



# The North Florida DX Association

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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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## FCC Won't Get Involved in Ham Antenna Disputes with Homeowner's Associations

To the disappointment of many in the standing-room-only audience, the message from Laura Smith, the FCC's Special Counsel for Amateur Enforcement, was clear; the FCC is not going to intercede on behalf of Amateurs in antenna disputes with their homeowner's association. The bottom line is this, Smith said, "If you signed the agreement with your homeowner's association, that's a legal private contract and the FCC won't get involved." Smith's comments came during the ARRL's opening forum at the Orlando hamfest.



Laura Smith  
FCC Special Counsel

### Budget cuts hamper FCC Enforcement Efforts

In addition, Smith noted severe budget cuts have forced the commission to cut back on regulation enforcement. Retiring field agents/engineers are not being replaced leaving districts either undermanned or without anyone to follow-up on violation complaints.

On a more encouraging note, Smith says Amateur Radio frequencies "are safe for now", adding this caveat, "As long as there's no commercial interest in the frequencies and there doesn't appear to be any of that at this time, your frequencies are safe."

In closing, Smith was especially complimentary of the service performed by Official Observers and promised her support for OOs in disputes arising from their 'courtesy' notices of rule or technical violations.

## NFDXA By-laws Amendment Proposed

An amendment has been proposed to change the maintenance of membership status section (1.05 STATUS) of the North Florida DX Association by-laws. That section of the by-laws as currently written is as follows:

**1.05 STATUS - In order to maintain membership status, attendance of at least three meetings during the membership year is required. Additionally, all dues must be paid when due. Otherwise, the member's name will be purged from the membership roster and application as if new potential member will be required.**

The proposed amendment, if approved by the NFDXA membership, would read as follows:

**1.05 STATUS - In order to maintain membership status, all dues must be paid when due. Otherwise, the member's name will be purged from the membership roster and application as if new potential member will be required.**

Basically, the proposed amendment removes the three-meeting minimum annual attendance requirement.

The change was proposed Warren, NW4C and will be on the agenda for the March meeting where it will be discussed and then voted on. A simple majority of the members present is required to approve the amendment.





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**Executive Committee**

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**NFDXA Attendance at January 2013 Meeting**

Name	Call	# Attending	Name	Call	# Attending
Steve Brown	AB4UF	1	Dale Conner	N4NN	0
John Hale	AC4ET	0	Billy Williams	N4UF	0
Larry Bostic	K3LB	1	Mike Reublin	NF4L	1
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	0	Dave Mains	NO4J	0
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	1	Jim Iori	NU4Y	1
John Silberman	KB4CRT	1	Warren Croke	NW4C	1
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	1	Mike Garcia	W1FO	1
Bill Walker	KX4WW	0	Pres Graham	W4FDA	1
Cory McDonald	NIWON	1	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	1
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	1	Steve Barber	WA4B	1
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	0	David Price	WA4ET	0
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	2	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	1
Ron Blake	N4KE	1	Dick Knox	WR4K	0

Attendance NFDXA Members 17 Guests 1

**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](mailto:nf4l@nf4l.com)) at your earliest convenience.



## — DX FEVER —

Greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at Orlando Hamcation. Sorry I could not attend but I had an opportunity to sail the Bahamas with family.

Seems like those rare DX or even not so rare DX operations tend to bring out the good, the bad, and even the very ugly in some of us. Being not the most patient person, from time to time, I need to be reminded that Amateur Radio is a hobby to be enjoyed not endured. If you think back to when you first started in Amateur Radio you may remember these well written words by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA back in 1928.

### The Amateur's Code

#### The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE..... never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL..... offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE..... with knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station, and operation beyond reproach.

FRIENDLY..... with slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED..... Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC..... with station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

**Favorite Cluster Comments:** After spending hours, or days trying for one QSO with the station I could almost hear, I love to see the following comments on the DX cluster.

1. Worked one call – Easy
2. Worked 100 Watts
3. Worked on a wet noodle, QRP.
4. Loud in WA. DA I guess, they are in the Pacific

**Odds and Ends:** I was nice to see that everyone decided to join us for another year. Many thanks. Also congratulations to the VP5DX group for those 163 Thousand contacts over the last 16 years. Well done.

Until next month, **73 Bob, WA6EZV**



**Bob WA6EZV**



## January 2013 Meeting Minutes—Bubba's Seafood Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by president **Bob, WA6EZV** at 6:02pm

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim KC4FWS reported a balance of:\$1207.66

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of last month's meeting (Dec 15) were approved ..

**Old business** — Continuing discussion of club contest for 2012. Because of an ambiguity in defining "participant", the contest has been ruled a tie. All participants will meet for a dinner at a place and time to be determined. Everybody serves themselves. It was generally felt that the contest was fun, and got some people active

**New business** –

**Contest**—The contest for 2012 will be for NFDXA members. Work as many CQ zones on the bands 160 thru 10 meters.

There will be two categories.

1. stations using a beam and wire antennae.
2. Stations using a vertical and or wire antennae.

The winner of each category receives a meeting dinner valued at no more than \$25.00. A special award to the member who works all 40 zones on a single band. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the one with the next most contacts on a single band until a winner is determined. The prize is the same as the category winners.

**Letter of Support** - On the request for a letter expressing support of ham radio in Myanmar, because of commercial interests of the requestor, it was decided not to provide such a letter.

Proposed by-Laws Amendment—Warren, NW4C proposed a by-laws amendment from:

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To:

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Discussion and a vote is scheduled for the March meeting.

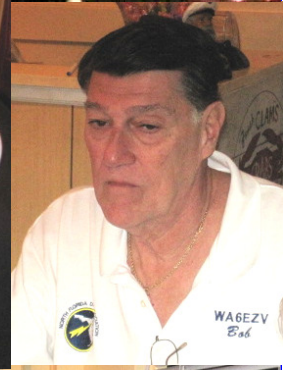
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Faces at Bubba's Seafood Restaurant for the January 19 NFDXA Meeting



Top row, L-R: NIWON and K4UTE; WA4B (with cane) and W1FO; KC4FWS ponders . . . Second row group picture from bottom left up and around: NF4L, AB4UF, N4EPD, NU4Y, K3LB (partially hidden), WA6EZV at table's head, KC4FWS, WA4B, W1FO, NIWON and K4UTE. Right side WA6EZV. Third row, L-R: NF4L, Tammy, and N4JBK, N4KE and W4GJ. Bottom row, L-R: N4EPD, NU4Y and K3LB; KB4CRT, AB4UF.



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**Orlando Hamfest**—Jim, KC4FWS will have be serving food and drink at his mobile palace at the Orlando Hamcation. Drop by. It was decided that no formal meeting will be held in February.

