week by the organizers of the Russian DX Contest was a hot topic of conversation as contesters from around the U.S. and the Caribbean gathered in Orlando, Florida, all part of this past weekend's Orlando Hamcation.

"The Russians have really raised the bar," said Glenn Biggerstaff WW4B, as he and others expressed strong support for any measures that would tighten the rules to discourage contest cheating and limit what some believe are excessive post-contest log massage efforts. Others at the dinner and hospitality Super Suite organized by the Florida Contest Group echoed that assessment, expressing strong support for cheating counter-measures by the Russian DX and CQ WW DX Contests. "I'm all for it," said Laing Batchler NT4TS.

One new item for Russian DX that had a lot of heads nodding in agreement was the new rule that requires exact frequencies for all contacts. Various contesters wondered out loud whether the ARRL and/or CQ contests would also move to use CAT frequencies, very short log submission times and more. (FCG Continued on page 4)



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## North Florida DX Association, Inc.

The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is a group of Amateur Radio Operators located primarily in northeast Florida whose main Ham Radio interests are DXing and Contests. The NFDXA generally meets monthly on a date and location selected by an organizer picked for that meeting. The following officers were elected for the calendar year 2011.



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## NFDXA SK

It was to my dismay and extreme embarrassment I learned that I'd inadvertently left George Werner, W4ORT off the NFDXA SK list in the January issue of *PileUp*. It was doubly sad for me when the oversight was revealed because "Old Rotten Tomatoes" was one of my first contacts back when I was involved with NO-FARS. Additionally, 'Big' George and one of the earliest members of the NFDXA.

When I first met George I was working on a filmed documentary on VA-35, the "Black Panthers", the Navy's last operational squadron of prop-driven Douglas AD Skyraiders. Over time he became a valued information source on the "Spad", as the Korean-war vintage dive bomber was affectionately known. He had been a Spad mechanic at one time and had served a tour with VA-35 which was the Navy's 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest attack squadron.

W4ORT was one of the more interesting and profane characters both in and out of Ham radio that I've ever known. I offer my apology for the omission oversight to all who share in his memory.

— Warren, NW4C



George Werner, W4ORT -W4FDA Photo

### NFDXA Meeting St. Johns Seafood Restaurant, January 22, 2010

#### Who's Who

Left Row  
Front to Back

WA4B, Steve

KC4FWS, Jim

NU4Y, Jim

AB4UF, Steve

Right Row  
Front to Back

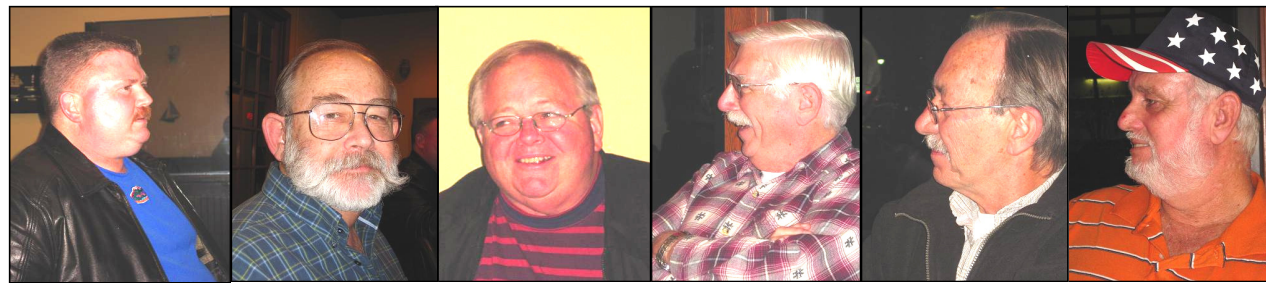
Joe, N4JBK

Warren, NW4C

(Photo by John, KB4CRT)



### January Meeting Close-Ups



### January 22, 2011 NFDXA Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at St. Johns Seafood and was called to order by NW4C at 1813EST/2313Z

**Treasurer's Report** — KC4FWS reported a balance of: \$921.70; paid \$65.00 for 2011 corporate dues

**New Business** — KC4FWS will have his motor home at Orlando Hamcation; NFDXA members invited to drop by for lunch featuring Jim's special chili

Orlando Hamcation will count as February NFDXA meeting

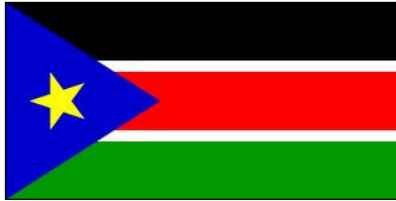
**Old business** — NFDXA polo shirts expected to be ready in February. If so, KC4FWS will bring shirts to Orlando Hamcation where attending members can pick up at his motor home.

