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New Nation — Republic of South Sudan DXCC Recognition as 'New Entity' Expected



The world's newest independent nation and soon expected to be newest DXCC entity came into being over the July 9th weekend as South Sudan seceded from Sudan (ST).

South Sudan is now formally known as the Republic of South Sudan and is officially separated from Sudan, its parent-neighbor to the north. The new nation resulted from a process made possible by a 2005 peace deal that ended a long and bloody civil war (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14089843>) where 2-million people died.

The first country to officially recognize the new nation was its former parent Sudan followed shortly by the United States. There were widespread celebrations were held throughout the new nation with prominent displays of its new flag and crowds in the streets gathering to sing South Sudan's national anthem. (Continued page 9)

Next Meeting July 16

The July meeting of the North Florida DX Association will be held Saturday, July 16 at the Wards Creek QTH of Pres Graham, W4FDA, 7585 Road 13 North (Old St. Augustine Road). See map on page 11.

Meeting arranger Jim Hughes, KC4FWS, has declared it's time for one of his meatloaf extravaganzas. He plans to prepare this palate-tempting delicacy for all who attend.

DXpedition Donation Requested

NFDXA has received a request for a donation to support the planned September-October 5-Star DXpedition to T32C Eastern Kiribati. Another discussion of the matter is scheduled for the July 16 meeting,

Jan Mayen Operation Closes

The JX50 DXpedition to the barren volcanic Norwegian island of Jan Mayen stopped all operations on Wednesday, July 13, and went QRT at approximately 04:00UTC.

This shutdown was earlier than expected and apparently threatening Arctic weather is to blame. The captain of the yacht chartered to transport the group reportedly wanted the DXpedition team to leave the island ahead of schedule because of possible approaching storms. Jan Mayen has no ports or harbors--only offshore anchorages

For those who did make a contact with this semi-rare entity—number 73 on the most wanted DXCC entity list—two successful log uploads were completed before the ordered shutdown.

DX IS!





NFDXA OFFICERS 2011

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

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Attendance Report June 18, 2011 NFDXA Meeting

This meeting was held at St. Johns Seafood and Steaks, Lane Ave., Jacksonville, 5:00pm

Name	Call	Attend	Name	Call	Attend
Steve Brown	AB4UF	Y	Dale Conner	N4NN	Y
John Hale	AC4ET	N	Billy Williams	N4UF	N
Larry Bostic	K3LB	Y	Mike Reublin	NF4L	Y
Larry Junstrom	K4EB	N	Dave Mains	NO4j	N
Dick Hicks	K4UTE	Y	Jim Iori	NU4Y	Y
John Silberman	KB4CRT	N	Warren Croke	NW4C	Y
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	Y	Pres Graham	W4FDA	Y
Bill Walker	KX4WW	N	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	N
Cory McDonald	NIWON	Y	John Moore	W5HUQ	N
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	N	Steve Barber	WA4B	N
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	N	David Price	WA4ET	N
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	N	Dick Knox	WR4K	N
Ron Blake	N4KE	N			

Total Members Attending 10

— Secretary's Report continues next page



Patches, Patches, Pretty little Patches . . .



NFDXA member Steve Brown, AB4UF, isn't about to go out unidentified . . . His hats and shirts are adorned with patches of club DXpeditions—in this instance, one of the club efforts from VP5DX .



Next NFDXA Meeting Saturday, 16 July at W4FDA QTH

Secretary's Report - June 2011 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by **Warren NW4C** at 6:30

Treasurer **Jim KC4FWS** reported a balance of \$??

Old business - The tower at VP5DX was repaired by **Ron N4KE**, **Steve AB4UF** and **Jim NU4Y**.

New business - Richard, K4UTE proposed a prize for 100 w or less in club con test.
Motion withdrawn after discussion.