**Next meeting planner (March)** - Ron, N4GFO

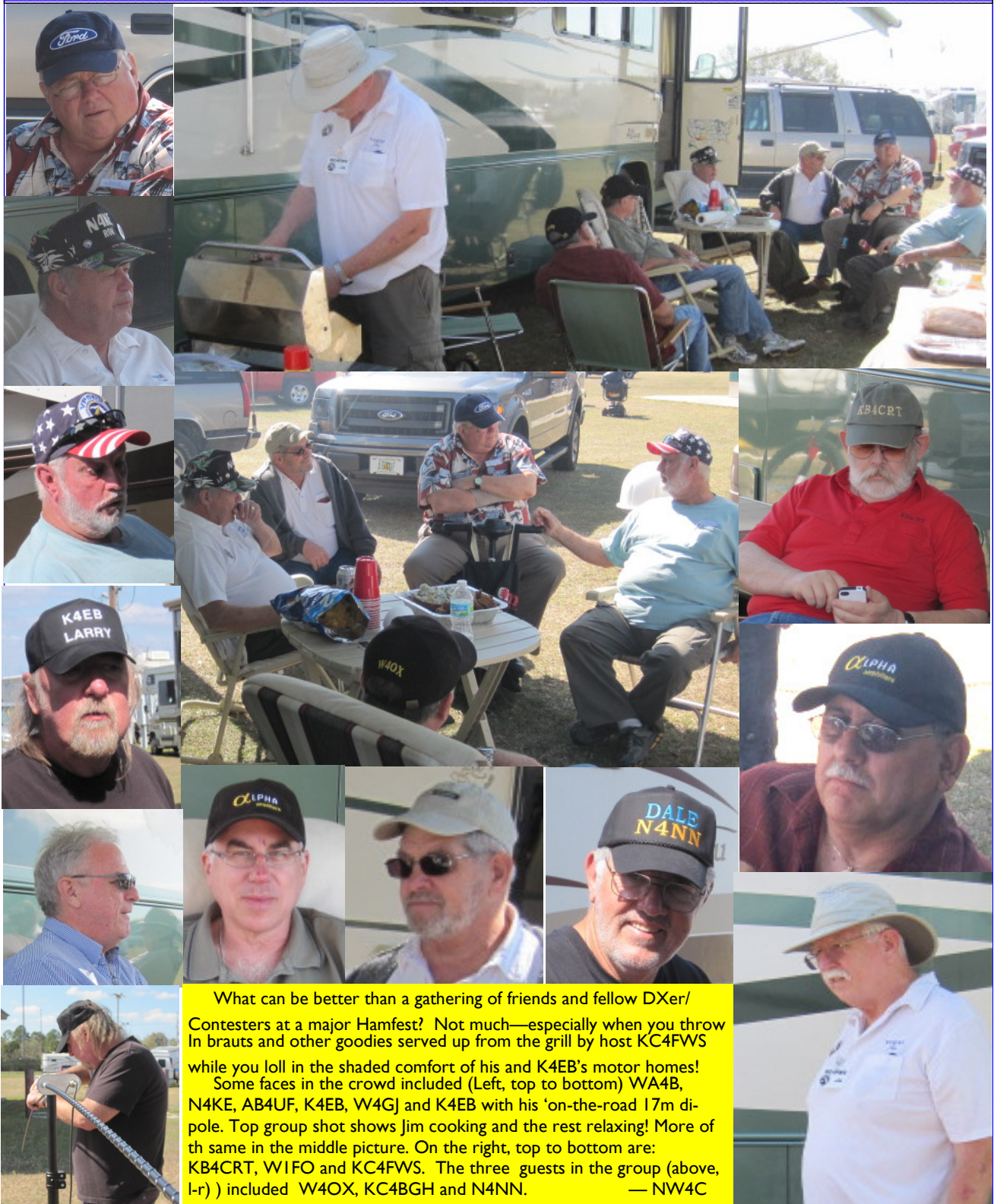
**Guests:** Tammy Barnes (N4JBK XYL)

**The meeting was adjourned at** 6:40 pm

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



Faces at the Orlando Hamfest February 9



What can be better than a gathering of friends and fellow DXer/ Contesters at a major Hamfest? Not much—especially when you throw in brauts and other goodies served up from the grill by host KC4FWS while you loll in the shaded comfort of his and K4EB's motor homes! Some faces in the crowd included (Left, top to bottom) WA4B, N4KE, AB4UF, K4EB, W4GJ and K4EB with his 'on-the-road 17m dipole. Top group shot shows Jim cooking and the rest relaxing! More of th same in the middle picture. On the right, top to bottom are: KB4CRT, W1FO and KC4FWS. The three guests in the group (above, l-r) included W4OX, KC4BGH and N4NN. — NW4C

## SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS



**7T50/7T9 - ALGERIA.** Members of the Algerian Radio Amateurs (ARA) will activate special event call signs **7T9A** and **7T50ARA** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Algerian Amateur Radio Association. QSL both call signs by the Bureau or direct to: PO Box 1, Algiers RP 16000, Algeria. (NO IRCs) --**OPDX**

**ES - ESTONIA EQ95,** ESTONIA (Special Event/Contest). Toomas, ES5RY, will be active with the special call sign **ES95Q** during the ARRL DX CW Contest (Feb 16-17) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via ES5RY. Activity will be from station **ES6Q**. The special call sign is to celebrate 95th anniversary of Estonia.

**HA - HUNGARY HAI10RAEM** is a special Hungarian call sign in memory of Ernst Krenkel, call sign RAEM. Krenkel lived from 1903-1971 and was an Arctic explorer and doctor of geographical science, and probably the most famous Russian ham of his time. HAI10RAEM will be active throughout this year on CW only. QSL via HA8MT. --**DDX**

**K5B - BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH MARATHON EVENT-SPECIAL EVENT** - The Mesilla Valley Radio Club of Las Cruces, New Mexico will be operating Special Events Station **K5B** March 17 in conjunction with the 24th annual Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon to be held at the nearby White Sands Missile Range. K5B will operate from 1000 to 2300 UTC on or near 21.337, 14.330, 7.225, and 3.893 megahertz. A commemorative QSL card will be available by request when accompanied with a self-addressed stamped business sized envelope to K5B in care of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, P. O. Box 1443, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. More information about the K5B operation is at [www.n5bl.org/batan](http://www.n5bl.org/batan). Information regarding the marathon event is available at [www.bataanmarch.com](http://www.bataanmarch.com). (VB4AEJ)

**PA - NETHERLANDS PF100ZOO** is a special Netherlands call sign for the 100 years of the zoo in Arnhem. And will be in use until Feb 28 with PA0FAW at the radio, mostly CW and SSB, with some digital. The operation is not from the zoo; it will be from the De Hoge Veluwe National Park. QSL direct, bureau or eQSL to PA0FAW. No LoTW. --**DDX**

**F - FRANCE TM10AAW** is a special call from France for Antarctic Activity Week. Look for this one from the F8DVD QTH in Macon, eastern France, on February 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 15-24. Francois will be on 40-10, mostly SSB. QSL to F8DVD direct with SAE and one IRC or 2 USD, or through the bureau system.

**F - FRANCE TC150RC** is the latest special call from the TC Special Wireless Activity Team, until July 31, and again July 1-31 for the 150th anniversary of Robert College of Istanbul which is the oldest American school still operational outside the US. Every contact will get a bureau card. And, TCSWAT has an updated calendar on their site, [www.tcswat.org](http://www.tcswat.org).

**HA - HUNGARY HA30S** is the special call from the HG1S club station in Hungary to mark their 30 years of operation. HA30S will be on through the rest of the year. --**DDX**

**LY - LITHUANIA LY16W** is on throughout February commemorating the Act of Independence of Lithuania, 95 years ago. The act was signed Feb 16, 1918, proclaiming Lithuania's restoration as an independent state. QSL via LY5W, Saulius Zalnerauskas, Box 1081, Kaunas LT-49006, Lithuania. There are prefix awards and there is a site with links for the LY WPX Trophy and the LY WPX Honor Roll. (<http://rk.vdu.lt/en/ly-wpx-trophy>) In addition, check out the **Baltic States WPX Trophy**: <http://rk.vdu.lt/lt/baltic-states-wpx-trophy> --**DDX**

**SM - SWEDEN SM0TSC** is putting Sweden on 60 meters, 5 MHz. Johan has been given an experimental license for six months. He is allowed to operate on 5310, 5320, 5380 and 5390 center frequency plus 1.5 KHz, maximum of 3 KHz bandwidth and 100 watts. [Sm0tsc@hflink.net](mailto:Sm0tsc@hflink.net) for skeds, any mode.

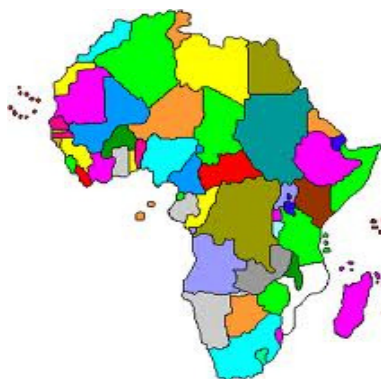
**TA - TURKEY TC16BURSA** from Turkey is by the Bursa Branch of the Turkish Radio Amateur Club to promote tourism in the City of Bursa. This activity runs until March 10 on all bands, CW, SSB, PSK and ROS. [www.facebook.com/trac.bursasubesi](http://www.facebook.com/trac.bursasubesi). --**DDX**

**YO - ROMANIA YO2013EYOWF** is an especially long special call sign from Romania, Feb 16-24, celebrating the European Youth Olympic Winter Festival. Operations will be on 80-10 CW, SSB and digital. QRZ.com has detailed QSL route info and a picture of the card. --**DDX**

**YU - SERBIA** Members of the Old Timers Club of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia are QRV as **YUI50TC** during 2013 in celebration of its 15th anniversary. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via YU6A. --**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**