NFDXA members who haven't paid are reminded that 2011 dues of \$20 are due

The meeting adjourned at 1831EST/2331Z. (Jan attendance report on page )

Respectfully submitted, NW4C, Acting, Secretary

## Southern Sudan — Continued from page 1



جنوب السودان  
*Janūb as-Sūdān*

In the war's aftermath there's less than 30-miles of paved road in the entire country and most of that is located in or around its sole 'large' city, Juba, which will become the capitol when the country is officially established in July. It would seem that setting up a government's provisions for Amateur Radio is the least of this country's problems.

But that hasn't deterred one group from announcing plans for a major, multi-op DXpedition to whatever this entity is to be named. In an obvious rush to be first to activate a 'new one', the "Intrepid-DX Group" (<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/>), which most recently conducted the Y19PSE and E4X operations, says it will mount a DXpedition to what is now Southern Sudan sometime after July 9. The call sign **ST0DX** has already been requested from the "[Government of Southern Sudan Mission in America](#)". It should be noted this action could be somewhat presumptive as it isn't even known at this time what the new country's official name will be, much less its prefix and official communication structure.



Be that as it may, at this writing there has been no comment from the OH2BH group on the Intrepid group's announced ST0DX operation. However, in the OH2BH group's formation announcement it states "... (T)he first Amateur Radio activation should - prior to the operation - be accompanied with a well-thought-out plan prepared in partnership with Southern Sudan's relevant authorities, such as telecommunications, security and education."

Although appears a new DXCC counter is still some months away with this new country is expected to join the international family of nations in July, preparations for recognition and acceptance of Amateur Radio are well under-way. Southern Sudan is expected to officially join the international family of nations sometime in July.

—From *The Daily DX*, *Intrepid DX Group*, *The DX World of Ham Radio* and other sources

## FCG Orlando Meeting — Continued from page 1

Organized by Dan Street K1TO and Chris Plumlee WF3C, the Florida Contest Group dinner was held a few miles from the fairgrounds where the Orlando Hamcation operates with your author as the featured speaker. Among those attending the reception afterwards was CQ Magazine editor Rich Moseson W2VU, who in an interview with radio-sport.net, echoed his February column which rebuts commonly held views that the ham radio hobby is somehow dying. "We're growing now," Moseson said of CQ Magazine, "the whole hobby is growing now." "One of my favorite parts of this job is that I'm always learning from the readers," added Moseson, who said his visits to Hamcation, the Dayton Hamvention and other ham gatherings are very important to keeping in touch with his magazine's readers. "It's a wonderful conversation with the readers and you learn so much," said Moseson, who has been the CQ Editor since the end of 1999. "The contest community is very important to us," the CQ Editor continued, adding that CQ's extensive coverage with scores shows that is "more than lip service." Moseson said he's also looking forward to contest issues coverage by the magazine's new Contesting Editor, George Tranos N2GA.



Part of the crowd of close to 100 contesters who showed up for the Florida Contest Group Banquet held in conjunction with the Orlando 'Hamcation' Hamfest — NS3T Photo

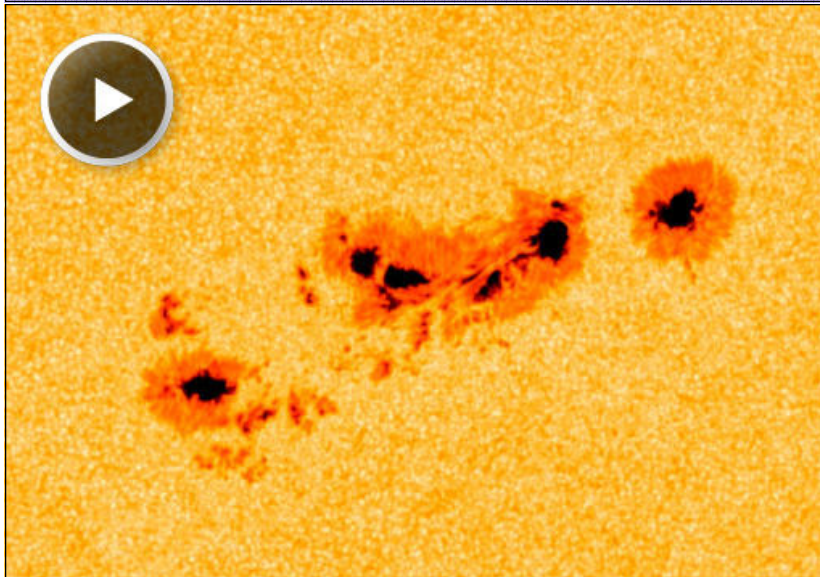
**Next NFDXA Meeting — 5 pm Saturday, March 12**  
**Athens Café, 6271 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville**