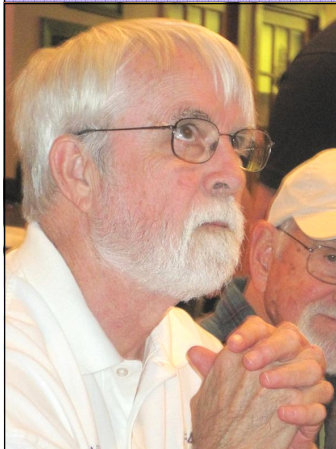
Guests: **WIFO Mike Garcia**, **Frank W3KT** and his **XYL Michelle**

The next meeting planner is: **Jim, KC4FWS**

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:51 pm.



NF4L's SteppIR Problems Solved?



NFDXA Secretary **Mike Reublin, NF4L**, reports his oft-troubled 'Steppford IR' antenna has been on its best behavior recently, in stark contrast to its recent history of one headache after another. (Note 'prayerful pose' in the photo) Mike's persistent problems with his big cloud-warmer have caught the eye of the SteppIR company's president.

According to Mike in a recent note: "Funny you should ask about the antenna. Mr. StrppIR his own self, **Mike Mertel, K7IR**, called today. He said his wife handed him my file and told him to see if he could figure out why it was so thick (1/2 inch). The upshot was that he offered to send new fiberglass poles and the tubes that make them a trombone if I had another failure. Made me feel good. It's working, maybe (dare I say it?) better than it ever did. Now if it just lasts..... :-D"



Recent crane repeat 'visit' to NF4L QTH for SteppIR Repairs

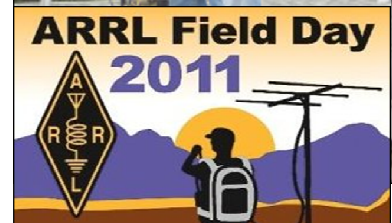
Gainesville NFDXA Members active in 2011 FD as 'Beano Bunch'



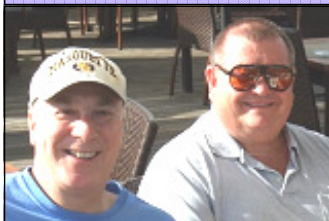
Putting aside their chase for DX entities three members of NFDXA from the Gainesville area participated in the 2011 ARRL Field Day as part of the 'Beano Bunch'—the term 'Beano', in this instance, being an acronym for **B**asically **E**very **A**mateur **N**orth of **O**rlando. Resplendent in their 'operating event' Hawaiian shirts are (L-R) **Warren Croke, NW4C, Bob Lightner, W4GJ** and **John Silberman, KB4CRT**.

Opting more for comfort and fun more than for contest points and class placement the team operated within the air-conditioned confines of the W4GJ QTH in Class 4E utilizing his Force 12 as well as John's trailer-mounted military surplus 40-foot crank-up tower and A3 beam with a 40-meter attachment. Although ARRL touts this annual operating event as 'not being a contest' the Beans kept score like everyone else: 4504 points on 1183 QSOs.

Non NFDXA Beano ops included NN4DF, K4WJ (FOC), W4IEI, KI4YMN, KB4HF and K4REY. Bob's powerpoint of the event can be seen at: dept.sfcollege.edu/media/The_royal_order_of_beanos2.pptx



KX4WW VP5 Contest Operation Announced



NFDXA's **Willie Walker, KX4WW**, shown on the right in the photo, has announced he'll run a contest effort from his VP5 Providenciales QTH during the 2011 I CQ WW SSB Contest Oct 29-30.

The team's class is TBD. Operating with Willie in this Turks and Caicos Zone 8 effort will be W9RN, shown at left in the photo, and W4OX.

— Pete's-DX-Newsdesk

K4EB Featured Guest on TWiT TV



The audience for the **Bob Heil, K9EID**-hosted Internet TV show **Ham Nation** continues to grow as the program heads into its third month on TWiT TV. Heil, along with **Gordon West, WB6NOA**, co-host a weekly hour-long show about Ham Radio. TWiT stands for 'This Week in Tech' and features programs of interest to those interested technically-related topics.