## DX AFRICA



**3V - TUNISIA** (Rare IOTA). An International group, along with the Tunisian Radio Amateurs and the Engineering University of Gabes, are planning a second IOTA DXpedition to Djerba Island (AF-083 Apr 29-May 6. The Association des Radio Amateurs Tunisiens (ARAT) is expected to receive the call sign TS8TI on March 15. Activity will be on all HF bands, including the 30/17/12 meter bands and the CW, SSB, RTTY, AMTOR and PSK31 modes. QSL info TBA. --OPDX

**5H - TANZANIA** F6AML says he plans to operate in his spare time from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) until Feb 28. Sam will operate both CW and SSB using verticals on 10-40m. If time permits he hopes to activate a few nearby IOTAs. QSL F6AML direct or via the bureau. - DX Coffee

**5X - UGANDA** The F6KOP DXpedition team consisting of 20 operators is currently running six stations from a hotel about 2- km from the Entebbe airport until Feb 18 using the call sign 5X8C. QSL via FINGP. <http://www.5x2013.com/>

**5V - TOGO** Jackie, F8AEJ, is QRV as 5V7JD from Lome until Mar 15. Activity will be holiday style (visiting his son), using a FT897D with a "AT-897 Plus Tuner" into a 6 band Conrad windom antenna (used at CN2CDJ; see QRZ.com). Jackie tells OPDX he will use mostly digital modes. QSL his home call sign direct. Jackie's log will be posted on ClubLog. --OPDX

**6V - SENEGAL** RK4FF, Vladimir, is back in Senegal and QRV as 6V7S until April 3, and again May 13- 30, July 1-16 and Oct 22- Nov 27. Listen for him on all bands. QSL via RK4FF. --OPDX and DDX

**7P - LESOTO** 7P8CC (EI8CC), Gerry Gervin, the Irish ambassador to Lesoto, is currently off the air due to a tree falling on his roof to his shack during a storm but he hopes to again be QRV shortly. QSL 7P8CC via EI7CC. --DDX

**9G - GHANA** Marcel, AI6MS is QRV as 9G5MS until May 2013 while working as a volunteer with Medicine on the Move. This includes being active in the upcoming ARRL School Club Roundup. QSL to home call. --ARRL DX

**9X - RWANDA** G3RWF (aka 5X1NH), Nick, plans to be QRV March 4-12 from Rwanda. He has requested the call sign 9X0NH. Although his license has been confirmed he won't know his call for sure until he gets in Rwanda and pays for it. Nick's going single op mostly CW using a K3 and wire antennas operating from Kigali, the capital city. QSL via G3RWF. --DDX

**D4 - CAPE VERDE** SM7GIB will be active holiday-style as D44TIB from Cape Verde Feb 25-Mar 8. Mats is QRV with a wire vertical on 160-10m. QSL via H/c. --DXW

**ET - ETHIOPIA and Z8 - SOUTH SUDAN** K4ZW is going to be a 'road warrior' these next few weeks. First he's heading to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where he hopes to operate in the ARRL CW Contest. The following weekend he'll be QRV from the ET3AA club station. QSL ET3AA contacts via N2OO. Feb 25 to Mar 6 Ken will be in Juba, South Sudan where he'll operate in his free time as Z81Z making a special effort on the low bands. QSL Z81Z via K4ZW. --DDX

**J5 - GUINEA-BISSAU** Peter, HA3AUI is QRV as J5UAP until March 10. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW and digital modes. QSL direct to home call. --ARRL DX

**ST - SUDAN** ZS6AKB, Lourens, is in Kutum in the Darfur region of Sudan QRV as ST/ZS6AKB/Mobile until June on 40, 30 and 20 meters using an FT-857 and Tarheel II antenna. QSL via ZS6AKB. --DXW

**TJ - CAMAROON** F8FQX (ex 5T5SN, TN5SN), Nicolas Sinieokoff, is TJ3SN and is currently QRV on 15 meters from Cameroon with a ground plane antenna. Soon he hopes to be on 10 and 12 meters. Nicolas expects to be operational on 6 meters in April using a seven element yagi and a KW amplifier. At the moment he does not have plans for the other bands, as TJ3AY, Henri, is still active. --DDX

**TT - CHAD** Sergiy, US3EZ is QRV as TT8/US3EZ until March. QSL to home call.

**TZ - MALI** Fernando, EA4BB (ex-Z21BB), is active as TZ6BB from Bamako. The length of his stay is not known. Most of his activity has been on 40/20/15/12/10 meters CW. QSL via W3HMK. --OPDX

**XT, BURKINA FASO** (Update- call sign change) Members of the "Italian DXpedition Team" will be active as XT2TT (not XT1T as first announced) from Ouagadougou (Grid Loc. IK92fi), Burkina Faso, Feb 21- Mar 6. Activity planned on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL I2YSB for direct QSLs and IK2CIO for Bureau QSLs (no E-mail request please). --OPDX

**Z8 - SOUTH SUDAN** Massimo, IZ0EGB (ex-9L1MS, EL2GB), is living in South Sudan and hopes to be on the air soon as Z81B with 600 watts into wire antennas for 40-6 meters, operating on SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via IZ0EGB

**ZS8 - MARION ISLAND** ZS1BCE has not been appointed to go to Marion Island as a radio technician as earlier reported. Instead, it now appears Space Weather Engineer Carson McAfee, ZR6ZWI, will be going to the island, May 2013 - April 2014. Reportedly he operates SSB only. No call sign has been allocated at this writing. The QSL manager will be Pierre, ZS1HF, formerly ZS8M

## DX ASIA



**9M4-SPRATLY ISLANDS** **9M4SLL** will be active from Layang-Layang Island, Spratly (IOTA AS-051), on all bands 160-10m CW, SSB and RTTY Mar 10-18 2013 inclusive using several stations with linear amplifiers to vertical antennas all within a few meters of the ocean. QSL Manager is Tim, M0URX (OQRS, direct, bureau, LoTW). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as quickly as possible after the DXpedition.

**9M6 – MALAYSIA** DJ0YI (aka N6MUF), Ben, is planning to be in Kota Kinabalu, East Malaysia between March 1st and 8th, just prior to heading out to Layang-Layang Island in the Spratly Islands. While in the capital city of Sabah he will be QRV as **9M6/N6MUF**. QSL direct, via the bureau and LoTW to DJ0YI. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW after the DXpeditions to East Malaysia and the Spratly Islands. --**DDX**

**T6 – AFGHANISTAN** **T6RH**, Rob, is back in Afghanistan. He is in a new location and expects to be here until May 11. QSL via N15DX. --**DDX**

**T6 – AFGHANISTAN** Eric, K9GY, will be active as **T6MO** from the Helmand Province (Grid MM21) during the CQ 160 Meter SSB Contest (Feb 22-24) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. He mentions that this will be a limited effort; mainly from sunset to 1730z. Eric will also be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (Mar 2-3rd) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. He says activity will be mainly 20 meters (unless 15 and 10 meters is open to USA). Eric will also be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (Mar 30-31) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (possibly 15 or 10m)/Low-Power. QSL via LoTW or to K9GY (see QRZ.com) direct or by the Bureau. --**OPDX**

**XU – CAMBODIA** John, KF0RQ is QRV as **XU7ACQ** until Mar 18. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. (He's looking for Delaware and South Dakota for WAS) QSL to home call. --**ARRL DX**

**XV – VIETNAM** DD8ZX, Georg; DH0RAK, Jurgen; DH6ICE, Jurgen; DK7TF, Bernd; and DK8ZZ, Zik; plan to be QRV as **XV2DLH** from Mui Ne, Vietnam Feb 16-25. Activity will be on HF CW, SSB PSK and RTTY. Logs will be uploaded daily on ClubLog. QSL via DK8ZZ.

**YB – INDONESIA** Rohadi, YB6AR, and several other operators will be active from Bunta Island (OC-245) Feb 15-17. Operators are expected to use portable call signs (**YB6AR/P** etc). Activity will be on 40/30/20/15/10 meters using SSB and RTTY. They plan to use five transceivers with 500 watt amps. All their antennas are homebrew (verticals, yagis and Spiderbeam). QSL via the operator's instructions. --**OPDX**

## Approved Operations for DXCC

Be advised that as of this writing **Z60L** and/or any other **Z6** station will not count for DXCC awards as they do not qualify under DXCC rules. If any change in this status is made it will be announced by ARRL.