## Some Familiar Faces Seen at the Orlando Hamcation

The Orlando Hamcation has evolved over the years into one of the larger and more successful Hamfests in the country and is now being referred to by many as 'The Southern Dayton.' In spite of its growth it remains a friendly place to connect with friends and fellow DXers. Pictured are some of the folks who stopped by the KC4FWS motorhome to chat and partake of Jim's genial hospitality and hamfest chili! There were others, like N4KE and W4GJ who came and went. Those who were there when the camera showed up are (l-r) W3KT, K4UTE, KC4FWS, N4NN, N4CC and NF4L.



## THE NEW SOLAR CYCLE SUNSPOTS COME ALIVE!



A week ago, sunspot 1158 didn't exist. Now it is wider than the planet Jupiter and unleashing the strongest solar flares since Dec. 2006. Click on the following link to witness the amazing 5-day development of this active region, courtesy of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory. <http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2011/16feb11/ipad/metamorphic.m4v?PHPSESSID=ailf9ukin573fq53llfg8pa7>

Earlier in the week Sunspot 1158 unleashed the strongest solar flare in more than four years. The eruption, which peaked at 0156 UT on Feb. 15th, registered X2 on the Richter scale of solar flares. NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory recorded an intense flash of extreme ultraviolet radiation.

To watch the flare's initial eruption go to <http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2011/15feb11/x2flare.gif?PHPSESSID=not0m83qu9jl4hsio7iimb0m1>

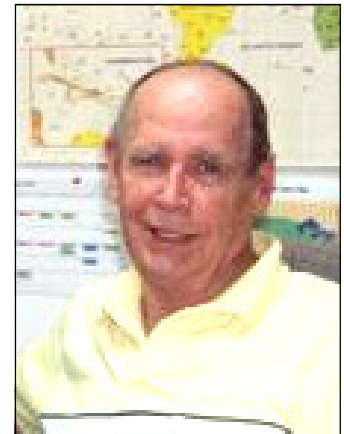
**Good News:** Another solar cycle 24 first. The daily sunspot number has reached 100. This equates to improved radiowave propagation conditions on 20-10 meters. **Bad News:** Thanks to the recent M6.6 and X2.2 solar flares we now have two strong coronal mass ejections enroute earth. When they strike earth's magnetic field in the next 24-48 hours significant geomagnetic storming will occur. The end result will be a couple of days of degraded radiowave propagation conditions on 10, 12 and 15 meters.

## K4UTE Achieves 10 Band DXCC



The handsome plaque pictured on the left is the proud possession of **K4UTE**, a physical symbol of his achieving DXCC on 10 separate Amateur Radio Bands, 160 through 6 meters! A 6-meter contact last summer clinched this prestigious award. Although not readily visible, the 6-meter certification is placed above the 5BDXCC symbol.

Over the years, **Richard** has 'worked them all' on whatever band or mode the operator favors. He tracks each emerging entity to ensure a contact and is always at or near the top in the NFDXA contests as well as the DXCC Honor Roll.



## Southern Comfort—A QSL from Another Time

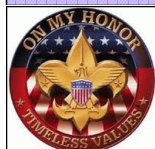
		<p style="text-align: center;">PHOTO POST CARD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ANS</p> <p>THIS CONFIRMS OUR QSO OF  <b>DBCL</b> 1955 AT <b>1140</b> EST. GA.          ON <b>21.3</b> MC. UR SIG <b>Q 5 S 7</b></p> <p>RECEIVER: COLLINS 75 A-3          TRANSMITTER: COLLINS 32 V-3          ANTENNA: MULTIBAND DIPOLE          OPER. CTR. PER.</p> <p>REMARKS:  <b>THANK FOR A MOST ENJOYABLE QSO. HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.</b>          PSE QSL CUL VY 73's  <i>Howard</i></p> <p>To:          AMATEUR RADIO STATION <b>KP4WA</b>  <b>PRES</b>  <b>40 E.W. MYER, (QSL Bureau)</b>  <b>PO Box 1061</b>  <b>SAN JUAN</b>  <b>PUERTO RICO</b> <b>DEC 23 1953</b></p>
<p><b>W4BHI</b>          HOWARD COOK          1165 LULL WATER ROAD, N.E., ATLANTA, GA., U.S.A.</p>	<p><b>W4BJG</b>          ROBERTA COOK</p>	

The above QSL card represents confirmation of a contact and QSO back in 1955 between W4FDA and W4BHI. Pres was stationed in Puerto Rico at the time and was operating from a club station at KP4WA. It was a kinder, gentler time, recalls Pres. "AM was King. . . Ham radio is still magic but back then it was MAGIC! . . . Long distance telephone? A week's wages for a 3 minute call, if you had time to wait for the operator to get a clear line to Atlanta."