So far, Ham Nation has had some pretty impressive guests including **Joe Walsh, WB6ACU** of Eagles fame, and NFDXA's own **Larry Jungstrom, K4EB**, the bass player for the southern rock band 38 Special.



Larry Jungstrom, K4EB

Ham Nation is netcast every Tuesday at 9 pm eastern (0100z) at <http://www.twit.tv>. To see the program featuring Larry's interview go to the left side of the screen, scroll down and click on 'Ham Nation'. When that screen comes up look on the right side for Program 4 and click on "Larry Jungstrom From 38 Special" which was originally netcast June 15th.

Hurricane Watch Net Seeks New Members



The various organizations that assist the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami are gearing up for what forecasters are predicting to be a very active storm season. One organization that assists the NHC is the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN).



One of the functions of HWN is to provide on-the-ground, real-time weather data to the forecasters at the NHC. The HWN gets this weather data from Amateur Radio operators who volunteer their time to monitor data from their calibrated home weather stations and report that data to the HWN. To better assist the NHC, HWN Manager Kirk Harding, K6KAR, says the HWN is looking for new members.

Harding said that the HWN is looking for new members with stations that can effectively communicate with Central America and the Caribbean, Mexico and South Texas on the 20 meter band. "As we head into the 2011 hurricane season, we're looking for qualified amateurs who are located anywhere within North America or the Caribbean," he said. "We are also looking for bilingual hams. We recognize that some Latin American operators hesitate to check in and send reports to us if they aren't fluent in English, so we're also interested in hearing from hams who are fluent in both Spanish and English. When we're working storms that are either affecting or threatening areas where Spanish is the language of choice, we always try to have one or more bilingual HWN members on hand to help with reporting."

Harding explained that the Hurricane Watch Net is generally activated when a named Atlantic basin storm is within 300 miles of landfall. Hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean runs from June 1-November 30, peaking from late August through September. National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center predicts that the 2011 hurricane season will see above-average activity with 12-18 named storms, with 6-10 of those storms becoming hurricanes. Of these storms, three to six could develop into major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5).

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Hurricane Watch Net, please visit the HWN website at <http://www.hwn.org> for further information.

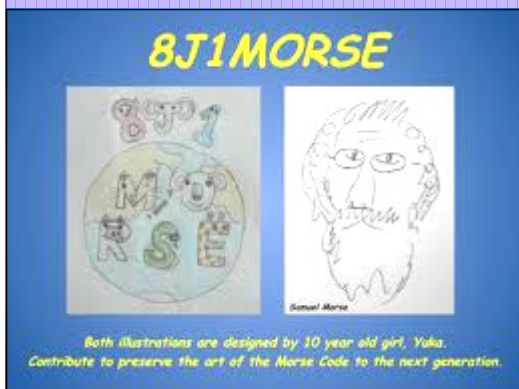
— ARRL Special Bulletin 5 12 July 2011

C2 DXpedition Call Sign Change

The mid-November/early December DXpedition team heading to Nauru has secured a shorter version of their C21AA original call. They will now sign C21A. The C21A team plans to have four stations and will try to keep three QRV on the air as much as possible, including a six meter break-in beacon

— The Daily DX 12 July 2011

No LoTW For Special 'MORSE' Event



Activity by members of the Japan AI Club to activate special event call sign **8J1MORSE**, **8J1MORSE/2**, **8J1MORSE/3**etc, to celebrate

220th anniversary of Samuel Morse's birthday now running until November 30th, will NOT upload logs to LoTW. Instead, logs will be uploaded to: <http://www.clublog.org/logsearch/8J1MORSE>