The ARRL DXCC Desk has announced the approval of the following operations for DXCC credit:

1. **Z81A and Z81D** Republic of South Sudan Current operations commencing 2012.
2. **3D2C** October 2012 DXpedition from Conway Reef. (If you had 3D2C previously rejected by Newington you can email [bmoore@arrl.net](mailto:bmoore@arrl.net) to get proper credit.)
3. **5V7TH** - Togo - 2012 operation
4. **S07EA** – Western Sahara RASD - 2006-2007 operations
5. **XWPA** - Laos - (Vientiane DX Club) 2010-2011 operations
6. **XW4XR** – Laos - Current operations.
7. **5X8C** - Uganda; Current Operations commencing in 2012

**NOW HEAR THIS** — The CWJF Group in Brazil (<http://www.cwjf.com.br/>) announces **CQMM DX CONTEST 2013 April 20 - 21**

Turn on the rig and join the fun and friendly competition. Your participation is important!

**73, Ed - PY4WAS**

## DX NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA



**6Y – JAMAICA** Yuri, VE3DZ, is once again active as **6Y2T** from Jamaica (NA-097) until Feb 19, including the ARRL DX CW Contest Feb 16-17 as an Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands and using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via VE3DZ.

**8P – BARBADOS** **8P9RM**, Gerry, W1VE, on Barbados, starts up Feb 26 on 160-6, focusing on CW and low bands. His last activity will be the ARRL DX SSB Contest March 2-3, single op all band low power with the **8P1V** call sign. QSL via W1VE. --DDX

**9Y4 – TOBAGO** N6TJ, Jim Neiger, has canceled his planned February operation from 9Y4W, Tobago, in the ARRL DX CW Contest. He said there wasn't enough time to fix the some tower problems. --DDX

**FG – GUADELOUPE**. Oliver, F6ARC, is now active as **FG/F6ARC** from Guadeloupe (NA-102) until Feb 14. Activity will be holiday style with a focus on 40 and 30 meters CW, using wire antennas. QSL via FE1IDX, by the Bureau or direct (see QRZ.com). --OPDX

**FG – GUADELOUPE** **TO22C** is the unusual call sign from Guadeloupe from F6GWW and F6HMQ, Michel and Gildas, when they're there Feb 17-Mar 3. They plan activity on all bands, focusing on 160. QSL via F6HMQ.

**FY - FRENCH GUIANA** Marc, F1HAR, will be active as **FY5KE** in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (Mar 2-3) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, by the REF Bureau or direct to FY5KE. --DDX

**FY – FRENCH GUIANA** Another FY contest operation will be by F5HRY, Herve, who'll use the special call **TOIA** during the ARRL DX SSB Contest Mar 2-3. This will be a single band 10 meter effort. (Editor's note: this call has been used in the past from Martinique and had another QSL route.) QSL via LoTW. --DDX

**FS & PJ7, ST. MARTIN AND SINT MAARTEN**. Andy, DK5ON, will be active as **FS/DK5ON** from French St. Martin (NA-105, WLOTA 0383) and **PJ7/DK5ON** from Dutch Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711, DIFO FS-001) March 10-29. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, including 17/12 meters, using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DK5ON, direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL. --OPDX

**HC – ECUADOR** **HC2/RC5A** and **HC2/RAIAGL**, Elena and Alex, will have Ecuador on the air February 10-March 9, SSB and CW, 160-6M. Elena will operate in the ARRL CW and SSB DX events. QSL direct or bureau to either home call sign. --DDX

**HK – COLOMBIA** DK8LRF, Lothar, is back in Restrepo (FJ34fg), Colombia where He's QRV as **HK3JCL** on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meters SSB until March 31. QSL via DK8LRF. --DDX

**J3 - GRENADA** **J34G** on Grenada will be by G3PJT, Mar 5-20, active on HF. QSL to G3PJT.

**J8 - ST. VINCENT** Dave, G3TBK, will be active as **J88DR** Feb 14-Mar 11. Activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (Feb 16-17) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (Mar 2-3) as a SOAB/Low-Power entry. Dave also plans to be in the RSGB's 75th Commonwealth Contest (Mar 9-10). Activity outside of the contest will be on all HF bands, especially 30/17/12 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL G3TBK, direct or via RSGB Bureau. --OPDX

**KP2 - U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**. Look for operators and call signs Munekazu/JI3DNN (KP2/KI3DNN), Yoshiaki "Aki"/JR3QFB (KP2/W3JH), Yoshiro/JL3SIK (KP2/K2JA), Takeshi "TAKE"/JS6RRR and KP2/NH2KY (Club callsign) to be active from the U.S. Virgin Island Mar 13-19. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65A. Check QRZ.com for QSL details. --OPDX

**KP2 - U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**. Before his JDIYBT and JDIBLC Ogasawara operations (see JDI DX Pacific), Toshi, JP1IOF, will be active as **WH7P/KP2** from U.S. Virgin Islands April 3-9. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via JP1IOF, by the Bureau or direct. Also, LoTW and an OQRS (via ClubLog) will be available at: <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/WH7P/KP2> --OPDX

**OX – GREENLAND** **OX3XR**, Peter, reports Amateur Radio operators from Greenland now can transmit on 60 meters (5250-5450 KHz). He hopes to be QRV soon with a dipole.

**P4 – ARUBA** WA2NHA, Howard, plans to be back on Aruba March 3-17 QRV as **P4/WA2NHA** mostly on CW on all bands. QSL home call. --DDX

**P4 – ARUBA** **P41P** may again be the Aruba call sign for DF7ZS, Helmut, Mar 26-Apr 3. He will be SOAB in the CQWW WPX SSB with casual operations the rest of the time, some of those on 17 and 12M. He's asking PTT for a more unusual call sign for the WPX. QSL home call. <http://www.df7zs.de/> --DDX

**PJ2 - CURACAO** Ulf, DL5AXX, will be active as **PJ2/DL5AXX** from Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA LH-0942) Feb 24- Mar 11. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using mainly CW with some RTTY. QSL via DL5AXX home call sign, direct or via Bureau. He prefers OQRS at: <http://www.dl5axx.de/dxlog/default.aspx?Logid=75> --OPDX

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## DX PACIFIC - OCEANA

**3D2 – ROTUMA** Bob/W7YAQ and Bill/N7OU are back in Rotuma (OC-060) until Feb 21st using call sign **3D2RX** (W7YAQ) and **3D2RO** (N7OU). Activity is on 160-10 meters, mainly CW but with some SSB and RTTY using vertical antennas next to saltwater on a north-facing shore. During the ARRL CW DX Contest they will make a Multi-Single entry from Rotuma as 3D2RX. QSL via their home call signs. They will be upload their logs to LOTW as soon as they get back to the USA. --OPDX

**3D2 – ROTUMA** Antoine, 3D2AG, will be active as 3D2AG/p from Rotuma (OC-060) between late March/April. He states, "Now looking for spare parts for my 14-years-old ICOM 706-MKII, which is faulty (no TX). If anyone can help please contact me so that I can be operational on 6m from Rotuma. Thanks in advance." His E-mail address is on QRZ.com. He also mentions, "QSL direct only to Fiji address. --OPDX



**5W – SAMOA** 5W0W, Ralph, is QRV in Apia, Samoa until Mar/Apr 2013. Later this year he'll return to the Solomon's, where he'll make preparations for an IOTA Solomon Islands Tour 2013, with plans to activate OC-285. Ralph is looking for 2-3 operators (one with CW experience) to team with him for an IOTA OC-285 expedition. For information contact Ralph at ralph.honiara@gmail.com or NR6M, Rex Turvin, <turvin2009@yahoo.com>.

**A3 - TONGA** The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin reports that **A3IWH** will be the call sign used by DJ9KH from Tongatapu Island Feb 13-23, then **A3IWH/p** Feb 24-Mar 2 from Vavau. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY -- OPDX

**DU – PHILIPPINES** DU6/OE9MON, Chris, is now active from Panay Island, OC-129, QRV on 20 SSB with a vertical and 100 watts. He is working on bamboo-supported wires for all band activity. QSL via LZ1JZ. --DDX via DXW

**E6 – NIUE** Operators Alan/VK4WR and Graeme/VK4FI will be active as **E6RQ** and **E6SG**, respectively, from Niue (OC-040) Mar 22-29. Focus on 6 meters as well as some HF operations. QSL both call signs via VK4FI. --OPDX

**H44 – SOLOMON ISLANDS** Phil, G3SWH and Jim, G3RTE will be active from Honiara, Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands Feb 18-28. Activity on CW only on all bands 80-10 meters. There will be no 160, 60, 6 meters or EME activity. QSL via G3SWH, either via the OQRS facility on Phil's web site <http://www.g3swh.org.uk> (recommended), direct with SAE and adequate return postage or via the traditional bureau route. --OPDX

**JD – MINAMI TORISHIMA** JG8NQJ, Take, is on Minami Torishima (OC-073) at the weather station and is QRV in spare time until the mid-April as **JG8NQJ/JDI**. QSL direct JA8CJY w/one IRC or two greenstamps or via JARL QSL bureau to JG8NQJ. --DDX

**JD – OGASAWARA** JHIJDI, Mai (YL), began activity from Chichijima Island, in the Ogasawara Islands (JDI) in early February. She will be QRV running 50 watts as JHIJDI/JDI until March 3. QSL via JHIJDI.