Voice contacts made on AM routinely were longer, typically lasting half an hour or more. As Pres opined: "All my QSOs were long and interesting. Hams were more interesting then (and) Hams were better educated then.

Note, also, QSL postage was much less expensive then as evidenced by the direct mail three cent stamp!

## Boy Scouts and ARRL Enter Strategic Alliance



After working together for nearly a century to provide Scouts with the ability to learn radio communication skills, Boy Scouts of America and the American Radio Relay League have officially teamed up by signing a memorandum of understanding. This document designates the ARRL as a key resource for K2BSA and Radio Merit Badge training at the BSA National Scout Jamboree and establishes the ARRL as the go-to source for Scouts interested in learning about

and becoming involved in radio communication and will continue to promote participation in the annual Jamboree on the Air event. ARRL will also serve as contributing editor to the Radio Merit Badge publication. As its part of this strategic alliance, the Boy Scouts of America will encourage Scouts to become familiar with opportunities for public and community service by fostering learning and personal growth through involvement in Amateur Radio. NFDXA member Bob, W4GJ is active in scouting and heads up the annual Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Day in Gainesville.



## DXCC Country/Entity Report

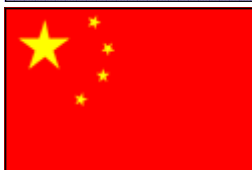
According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th-February, through Sunday, 13th-February there were 227 countries active.

Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9M, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

— Ohio-Penn DX Bulletin #998 13Feb 2011

## Amateur Radio in Beijing



Almost 20% of the world's population is administered from Beijing. What is the reality for Amateur Radio in this region? A new YouTube video at the end of this story gives a glimpse.

Imagine a world where the urban population live in 20-30 storey high rise apartments. How do you put up antennas if you're only on the 10th floor?

A new 38 minute YouTube video, originally made in 2008, gives those living in the British Isles, Europe, the Americas and Oceania a view of a different world. It shows how antennas are set up, in both daytime and night, on the top of tower blocks with coax running down the outside of the block to the required apartment.

It is suggested you skip over the first 5 minutes of the video which although creatively presented doesn't show much of the reality. A list of the Amateur Radio call signs of those appearing in the video is given at the end.

Watch HAM Flower 业余无线电爱好者

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfZJN3cbVI>

—Southgate (England) Amateur Radio Club

[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/february2011/ham\\_flower.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/february2011/ham_flower.htm)

## INTRUDER WATCH: VOICE OF RUSSIA ON 7.2 MHZ

The 'bad old days' may be here again because another very loud broadcast interloper has shown up 40 meters.

A message on the IARU Region 1 website indicates that a station identified as the **Voice of Russia** has been heard on the exclusive Amateur Radio frequency 7.2 MHz. The report says that since February 1, the **Voice of Russia** has been transmitting programs in Russian language with high power and is causing harmful interference to the Amateur Radio Service.

The location of the interfering transmitter has been placed at or near the Russian city of St. Petersburg. The transmissions are from 0800 to 1500 UTC.

Hams around the world are being asked to write their nation's Ham Radio Intruder Watch coordinator and ask that body to file a formal complaint with Russian telecommunications authorities. Ham radio has an exclusive allocation for 7.0 to 7.2 MHz. No stations other than Amateur Radio stations are supposed to be heard in that frequency range.