QSLs will be automatically sent via the Bureau. For direct QSLs, send to (w/SAE+IRC): 8J1MORSE, I-14-I-11-B Yoshino, Higashi-ku, Nagoya, 461-0027, JAPAN. For more details, the English rules (for awards) can be found at:

<http://8j1morse.a1tokai.net> or <http://8j1morse.blogspot.com>



New Online Call Book — HamQTH.com



As the saying goes, there's a new 'sheriff' in town—in this instance, it's a new online Amateur Radio Callbook. It's author and producer is Petr, OK2CQR who apparently is unhappy over recent usage changes made to the popular www.QRZ.com site. (See following story)

Petr announced his new 'baby' to the Ham Radio world with the following 'open letter'.



Petr, OK2CQR

Hello,

I've created new free ham radio call book - <http://www.hamqth.com>. Since the owner of one popular server decided to hide all addresses until you are not registered, I decide to write my own.

You can also register to our server, edit or add your own address, write some biography details, put photos here etc. What is unique, you can choose if your address or other contact details will be shown also to unregistered users. It is your choice, not my. I won't hide your address or any details. Only you can do that.

Now call book includes only data widely available on the Internet for free. I've imported whole USA FCC database, Italian, T7, OK and VE call book.

If you want to see an example how it looks like, here is my profile:

<http://hamqth.com/search.php?callsign=ok2cqr>

I hope, you'll like The HamQTH.com call book and use it very often.

73 Petr, OK2CQR

New Access Rules for QRZ.com



Users of the QRZ.com callsign database must now be registered and sign in before getting access to any name or address data. Owner Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, explained in a posting that routine access to the database was being slowed down by a growing number of automated systems trying to harvest massive amounts of data at one time.

QRZ.com registration is free; ham users may access a maximum of 150 call signs/day (not including their own); non-ham users are limited to 25 lookups per day, and QRZ subscribers will continue to have unlimited access.

—CQ Newsroom

"After all, everyone knows that there is nothing "fair" about contesting apart from obeying the rules." — Jerry Spring, VE6TL.

VK9HR On Schedule



LORD HOWE DXPEDITION UPDATE: We are 2 weeks away and all equipment is on its way to the island via sea and also via our charter plane who will fly all electronics to the Island. The international team started arriving in Sydney today and we expect the whole team to be together by mid next week for a big dinner before we leave for the Island on the 23rd July. We will have pictures and video going up onto the website while we are on the island as well as updates to our logs. We have Pilots in EU, NA & VK so please email vk9hr@vk9hr.com or check the website for all information.

We have some of the latest gear with Kenwood USA and HRO helping with 3 x TS-590S. We'll have SPE amps and antennas from 160-6mtrs with so much more and two different locations on the island.

The dates for the VK9HR activation will be **July 23th – August 2nd, 2011**. This will allow the team to participate in the RSGB IOTA 2011 contest using our VK9IR contest call as used in our VK9IR winning team from Norfolk Island 2009.

The VK9HR team will be on the Island for approx 10 days, and will be operating on multiple bands simultaneously to give everyone the chance to contact Lord Howe Island (OC-004 & VKFF-295).

The team will consist of some of the operators which took part in the V12BI DXpedition (OC-212) back in February 2010, V12MI (OC-223) and the VK9IR / VK9NI DXpedition (OC-005) in July 2009.

The VK9HR DXpedition team leader is Tommy Horozakis VK2IR and co-leader John Chalkiarakis VK3YP. VK9HR website www.vk9hr.com

—DX World of Ham Radio <http://dx-world.net/2011/vk9hr-lord-howe-island/>

DXpedition to American Samoa

Currently, plans are being made for a DXpedition to American Samoa (KH8) to take place between November 17-28th, inclusive for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) possibly as a SOAB, Multi-Single, or Multi-2 category. Callsign mentioned is **K8A**.