**JD – OGASAWARA** Three JA operators will be active from Chichijima Island (AS-031) in the Ogasawara group Apr 28 - May 5t. Call signs to be used are **JDIBLC** (Operator Toshi/JPIIOF) and **JDIYBT** (World Wide Club station). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FM. QSL JDIBLC via JPIIOF direct or Bureau to JDIBLC. QSL JDIYBT via JPIIOF direct or Bureau to JDIYBT. LoTW will also be available. --OPDX

**KH2 – GUAM** JR3QFB, Yoshiaki 'Aki' Sone, plans to operate on Guam using club call **NH2KY** and personal call **W3JH/KH2M**, Mar 29-Apr 1, 80-6M SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31, with a FT-1000, and an FT-2000 rig. Other operators plan to join Aki there.

**T2 – TUVALU** T2GM will be from the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel "on the lagoon side of the island," with four Scots operating March (not May) 13-23. The ops are GM0GAV, GM3POI, GM3YTS and GM4FDM. They will have a pair of K3 rigs and verticals near the water and 500 watts output. [www.t2gm.org](http://www.t2gm.org) will have QSL info and the log update. Back at home, MM0NDX will keep their blog updated.

**T2 – TUVALU** NL8F, Tim, plans to return to Tuvalu (T2) for 10 days centered on the CQ WPX SSB DX Contest at the end of March. He'll be on SSB and possibly on digital modes. No word on his call sign. Beforehand he'll be in VK4 and 3D2. His exact dates are unknown but he hopes to be there before the GMDXG (T2GM) boys leave Mar 23, then and depart a day or two after the CQ WPX Phone (Mar 30-31). QSL via K8NA.

**TX5 - CLIPPERTON ISLAND** (Update). The March TX5K Clipperton Island DXpedition Web page has a new URL: <http://tx5k.org/>. Included in the large international group making the trip are members of a Scientific Program team, one of whom is a ham - Alain/F6BFH. The vessel Shogun leaves San Diego on Feb 19. dates are between February 28th and March 10th. --OPDX

**V6 - MICRONESIA** Mike, WB7DXA, will be active as **V63DXA** in Micronesia Feb 21- Mar 21. While there, he plans to operate from the islands of Kosrae (OC-059), Pohnpei (OC-010) and possibly Mokil and Pingelap Atolls (OC-226) using a marine radio on 20 SSB. QSL WB7DXA direct, the bureau or via LoTW. — Continued on page 12

## DX INDIAN OCEAN



**8Q – MALDIVES** G4ZWI, Fred Cooper, is heading to Meedhupparu Island in the Maldives and will be operating as **8Q7FC** holiday style May 26-June 8. He plans to use an FT-817 running 5 watts on CW and possibly on PSK on the 20 and 15 m QRP frequencies using end fed half wave antennas up in a coconut tree. --**DDX**

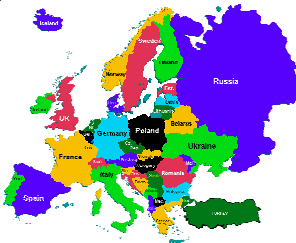
**FT5W - CROZET** Keep your eyes and ears open for Gildas, operating as **FT5WQ/MM** aboard the fishing vessel *Ile de Reunion* off the Crozet coastline. No official word when/if he'll land and operate from number 6 most-wanted FT5W. However, sources are saying Gildas may be active as **FT5WQ** for 1-2 days from the island within the next week. QSL direct only via F4DXW.

**FT/X – KERGUELEN** Gildas and the *Ile de Reunion* will also be fishing in the vicinity of number 25 most-wanted Kerguelen on this same extended voyage. If Gildas goes ashore and operates on Kerguelen he'll use the call sign **FT5XT**

**S7-SEYCHELLES ISLANDS** G0VJG plans to be QRV from the Seychelles as **S79VJG** Apr 4-16. QSL via G4DFI.

**TOI – REUNION ISLAND** (WFF Op). A team of operators from Reunion Island will be active as **TOIPF** from the UNESCO World Heritage site of "Piton de la Fournaise" [Peak of the Furnace] volcano during the following dates: Feb 23-24, May 11-12 and Aug 3-4. The volcano is a shield volcano on the eastern side of Reunion island (AF-016) with an elevation of elevation 2632m. It is currently one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. QSL via FRIGZ. -- **OPDX**

## DX EUROPE



**5B - CYPRUS** **5B/UW2M**, Roman, will be on the air for the ARRL DX CW Contest Feb 16-17 from Cyprus, single op all band high power. QSL to US0LW. --**DDX**

**9A – CROATIA** NF4A, Charlie, will be in Croatia Feb 25-Mar 5 operating as **9A5PC** using the 9A1A club station in Zagreb during the week before the ARRL DX SSB Contest. During the test he'll be with the Multi-Multi **9A1A** group from their contest location in Kozjaca. QSL 9A5PC contacts via NF4A only, not the 9A QSL bureau. --**DDX**

**G – ENGLAND** The UK HQ team (GR2HQ) will be active as **G100C** (or, depending on the station location, **GM100C**, **GW100C**, **GJ100C** etc) during the weekends throughout 2013 to provide essential pile-up training for the national team and partly to celebrate the 100th anniversary of RSGB. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, e QSL and Clublog after each weekend. Traditional QSL cards via

M0OXO (please use his OQRS at [www.m0oxo.com](http://www.m0oxo.com)). --**425DXN**

**LX – LUXEMBOURG** Philippe/LX2A and a team of operators will be active as **LX7I** from Eschdorf during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (Feb 9-10) as a Multi-2 entry, and the ARRL DX CW Contest (Feb 16-17) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the following Web page at: <http://www.lx2a.com>

**MJ – JERSEY** Richrad, M5RIC, will be active as GJ2A for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (Mar 2-3). QSL route (<http://www.qrz.com/db/>).

**TA – TURKEY** Members of the Turkish Radio Amateur Club from the Bursa Branch are QRV using special call sign **TC16BURSA** until March 10. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, PSK and ROS modes. QSL via operators' instructions. --**ARRL DX**

**TA4/DJ7RJ** in Turkey will be Feb 27-Mar 18. Willi plans to be on all bands 160-10, CW and SSB, concentrating on the low bands. QSL direct to his published address, or via the bureau. --**DDX**

## DX ARCTIC—ANTARCTIC



**RI – ANTARCTICA RIIANU** is likely to be the call used from Bellinghousen Base on King George Island, South Shetland Islands, by UA3HK (aka ZS1OIN), Oleg. He is the new Chief there. He plans to be on all bands, mostly CW, Feb 12 - Mar 31. RIIANF is the call sign usually used from Bellinghousen. QSL via ZS1OIN. -- **DDX**

**RI – ANTARCTICA RIIANP**, operator Nick, RW6ACM, will be on the air from the Russian Antarctic station "Progress" Feb 1-Dec 31. QSL direct or bureau to RN1ON.

**VK0 - ANTARCTICA** Craig, VK6Jjj is a member of the Antarctica Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition 2013/14 and is QRV as **VK0Jjj** from Mawson Base in the Mac Robertson Land until January 2014. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using SSB and digital modes. QSL via K7CO.

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**PJ - CURACAO** Seven ops are operating as **PJ2T/home call** from Curacao, Feb 13-20 including the ARRL DX CW on Feb 16-17. Some of the seven will upload their individual logs to LoTW. For the PJ2T contest operation, QSL via LoTW or W3HNK. QSL the PJ2T/home call contacts direct via the individual's home call. **-DDX**

**V3 - BELIZE** **V31LJ, V31AC and V31VJ** in Belize will be Feb 27-Mar 5 by N8LJ, AC8W and KB8TXZ. They'll be in the ARRL DX SSB as a multi-single. Look for them on 160-6M CW, RTTY and SSB when not in the ARRL event. QSL V31LJ to K8ESQ; V31AC and V31VJ to KB8TXZ.