— IARU Region 1 Report via AR Newsline

## NG3K Feb-Mar 2011 DX Calendar (Edited) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Start/End	Entity	Call	QSL Via	Details
2011 Feb10	2011 Feb20	Cameroon	<a href="#">TJ9PF</a> [spots]	F5OGL F5NQL 20110102 By F4AJQ 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; 6 stations; Spiderbeams, verticals
2011 Feb12	2011 Feb24	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	AA1M AA1M 20101205 By AA1M as V4/AA1M fm St Kitts, SSB CW PSK31; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Feb12	2011 Feb28	Singapore	9VI	DL4MN <a href="#">OPDX</a> 20110214 By DL4MN as 9VI/DL4MN; CW SSB RTTY; dipole
2011 Feb14	2011 Feb24	Chad	<a href="#">TT8DX</a> [	DJ6SI <a href="#">ATDX</a> 20110111 By DJ6SI; HF; CW
2011 Feb15	2011 Feb22	Mariana Is	<a href="#">W0S</a> [	JA1TRC JA1TRC 20110205 By KH0WF et al fm Saipan I; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; NOT QRV for ARRL DX
2011 Feb15	2011 Mar07	Guatemala	TG7	N6HD <a href="#">425DXN</a> 20110212 By N6HD as TG7/N6HD; 160-10m; CW SSB
2011 Feb16	2011 Mar30	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	W5JON W5JON 20101213 By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 80-6m; SSB; W5HAM also V47HAM from time to time
2011 Feb18	2011 Feb22	Rodrigues I	3B9	SP2FUD <a href="#">ATDX</a> 20101231 By SP2FUD as 3B9/SP2FUD; HF; RTTY
2011 Feb18	2011 Feb22	Rodrigues I	3B9	SP2JMB <a href="#">ATDX</a> 20101231 By SP2JMD as 3B9/SP2JMB; HF; CW SSB; QRV for ARRL DX CW
2011 Feb18	2011 Mar06	Haiti	HH4	Home Call AF4Z 20110125 By AF4Z as HH4/AF4Z and K4QD as HH4/K4QD; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; spare time operation
<b>ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 19-20, 2011)</b>				
2011 Feb20	2011 Feb25	French Polynesia	FO	LotW <a href="#">OPDX</a> 20110214 By K8AQM as FO/K8AQM (OC-046); 100w; vert holiday style; QSL K8AQM ok,
2011 Feb20	2011 Feb25	Svalbard	JW	Home Call LA9VDA 20110211 By LA9VDA as JW9VDA and LA8XR as JW8XR;
2011 Feb20	2011 Apr14	Uganda	5XINH	LotW <a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20110120 By G3RWF fm Fort Portal; HF; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via G3RWF
2011 Feb21	2011 Mar28	Dominica	J73CCM	LotW <a href="#">ATDX</a> 20101229 By SM0CCM; possibly QRV fm Carib Indian Territory as J70SWD;
2011 Feb22	2011 Mar03	Namibia	V5	LotW <a href="#">OPDX</a> 20110103 By DJ4SO as V5/DJ4SO 160-10m; CW RTTY PSK31, some SSB; QSL op direct
2011 Feb22	2011 Mar05	Cocos Keeling	<a href="#">VK9C</a>	G3SWH VA3RJ 20101021 By G3RTE G3SWH as VK9C/G6AY; 80-10m; CW only; QSL direct or Buro
2011 Feb23	2011 Feb27	St Martin	FS	VA3QSL VA3RJ 20110211 By FS/VA3QSL, also as PJ7/VA3QSL fm Sint Maarten (NA-105, 40-10m; CW SSB; QSL via VE Buro or direct
2011 Feb23	2011 Mar06	Dominica	J79AN	DL7JAN DL7JAN 20101206 By DL7JAN fm NA-101; 40-10m, perhaps 80m; CW SSB RTTY; focus on Asia and Japan; call sign requested; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct

## NG3K 2011 DX Calendar (Edited) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Start/End    Entity    Call    QSL Via    Details