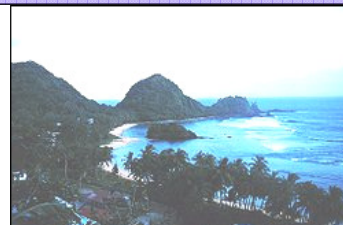
Operators will be Scott/W4PA (owner of VIBROPLEX) and others.

According to DX Magazine, KH8 American Samoa is now in the top 50 "Most Wanted Countries" in Europe on CW, digital modes, and the low bands. North American low band demand for KH8 will be substantial. According to DX Summit, the last spot on 160m for a KH8 operation was in 2006.

The K8A operation will focus on CW and digital mode operation with the intent of reducing the overall DX demand from Europe and the need for low band counters in North America and elsewhere. The contest operation is secondary to the overall DXpedition goal of reducing worldwide CW and digital mode demand for KH8 as a DXCC counter.

More details are expected shortly.

— Southgate Amateur Radio News



Martime DX Forum Webinar



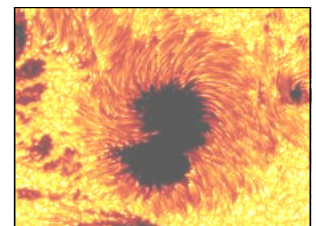
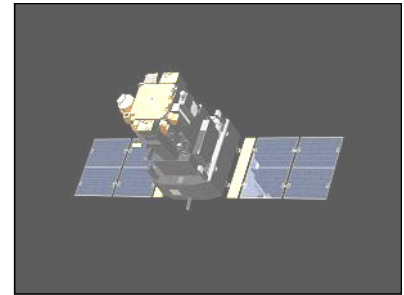
The **Martime DX Forum** will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, between August 5-6th, with an outstanding program including: John ON4UN, Reg VE7IG, Scott W3TX, Tim VE6SH and George G4GRN/VE1GRN. However, for the first time they are also offering an opportunity for those living outside Canada's Maritime Provinces, and unable to join them in person, to participate in a Webinar version of the MDF.

The Webinar presentation will happen in real time and allow participants to hear the speakers, view their visual material, and see the activity at the venue. The Webinar software system allows on-line participants to ask questions and make comments. Those living in time zones where joining them in real time is difficult will be able to download the program and view it at a convenient time. Program and registration details are on their Web site at: <http://www.halifax-arc.org/mdf>

DX Quiz— “Wake Up, Sol !!”

Like a groggy commuter on a Monday morning, ol’ Sol just seems to be having a hard time waking up and giving Cycle 24 some life! As quiz author H. Ward Silver, N0AX noted when he first penned this quiz for the January-February 2009 edition (!!) of The DX Magazine: “Ho Hum!” Sadly, it would appear little has changed in the interim. While we wait for (hopefully) good news from the solar astronomers, here’s a short multi-guess quiz on sunspots.

1. Which satellite monitors the sun from a stationary position between the Earth and sun?
 - A) Ulysses
 - B) ECHO
 - C) Cassini
 - D) SOHO
2. What is the name of that stationary position?
 - A) heliopause
 - B) Lagrangian point
 - C) syzygy
 - D) perigee
3. Solar seismology allows scientists to view what aspect of the sun?
 - A) photosphere
 - B) the Sun’s far side
 - C) the solar poles
 - D) the solar core
4. What reverses between old cycle and new cycle sunspots?
 - A) the direction of travel across the solar disk
 - B) the solar wind
 - C) the solar magnetic poles
 - D) sunspot magnetic field direction
5. How long does it take before a solar astronomer can observe phenomena from the sun?
 - A) 2.5 seconds
 - B) 8.3 minutes
 - C) 1 hour
 - D) 36-48 hours
6. Why do sunspots appear darker than the rest of the sun’s surface?
 - A) they are cooler than the surrounding surface
 - B) they emit ultra-violet light
 - C) it’s an optical illusion
 - D) light from sunspots is polarized
7. Who were the first people to observe and record the presence of sunspots?
 - A) Sumerians
 - B) Incas
 - C) Octogenarians
 - D) Chinese
8. How long must we wait for a sunspot to reappear after disappearing around the limb of the sun?
 - A) 88 minutes
 - B) 2 days
 - C) 13.5 days
 - D) 27 days
9. What increases with increasing sunspot numbers?
 - A) A and K indices
 - B) effective mass of the tau-neutrino
 - C) the length of the solar day
 - D) solar flux