**VP5 - TURKS and CAICOS** W1UL (ex W2DE), Urb, and his wife W2PKV will be active from Providenciales Island (NA-002) in the Turks and Caicos Islands as **VP5/W1UL** and **VP5/W2PKV** Mar 7-Mar 13. W2PKV will be operating primarily on SSB and W1UL will be primarily on CW. They will be active on all bands, including 6 meters. QSL for both to W1UL. **-DDX**

**XR2 - CHILE** (Chilean Lighthouse). Manuel, CE2UNE, will be active as **XR2BH** from the Puerto Aldea (Caleta Hornilla) Lighthouse (NAC 133, ARLHS CHI-110, Admiralty G1896.20) Feb 20-24 which includes the "Weekend South American Lighthouses" event (Feb 22-24). The beacon is located in Tongoy Bay, near the village of Puerto Aldea, Elqui Province, Coquimbo Region, Chile (VW Loc. FF49EQ). QSL XR2BH **-OPDX**

## DX Pacific - Oceana...Continued from page 12

**VK9C - COCOS KEELING** GM3WOJ (ZK2V), Chris, and GM4YXI (ZK2X), Keith; have announced their plans to travel to the Cocos-Keeling Islands (OC-003). Plans are to be QRV as **VK9C/GM2MP** March 30-April 13 with activity on SSB, CW and some RTTY. They hope to have a real-time logging system and daily LoTW uploads. More details to follow. **-DDX**

**VK9N - NORFOLK ISLAND** NThe VK9NT and ODXG, the Oceania Amateur Radio Group, Inc., are joining for a Norfolk Island operation May 3-12. There will be four stations on 80-10M CW, SSB and RTTY. Check <http://vk9nt.odxg.org> for more info.

**ZL7 - CHATHAM ISLAND** ZL1LC has booked the airline and accommodations for himself and his XYL for his **ZL7LC** micro DXpedition to Chatham Island March 14-20. Jim will be doing PSK31 only with an Icom 7000 and 7200 to verticals for 40, 20, 15 and 10 with 7035, 14070, 21070 and 28120 as target frequencies. If/when a pileup develops, callers will be asked to work SPLIT and transmit 100-400 Hz higher. He will likely look for his home country on 3677 SSB from 0700-0800 if PSK isn't too busy He will upload to Club Log after the operation is over. QSL direct to ZL1LC. There will be updates on the ZL7LC QRZ.com page.

**ZK3--TOKELAU** Dieter "Dick", DJ2EH (ex-ZD9T), is now active as ZK3T until February 20th. Activity has been on 30/17/15 meters CW, but he is expected to focus on the low bands later. QSL via DJ2EH. **-OPDX**

**ZL--NEW ZEALAND.** Members of the Quake Contesters Group will be active as ZL3X during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest Mar 30-31 as a Multi-2/ High-Power entry. QSL via ZL3PAH or LoTW

## Mali activated by UN employee in his spare time



**Fernando, TZ6BB**

**TZ6BB** is **Fernando Arroyo**, (EA4BB). He's currently operating in Mali, with an antenna that is a "nearly horizontal" loop, slightly sloping from "the terrace of my QTH down to the garden. . . It's an irregular polygon encompassing as much space as I could, around 140M, the highest part - some 30 feet over the ground, and the lowest is just about 10 feet." Fernando says he feeds the array with a remote SGC tuner. He thinks there may be some directivity toward the US.

Fernando's rig is a Kenwood TS590 running 100 watts. When he gets his next leave, he hopes to get a vertical for 80 and 40 for the DX QTH. He says there is not enough room for "decent RX antennas for the top band."

Fernando's main problem is finding time to operate. He works in the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UN

OCHA. QSL TZ6BB through LoTW or via W3HNK. Paper cards should be available shortly. **-DDX**



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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2013 Feb01	2013 Feb28	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>8Q7AK</b>	G7COD	VA3RJ 20130124	By G7COD fm Embudu, Kaafu Atoll (AS-013); QSL OK via Buro or direct, also eQSL
2013 Feb03	2013 Mar11	<b>Seychelles</b>	<b>S79</b>	CX3AN	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130117	By CX3AN as TBD fm Pointe Larue, Victoria; 80-6m; mainly SSB CW
2013 Feb04	2013 Mar15	<b>Togo</b>	<b>5V7JD</b>	F8AEJ Direct	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130128	By F8AEJ fm Lome; windom; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via eQSL
2013 Feb07	2013 Feb18	<b>Uganda</b>	<b>5X8C</b>	LotW	F5NQL 20120927	By 20 ops fm Garuga (KH60gb); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; 6 stations; QSL also OK via FINGP, REF Buro or direct, OQRS available
2013 Feb08	2013 Feb21	<b>Rotuma</b>	<b>3D2</b>	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130124	By W7YAQ as 3D2RX and N7OU as 3D2RO; 160-10m; mainly CW, some RTTY SSB; verticals next to saltwater, north facing; QSL also OK via home_call
2013 Feb10	2013 Mar02	<b>Guinea Bissau</b>	<b>J52HF</b>	I3LDR	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130118	By IZ3BUR IK3RBE IK3VVD IZ3STA IK3VZJ fm Cumura (IK21dt); HF + 6m; SSB
2013 Feb10	2013 Mar18	<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>XU7ACQ</b>	KF0RQ	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130129	By KF0RQ; 80-10m; SSB CW + digital; looking for Delaware + South Dakota for WAS
2013 Feb11	2013 Feb20	<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>	<b>V24A</b>	AA9A	AA9A 20121217	By AA9A; 160-10m, possibly incl 60m; CW SSB, perhaps RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2013 Feb11	2013 Feb21	<b>Martinique</b>	<b>FM</b>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130211	By K7TRK as FM/HB9WDF; HF; PSK31, some SSB; QSL also OK via K7TRK, Buro or direct + eQSL
2013 Feb11	2013 Apr03	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>6V7S</b>	RK4FF Direct	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130124	By RK4FF; HF
2013 Feb13	2013 Feb23	<b>Micronesia</b>	<b>V63ZM</b>	M0URX	5B4AGN 20121114	By 5B4AGN; 80-10m, perhaps 160m; high power
2013 Feb13	2013 Mar04	<b>Tonga</b>	<b>A31WH</b>	DJ9KH	VA3RJ 20121228	By DJ9KH fm Tongatapu I (OC-049), also fm Vava'u I (OC-064) using A31WH/p; HF; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Feb14	2013 Feb23	<b>Burundi</b>	<b>9U4U</b>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20121008	By ON PA GM team; fm Bujumbura; 160-10m; SSB CW RTTY; QSL also OK via M0URX, Buro or direct
2013 Feb15	2013 Feb26	<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>XV2DLH</b>	DK8ZZ	DK8ZZ 20121211	By DK7PE DH6ICE DH0RAK DK7TF DK8ZZ fm Mui Ne (OK40cw)
<b>ARRL DX Contest, CW</b> (Feb 16-17, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2013 Feb16	2013 Feb23	<b>Guantanamo</b>	<b>KG4</b>	Home Call	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20130209	By KN4KL as KG4KL and W4WV as KG4WV; spare time operation while making repairs necessitated by hurricane Sandy
2013 Feb17	2013 Mar03	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	<b>TO22C</b>	F6HMQ	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130120	By F6GWV F6HMQ; all bands, focus on 160m
2013 Feb18	2013 Feb28	<b>Solomon Is</b>	<b>H44KW</b>	G3SWH	<a href="#">ATDX</a> 20120928	By G3SWH G3RTE fm Guadalcanal (OC-047); 80-10m; cw; QSL OK via OQRS, Buro, or direct
2013 Feb21	2013 Mar07	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	<b>XT2TT</b>	OQRS	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20121203	By I1HJT I2YSB IK2CIO IK2CKR IK2DIA IK2HKT IK2RZP JA3USA fm Ouagadougou (IK92fi); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; exact dates to be set
<b>CQ 160m Contest, SSB</b> (Feb 22-24, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2013 Feb22	2013 Mar02	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	<b>XT</b>	Home Call	<a href="#">ATDX</a> 20121123	By JA1CJA as XT2CJA, JA31VU as XT21VU, JH3AEF as XT2AEF, JA3VVT as XT2VVT; 80-10m; CW SSB + digital
2013 Feb23	2013 Feb24	<b>Reunion</b>	<b>TO1PF</b>	FR1GZ	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 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
2013 Feb24	2013 Mar12	<b>Curacao</b>	<b>PJ2</b>	OQRS	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130204	By DL5AXX as PJ2/DL5AXX fm SA-099 (WLOTA LH-0942); 80-10m; mainly CW, some RTTY; QSL also OK via DL5AXX, DARC Buro or direct
2013 Feb26	2013 Mar06	<b>South Sudan</b>	<b>Z8</b>	K4ZW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130206	By K4ZW as TBD fm Juba; focus on low bands
2013 Feb28	2013 Mar10	<b>Clipperton I</b>	<b>TX5K</b>	N2OO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20120507	By KK6EK + international team; all bands; all modes

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**ARRL DX Contest, SSB** (Mar 2-3, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.