2011 Feb24	2011 Mar15	<b>Crete</b>	<b>SV9</b> <b>NEW</b>	DJ7RJ	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20110211	By DJ7RJ as SV9/DJ7RJ; focus on low bands; CW SSB
<b>CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB</b> (Feb 25-27, 2011) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2011 Feb25	2011 Feb28	<b>East Malaysia</b>	<b>9M8</b>	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20110105	By 9M6XRO 9M6DXX as 9M6XRO/8 (CW) and 9M8Z/p (SSB) fm Pulau QSL OKM0URX, Buro
2011 Mar01	2011 Mar17	<b>West Kiribati</b>	<a href="#">T30</a>		<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20100917	By SP5EAQ as T30AQ and SP5DRH as T30RH fm Tarawa I; HF; SSB RTTY
2011 Mar01	2011 Mar20	<b>Ghana</b>	<b>9G1AA</b>	PA3ERA	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20110207	By PA3DEW PA3FQX fm Dorma; mainly 20 15m; SSB
2011 Mar03	2011 Mar20	<b>Revilla Gigedo</b>	<a href="#">4A4A</a>	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20110106	By XE1B EA5AFP et al fm Isla Socorro (NA-030, 160-6m; 5 stations; QSL also OK via EB7DX direct
<b>ARRL International DX Contest, Phone</b> (Mar 5-6, 2011) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2011 Mar05	2011 Mar15	<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>XU7AFU</b>	ON4AFU	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20101225	ON4AFU fm Kampong Som; possibly also fm Koh Russei (AS-133) using XU7KOH;
2011 Mar06	2011 Mar16	<b>Namibia</b>	<b>V5</b>	ZS6AYU Direct	ZS6AYU 20110211	ZS6AYU as V5/ZS6AYU; 30-15m; CW; fm various locations; holiday style operation
2011 Mar07	2011 Mar12	<b>Bermuda</b>	<b>VP9</b>	AA1AC	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20110214	AA1AC as VP9/AA1AC fm Hamilton Pairsh (NA-005); QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Mar07	2011 Mar15	<b>Sable I</b>	<a href="#">CY0</a>	See Info	N0TG 20101213	N0TG as N0TG/CY0; AA4VK K8LEE likewise; OQRS to be available; otherwise direct to N0TG
2011 Mar08	2011 Mar13	<b>Aruba</b>	<b>P40D</b>	WD9DZV	WD9DZV 20110130	WD9DZV; most bands; most modes; holiday style operation
2011 Mar09	2011 Mar16	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	<b>FG</b>	F6ITD	F6AJA 20101222	F6ITD as FG/F6ITD fm Basse Terre and La Desirade I; SSB + digital; QSL REF Buro or direct
2011 Mar10	2011 Mar17	<b>Curacao</b>	<b>PJ2</b>	Home Call	VA3RJ 20110107	W5FKX as PJ2/W5FKX fm Signal Point (SA-099), N5HZ W5XU W5ZPA likewise; all modes
2011 Mar11	2011 Mar18	<b>Br Virgin Is</b>	<b>VP2V</b>	G3PHO	VA3RJ 20101021	G3PHO as VP2V/G3PHO fm Tortola I (NA-023); 80-10m, ?160m; 100w; wires; QSL Buro or direct;
2011 Mar11	2011 Mar20	<b>Lesotho</b>	<a href="#">7P8</a>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20110110	K5LBU as 7P8CF W5KDJ as 7P8KDJ; 160-10m; 2 full time stns; QSL K5LBU W5KDJ direct
2011 Mar12	2011 Mar13	<b>Ghana</b>	<b>9G5XA</b>		VA3RJ 20101112	By G3XAQ fm Accra; BERU Commonwealth Contest
2011 Mar15	2011 Mar31	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar Is</b>	<b>VU4BP</b>	TBA	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20110207	Amateur Radio Society of India team fm Port Blair, Andaman Is; 4 stations; details to follow
2011 Mar19	2011 Mar29	<b>Cocos Keeling</b>	<b>VK9CF</b>	K8NA	<a href="#">ATDX</a> 20110124	By NL8F fm OC-003; 160-10m; SSB; QRV in CQWWW WPX, SSB

**CQ WWWPX SSB March 26-27, 2011**

## DX News and Notes as we prepare to post . . .



### 9X0SP OK FOR DXCC CREDIT

ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the **9X0SP** 2010 DXpedition to Rwanda has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards that were recently rejected for this operation, please send an [e-mail](#) to the ARRL DXCC Desk," Moore said. "Please note that due to extremely heavy e-mail, DXCC staff may not respond to your message. Once your record is updated, results will appear in Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) accounts or in the live, daily [DXCC Standings](#)."

--The ARRL Letter 10Feb11

### ANDAMAN ISLANDS-VU4

Here's a real goodie—No. 29 on the DXCC Most wanted list. **VU4PB**, Andaman Islands, will be put on the air by 16 operators from the Amateur Radio Society of India, **March 15-31**. Gopal, VU2GMN, says permission has been obtained and there will be four stations active from Port Blair. As they say in radio, "Stand by for more details."



### NAURU- C2 – Mid to late 2011

According to a report on The DX World of Ham radio (<http://dx-world.net/>) which came originally from the news section of *The Pacific DXers* (<http://pacific-dxers.com/News.html>) "Contact has finally been made with the Nauruan authorities. Preliminary discussions are taking place. Call sign should be issued soon, and permission to also use 60m. Expressions of interest are sought from experienced DXers to join us mid to late 2011 for a 2-week operation. Contact Eddie VK4AN."