Answers: 1-D, 2-B (there are 5 such points), 3-B, 4-D, 5-B, 6-A, 7-D, 8-C (it takes half of the 27-day rotation to come back into view), 9-D.

UN Membership for Rep South Sudan Expected — from page 1

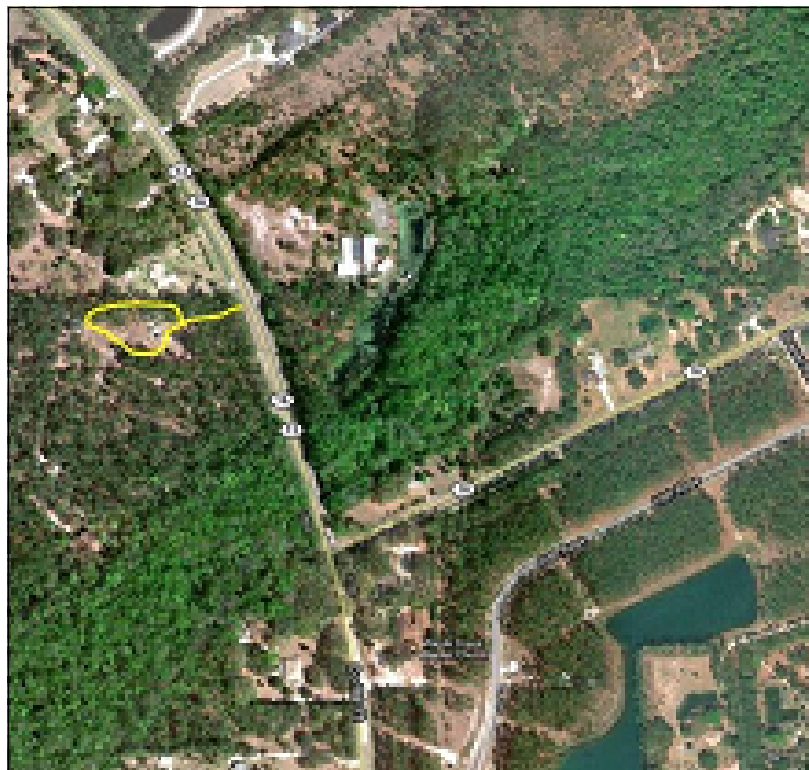
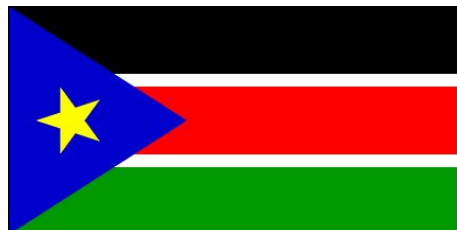


In celebration the call sign ST0A was QRV Saturday July 9th from Khartoum. Close on the heels of the independence announcement came word of recognition by the United Nations as the 64th member nation from Africa and the 193rd UN member country. Of particular interest to DX community is UN recognition is one of the criteria that must be met before a 'new' country is accepted as an ARRL DXCC entity. Full membership into the UN is already on the UN's Security Council's agenda. A formal vote by the General Assembly on full membership for the Republic of South Sudan

expected July 14. Upon approval South Sudan would then qualify for the ARRL's DXCC program as a 'new' entity. As of this writing the new Republic of South Sudan has not been issued a call sign prefix block from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). However, a call sign block is expected to be assigned shortly from the Table of International Call Sign Series (Appendix 42), which can be seen at

http://www.itu.int/online/mms/glad/cga_callsign.sh?lang=en.