2013 Mar07	2013 Mar10	Canada	VO2AAA	VE3AAQ	VE3AAQ 20121212	By VE3AAQ for BERU Contest; Labrador call area; QRV before and after contest for those needing CQ Zone 2
2013 Mar07	2013 Mar13	Turks & Caicos	VP5	W1UL	W1UL 20130203	By W1UL as VP5/W1UL and W2PKV as VP5/W2PKV fm Providenciales I (NA-002); all bands, incl 6m; W1UL mainly CW, W2PKV mainly SSB
2013 Mar08	2013 Mar17	Dominica	J79GV	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130211	By KK4GV; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via KK4GV
2013 Mar08	2013 Mar25	Solomon Is	H44G	DL7DF	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20120930	By DK1BT DK7LX DL4WK DL7KL DL7DF DL7UFN DL7UFR SP3CYY SP3DOI; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31 SSTV; yagi, Spiderbeam, delta loop, vertical; 4 stations; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Mar10	2013 Mar18	Spratly	9M4SLL	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130109	By 9M6XRO 9M6DXX 9V1YC DJ0YI N6MUF G3BJ EA3NT KM0O fm AS-051 (OJ67wi); several stations; verticals; QSL also OK via M0URX (Buro, direct, or OQRS)
2013 Mar10	2013 Mar29	St Martin	FS	DK5ON	DK5ON 20130128	By DK5ON as FS/DK5ON; 80-6m; SSB RTTY PSK; also fm Sint Maarten using PJ7/DK5ON
2013 Mar12	2013 Mar23	Temotu	H40T	DL7DF	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20120930	By DK1BT et al; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31 SSTV; yagi, Spiderbeam, delta loop, vertical; 4 stations; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Mar12	2013 Mar23	Tuvalu	T2GM	GM4FDM	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121121	By GM3YTS GM4FDM GM0GAV GM3POI fm Funafuti Atoll (OC-015, RI91o); focus on EU
2013 Mar14	2013 Mar20	Chatham I	ZL7LC	ZL1LC Direct	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121014	By ZL1LC fm OC-038 (AEI6ug, CHA009); standard PSK frequencies; PSK31; during pileups QSX up 100-400 Hz
2013 Mar15	2013 Mar23	Sint Maarten	PJ7	AA4VK	N0TG 20120525	By N0TG as PJ7/N0TG, AA4VK and N1SNB likewise
2013 Mar19	2013 Apr02	Tuvalu	T2	K8NA	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130204	By NL8F as TBD; mainly SSB
2013 Mar20	2013 Mar27	Easter I	XR0YG	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20121211	By G7VJR G3TXF G4IRN G3ZAY fm SA-001; 160-10m; mainly CW; focus on low bands for EU; QSL also OK via OQRS and G3TXF
2013 Mar22	2013 Mar29	Niue	E6	VK4FI	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130131	By VK4FI as E6SG and VK4WR as E6RQ fm OC-040 (WLOTA 2139); focus on 6m, some HF
2013 Mar25	2013 Apr12	Mayotte	TO7BC	DL7BC	DL7BC 20120928	By DL7BC fm AF-027 (WLOTA LH 0376); QRV for WPX Phone; QSL also OK via DL7BC (Buro OK)
2013 Mar26	2013 Apr03	Azores	CT8	Home Call	PD9DX 20130106	By PA4N as CT8/PA4N and PD9DX as CS8/PD9DX fm Sao Miguel I (EU-003); HF; SSB CW; 100w; multiband doublet and vertical + OCF dipole; location favors NA
2013 Mar26	2013 Apr16	Tonga	A3EAQ	SP5EAQ	SP5EAQ 20121104	By SP5EAQ fm Tongatapu (OC-049); 80-10m; SSB

**CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB** (Mar 30-31, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.

2013 Mar30	2013 Apr13	Cocos Keeling	VK9C	LotW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20130116	By GM3WOJ and GM4YXI as VK9C/GM2MP fm OC-003; SSB CW, some RTTY
2013 Apr03	2013 Apr09	Virgin Is	KP2	LotW	JPIIOF 20130122	By JE2EHP as KIHP/KP2, JF1BVG as KP2/JF1BVG, JPIIOF as WH7P/KP2; all bands; all modes; QSL also OK via home_call, Buro or direct (+ OQRS to be available)
2013 Apr03	2013 Apr11	Micronesia	V63XG	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130107	By JA1XGI fm Pohnpei I (OC-010, QJ96cx); 160-6m, focus on 30 17 12m; mainly CW, also SSB RTTY JT65; QSL also OK via JA1XGI direct
2013 Apr04	2013 Apr16	Seychelles	S79VJG	G4DFI	G0VJG 20121231	By G0VJG fm AF-024; 80-10m, 40m below 7.100 MHz (QXS up 200 for NA); SSB; amplifier; verticals on beach; QSL also OK via RSGB Buro
2013 Apr04	2013 Apr18	Corsica	TK	See Info	VP9KF 20121027	By G4BKI as TK/G4BKI; tentative operation, on and off during this period; QSL direct: Paul Evans, 6809 River Road, Tampa, FL 33615, USA
2013 Apr04	2013 Apr18	Samoa	5W0M	DL4SVA	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121118	By DL team fm OC-097 (AH36tn); 80-6m, incl 60m + 2m EME; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Apr23	2013 May08	Tokelau	ZK3N	DL2AWG	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121125	By DL6JGN DL2AWG fm Nukunonu Atoll (OC-048); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY
2013 Apr27	2013 May04	Tunisia	TS8IT	IK2DUW	IK7JWX 20120927	By IK7JWX et al fm Djerba (AF-083, WFF 3VFF-007, WLOTA L-1394, ARLHS TUN-022); HF 6m; SSB PSK31 RTTY CW
2013 Apr28	2013 May05	Ogasawara	JDI	LotW	JPIIOF 20130122	By JE2EHP JF1BVG JPIIOF as JD1BLC and JDIYBT fm Chichijima I; 160-6m; all modes; QSL also OK via JPIIOF, Buro or direct

## The World According to NU4Y — THE DIPOLE

Well my 20 meter dipole failed and was on the ground.

Actually, the squirrels ate the line and it fell. The squirrels also ate all of my tomatoes last season, and eat the roses and Camellias etc. But I digress.

So I decided to put up another, this time higher. I want to operate the club contest. I was at Wally world and picked up a fishing rod and reel for about \$15. Also grabbed a pack of 5-3/8 oz. weights thinking this would be a good size.

At Home Depot grabbed some pvc fittings, another roll of #14 wire, some hooks and hardware. At Radio Shack got F connectors and some other parts.

I made a new center insulator and glued it all up. Ready to go.

Since a fisherman I am not, looked on the internet on how to properly tie the line and proceeded outdoors to string it up.

I tested the new fishing rod with a few throws across the yard to get an idea of it's action.

The idea is to get this thing up in top of the trees, approx 40 feet.

First throw the rod came out of my hand hit the ground and weight was gone. I don't know how I did that but that is what happened. Realizing I would never find that weight in the grass, I went back inside and attached another.

Second throw went ok, but I must have had too much side arm and it ended up in the wrong tree. I reeled it in but the weight was caught on a little twig and no matter how I tried could not get it loose. I ended up breaking the line. When the line snapped it sounded like a gun went off and scared me half to death. That weight is up in the tree I guess, the line broke inside the reel, and I could not even see it up in the tree.