### Chad –TT8

In case you were wondering, the operation currently underway is Chad IS legitimate! DJ6SI, Baldu Drobnica, is there and operating as **TT8DX**. So far been CW only on 80, 40, 30, 17 and 15 meters. Be aware that the TT8DX call sign is a *reissued call* and the TT8DX information currently listed on QRZ.COM is not up-to-date. QSL the February 2011 DXpedition of TT8DX via DJ6SI, whose call book address on QRZ.COM and Buckmaster are correct.



### COCOS KEELING – VK9C

The Cocos (Keeling) Islands, #75 on the 'Most Wanted' list, will be activated between **February 22nd and March 5<sup>th</sup>** by G3SWH, Phil, and G3RTE, Jim. Both will use the single call sign of **VK9C/G6AY** with activity planned on **CW only** from 80 through 10 meters. There will be no 160, 6 meters or EME activity. They hope to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. More information can be found at [www.g3swh.org.uk/vk9c-g6ay.html](http://www.g3swh.org.uk/vk9c-g6ay.html).

**Talk about persistence...** The CY0 team is hoping the third try will be the charm and has set **7-15 March 2011** as the target schedule to activate Sable Island. The team travels to Halifax, Canada on 5 March to take care of final logistics details in preparation for the charter flight to Sable. DXpedition leader N0TG, Randy is urgently looking for an additional operator, to commence March 7th. "Personal investment, flexible schedule and HF radio required", says Randy. If interested please email him at [n0tg@arrl.net](mailto:n0tg@arrl.net) ASAP for more details. The CY0 website will be updated periodically as to the status and any potential impact on the planned activation date, including while in Halifax. <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/>

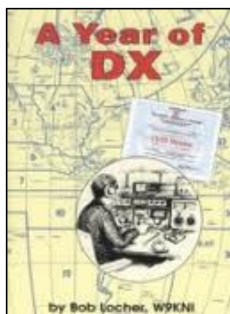


**TUVALU-T2** Magic Banders, pay attention. Lance, W7GJ, says he's going to Tuvalu for 2 weeks, starting August 23 for a Six Meter EME DXpedition through September 6th as T2GJ. More details can be found at <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/T2GJ.htm>. QSL via W7GJ.

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## NFDXA Mid-February 2011 Marathon Standings

Like last year's Half Marathon, **K3EB** and **K4UTE** are in the lead, setting the pace and challenging the rest of the NFDXA membership to catch up—if they think they can! Take note particular that **WR4K** is trucking right along in third place—and he's only using a flagpole in his front yard as his antenna!

2009 NFDXA Marathon champ **N4NN** has been chasing DXpedition band-spots in the ClubLog contest and hasn't posted here. He finished 'first' in band-spots with the **VP8ORK** and **S9DX** DXpedition but that score doesn't show up on the club Marathon tally. Stay tuned.

It does seem unusual that a DX-Contest oriented club would be so light in participation in its club contest with only six entries posting results. But then, this club has always been a bit slow to get started and the leaders are reminded that this is a MARATHON!

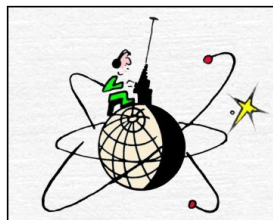
So, in the words of the immortal Satchel Page, "Don't look back. Someone might be gaining on you!"

Call	Countries	Zones	IOTA	Total
<b>AB4UF</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>K4EB</b>	149	31	65	245
<b>K4UTE</b>	159	35	66	260
<b>KB4CRT</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>KC4FWS</b>	1	1	0	2
<b>NIWON</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>N4EPD</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>N4GFO</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>N4JBK</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>N4KE</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>N4NN</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>NF4L</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>NU4Y</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>NW4C</b>	15	12	10	37
<b>W4FDA</b>	16	12	0	28
<b>W4GJ</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>WA4B</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>WA4ET</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>WR4K</b>	61	23	25	109

## Stay Active — A DX Commentary

The following is an excerpt from "2010 DXCC Year End Review" by Joe Reisert, W1JR

DX means many different things to many people. Some DXers are only interested in the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll and soon run out of interest and challenges. Others pursue the never ending ARRL Challenge competition. Some like to chase Islands for the IOTA (Islands on the Air) program by the RSGB. There are approximately 1200 IOTA Island Groups and many have never been activated so there are lots of challenges. For the last several years, CQ Magazine has reinstated the year long CQ DXCC Marathon to see who can work the most entities in each calendar year. This program has a few more challenges by also adding several entities recognized only by CQ Magazine but not on the ARRL DXCC list as well as working all 40 zones. And there are the never ending DX Contests. There are lots of things to do. Don't let the airways die for lack of activity. Stay active and join the fun.



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**New European Ham I-Zines**

Two new Ham-Radio-related magazines have shown up on the Internet, one in Italian and one in Spanish. You can use Google translations if you don't happen to be conversant in either language



The **Mediterraneo DX Club**, IQ8MD, is publishing **DX Coffee**, a DX oriented publication that you can download from the club's web site. <http://www.mdxc.org/> The club is asking for articles saying they'll make the translation to Italian. There appears to be a strong tie to the 425 group.

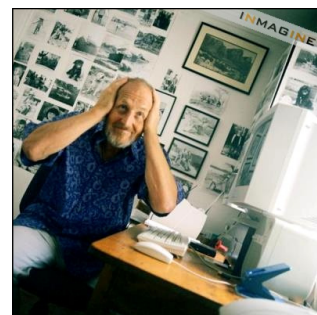
And, a more general-interest I-Zine, **Radio-Noticias** is being posted on-line in Spain—again the Google translator seems to be able to handle the articles in spite of the technical bent. Articles in the February edition include testing the Kenwood TS-590, Comet antennas and a vintage Icom 746. You can download it all from <http://www.radionoticias.com>



**January Meeting Attendance — Continued from Page 3**

Name	Call	Attend	Name	Call	Attend
Steve Brown	AB4UF	Y	Dale Conner	N4NN	N
John Hale	AC4ET	N	Billy Williams	N4UF	N
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	N	Mike Reublin	NF4L	N
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	N	Dave Mains	NO4J	N
John Silberman	KB4CRT	Y	Jim Iori	NU4Y	Y
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	Y	Warren Croke	NW4C	Y
Bill Walker	KX4WW	N	Pres Graham	W4FDA	N
Cory McDonald	NIWON	N	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	N
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	N	John Moore	W5HUQ	N
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	N	Steve Barber	WA4B	Y
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	Y	David Price	WA4ET	N
Ron Blake	N4KE	N	Dick Knox	WR4K	N

**Members Attending 7**  
**Guests 0**



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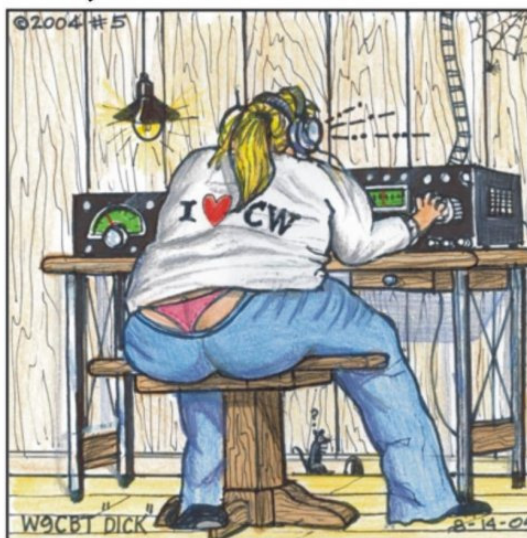


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## The Last Word

By NW4C



A short time ago we got all excited when we heard that the solar flux had reached 100. The century mark was being touted as another 'first' for Cycle 24. This is considered good news in that high solar flux numbers generally equate to an improvement overall in HF propagation—especially in the higher bands, 20 through 10 meters (See sunspots, page 5).

However, moments later came the discouraging word that this same sunspot, Number 1158 that was producing all these exciting flux numbers, was also emitting some bodacious-sized solar flares, the 'first' X-Class flares of Cycle 24, in fact. Because of this spate of solar flatulence we can now expect to get hit by "significant geomagnetic storming" followed by several days of "degraded conditions" on 15, 12 and 10 meters.

Apparently, what Old Sol appears to be granting us on one hand, Old Sol might be taking away on the other.

Sadly, the weekend's expected stormy space weather and possible propagation problems may reduce activity for the CW portion of the annual ARRL DX Contest. But as those who favor the CW mode will expound whenever you give them a chance, "CW gets through when nothing else will". Well, CW may well get that opportunity this weekend. Just don't let a little geomagnetic storming get in the way of your getting on the air.

In line with this thought, be sure to read the DX Commentary on page 11 by WIJR. What he wrote could apply as well to our NFDXA 2011 Club Marathon. True, it is a marathon—a la the tortoise and the hare—and not a sprint. But one still has to get started and not many in our club have done that. Only six on the NFDXA roster have even bothered to post entries. If you haven't been active, solar storm or no the DX contest this weekend will be a good time for you to get a running start because this time most of the DX will want to talk to you and not the other way around.

Keep the DX excitement going and may the good flux be yours.

—de NW4C (Not Worth Four Cents)