Back inside, I opened the reel, got the line, and installed weight three.

This throw was into the correct tree, but not high enough and off to the right. I managed, with some difficulty to pull it back. Next throw exactly over the same low branch. Pulling this back took about 20 to 30 minutes to get it loose from the branch.

Next try was perfect, over the top and down the other side. It actually landed on the roof of the house and I had to get the ladder out, go up on the top and attach my small 3/8 inch line to the end. I removed the weight, and pulled the line with the reel without a problem. One side now up it was time for tree two.

That weight was reattached and my throw was good, it went plenty high and line was still coming out as it dove over the other side. But, I could not see the weight. If I pulled on the line it would offer resistance and it would pull back if I gave it slack. No matter how hard I looked the weight and line were invisible against the grey sky. I finally pulled it back only to have it stuck in a branch. Could not get it loose and broke the line.

Weight #4 was attached, and a good throw was made very high up into the tree. Again I could not find the weight nor see it or the line so high up. Pulling it back resulted as before, caught and broke the line. There is already 100 feet of line up in the tree, but I can't see any of it.

Weight #5 was attached, now painted red figuring I could see that.

Good throw, but again the weight never came completely down nor could I find it. I could not pull this one back either. I broke the line again. Now I have no more weights. I thought about tying a large nut on to the line and trying that.

Realizing this is not working, I got out my old plumb bob ( this thing weighs about a pound ) tied my rope to it and threw it as high as I could. After 4 attempts finally got it over a branch about 30 feet up.

Well the dipole is up, one end about 40 feet the other about 30 feet. There are hundreds of feet of line up in the trees somewhere. Also there are 5 fishing weights somewhere. (I hope the lead police don't get me.)

First fish caught, 5X8C on 20 meters, with one call. That was yesterday. Today I have a sore arm. Go figure.

—Jim, NU4Y



## Radio-Sport.net Back On-line



The well-known website related to ham radio contesting, founded by NS3T, is back on-line after a few months of inactivity. The website will now be managed by "Washington Square Media of Haverhill, MA." Jeff Demers, N1SNB, has been appointed the new chief editor..

Radio-Spot's website is still accessible through <http://www.radio-sport.net/>. It has a 'new look' with its revised layout and has added more categories where interesting articles will be posted.



**Radio-Sport.net**  
—Your Home For Radio Contest News—

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



**ARRL DX Contest (CW)**

0000 16 Feb  
to  
2359 17 Feb

W/VE amateurs work as many DX stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands.

W/VE stations send signal report and state or province. DX stations send signal report and xmtr power

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl/dx>

**"If you ain't calling  
You ain't winning."  
- Contesters' Maxim.**

**DX**

The Ultimate Contact Sport

**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.

**NFDXA  
Zone Contest  
Standings  
Feb 12, 2013**



Call	Beam/Wire	Vertical/Wire	Score
AB4UF			0
AC4ET			0
K3LB	B		19
K4EB	B		5
K4UTE	B		73
KB4CRT			0
KC4FWS	B		1
KX4WW			0
NIWON		V	0
N4EPD		V	1
N4GFO			0
N4JBK			0
N4KE			0
N4UF	B		0
NF4L	B		0
NO4J			0
NU4Y		V	26
NW4C		V	11
VP5YZ			0
W1FO	B		3
W4FDA			0
W4GJ			0
WA4B			0
WA6EZV			0
WR4K		V	67

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

## Wayne Mills, N7NG, Named CQ Magazine DX Editor

Well-known contester and DXer **Wayne Mills, N7NG**, of Jackson, Wyoming, has been named **CQ Magazine's** DX Editor. Mills - a 1999 inductee into the CQ DX Hall of Fame - succeeds Carl Smith, N4AA, who has stepped down after writing the magazine's DX column for 13 years.

Licensed in 1953 at age 11, Wayne began DXing in 1956 and went on his first DXpedition in 1985. He was part of the ZAIA team that reintroduced Amateur Radio to Albania in 1991, and the inaugural operation from the newly-independent Republic of Kosovo in 2008. From 2000 to 2007, Wayne was manager of the ARRL's Membership Services Department and worked on developing the Logbook of the World electronic confirmation system. Wayne set several contesting records over the years, but says he considers himself much more of a DXer than a contester.



Wayne Mills N7NG

# ODDS & ENDS

## Something New in TF-land



Hams in Iceland have new privileges. They may now operate on 472-479 kHz. Temporary permission has also been granted for 160M, 1850-1900 kHz, 60M, 5260-5410 kHz and 4M, 70-70.2 MHz.

However, one possible 'downer' . . . maximum power on 472-479 kHz is not to exceed 5W EIRP with a maximum bandwidth of 1kHz.

Only G license classes and higher may use it. The previous allocation, 493-510 kHz was closed at the end of the year.

## What The DX Is Hearing

The Reverse Beacon Network is good at showing where *you* can be heard but what about a tool for showing what you can hear from other places? **Faros** from Afreet Software (<http://www.dxatlas.com/Faros/>) (a.k.a. - Alex VE3NEA, creator of CW Skimmer and other software) checks reception of the **NCDXF beacons** from around the world and around the clock and on all the high bands. (Thanks, Chad WE9V) - <http://www.arrl.org/contests/update?issue=2012-12-19>

## UNLICENSED RADIO STATION IN FLORIDA LOCKS PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS

What appears to have been a relatively high power out of band spurious signal from an unlicensed broadcast transmitter is blamed for locking hundreds of people out of their cars in Hollywood, Florida. Vehicles made by Ford, Lexus, Toyota, BMW and Mercedes were affected

For months residents had been complaining they couldn't use keyless entry systems to unlock or start their cars whenever they parked near the Hollywood Police Department. However, once their cars were towed to the dealers, the problem disappeared.

After months of searching, the transmitter emitting the signal causing the problem was found hidden under an air conditioning system chiller on the roof of a nearby bank building.

Detectives haven't found the individual who set up the bootleg station. When it was shut down it was operating around the clock on 104.7 FM broadcasting Caribbean music.

-AR Newline

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

**Credit** for much the DX news, illustrations and information contained in this publication goes to a variety of sources including, but not limited to the following:  
**The Daily DX** (<http://www.dailydx.com>),  
**NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX Page** (<http://www.ng3k.com/>),  
**OhioPenn DX Bulletin** (<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>),  
**DX World of Ham Radio** (<http://www.dx-world.net/>),  
**The DX Magazine** (<http://www.dxpub.com/>),  
**DX Italia** (<http://www.dxitalia.it/>),  
**DARC DXNL** (<http://www.dxhf.darc.de/>),  
**Pete's DX Newsdesk** (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>),  
**ARRL** (<http://www.arrl.org>),  
**Finally**, Off-air and word of mouth from those who turned on their radios, listened, operated and then told **The PileUp** what they heard.

— NW4C

## It's the Law!

### Oliver's Law of Public Speaking

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

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## Fecal Matter Occurs . . .



<http://nfdxa.com>

## The Last Word

We DXers are in the midst of a 'tweener' right now—that's the dead period that exists between DXpeditions operating from interesting or rare locations. The signs of 'tweenerism' are everywhere—lhoards of bored DX chasers creating pileups on 'common' entities . . . or mountains being made out of molehills in the most mundane DX chat site discussions.

What's a die-hard DXer to do in these relatively quiet times?

Well, for one thing he can keep listening and be on the alert for surprises—like veteran DX op Fernando, EA6BB, showing up suddenly from Mali as TZ6BB in the midst of a shooting war!

Many of us knew Fernando was in this conflicted country but few expected he'd get a 'legitimate' license so soon. Then there's

Gildas aboard the Il de Reunion, a fishing boat operating in waters around super-rare FT5W Crozet (#6 most wanted) and top 25 entity FT5X Kerguelen—he's licensed for both entities (FT5WQ, FT5XT) and could go ashore and operate with little or no notice.

As for rumors of something 'big' being announced soon, like KP1, E3 or some such? Until the announcement IS made, it's just that, a rumor. Yes, there's TX5K Clipperton due Feb 28 but it's hard to get excited over a place not even in the top 25—unless you need it for band-fills . . . or the club's zone contest. :)

So...it's back to the basics. Bust out of the 'tweener' mind-set. Turn off the DX forum and get into the op chair. Spin the dial and listen, listen, listen. Then listen some more. . . and Crozet or some other 'goodie' will surely be yours! — **NW4C**



Warren NW4C



**W4ZR**