The Intrepid-DX Group and the DX Friends/Tifariti Gang are expected to activate this newly created country shortly. They have had several meetings with representatives of the new government and have obtained a valid license for this DXpedition. A team of 18 international operators hope to make 100,000 QSOs over two weeks of operation on each amateur band and mode. —BBC, *The Daily DX*, *DX World of Ham Radio*



How To Get There

If traveling north or south on I-95, exit at State Road 16 and proceed west until SR 16 intersects with State Road 13.

Turn right (north) on SR13 and proceed to an unpaved driveway entrance on the left (west) side of the highway. Look for mailbox with 7585 on one side and Graham on the other. Turn onto the driveway and proceed about 100 yards to Pres' house. Park wherever but please don't block the driveway.

If traveling south on State Road 13 from Jacksonville continue past the intersection with State Road 16 which will merge with SR 13 from the west.

Several miles south of the intersection begin looking for a tall tower on your right, slightly west of due south. As you round a curve to the right (see map), Pres' driveway is on the right, just past a speed limit sign. Look for the mailbox.

If coming from west, cross the St. Johns River, on the Highway 16 bridge and bear to the right (south) onto State Road 13 at the intersection. Then, proceed as outlined in the previous paragraph.

— CONFIRMED PIRATES —

The following calls have recently been QRV and are confirmed pirates. No need to waste your time working these stations, QSLing them or promoting their bad habits by spotting them on the DX Cluster Network.

The known bogus operations are: **3A2IM**, **C31YL**, **FP5AA**, **YIIH**, **YIIHR** and **YIISA**. It should also be noted that the same guy (Hasan) who is pirating **YIIH** and **YIIHR** has also been pirating the Iraqi Amateur Radio Society's (IARS) club call **YIIRQ**. IARS President **YIIDZ**, Diya N. Al-Asadi says the club station is currently not QRV. —*TheDailyDx22June11*

NG3K Jul 11 -Aug 10 2011 DX Calendar (Edited) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Start/End	Entity	Call	QSL Via	Details
Jul 11 Jul 20	Nauru	C21YY	OH2YY Direct	By OH2YY; HF; SSB; tribander + dipoles; call sign requested
Jul 11 Jul 27	Crete	SV9	HB9CRX	By HB9CRX as SV9/HB9CRX; 30-10m; CW; QRP
Jul 12 Aug 2	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	W5JON	By W5JON fm St Kitts (NA-104, FK87pg); also W5HAM using V47HAM; 80-6m; SSB; QRV for RSGB IOTA nd CQWW VHF contests
Jul 14 Jul 28	Mozambique	C92DG	ZR6DG	By ZR6DG ZS6HB fm the Timbavati Game Reserve in Tofo; HF
Jul 16 Jul 17	Cuba	T48K	DK1WI	By T48K for the CQWW VHF Contest fm FL10mw
Jul 16 Aug 1	Southern Sudan	ST0	EA5RM	By N6PSE + multinational team; begin and end dates uncertain; to be timed with S Sudan admission to the UN
Jul 20 Jul 24	Palau	T88MB	LotW	By JA3AVO fm OC-009, also JH3PBL (T88MP, QSL via LotW or JA3AVO direct) and W7AED (T88SR, QSL via JH3PBL); T88MB QSL also OK via JA3AVO direct
Jul 21 Jul 24	Aland Is	OH0	LotW	By I5JHW SMITDE as OH0/SMITDE fm Eckero; 80-10m; CW; QSL also OK via SMITDE, Buro; 2 kHz fm band edges
Jul 21 Aug 4	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LotW	By K9OT and KB9LIE as FP/K9OT fm Miquelon I (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, GNI7); 80-10m; CW SSB; QSL also OK via K9OT, Buro or direct (w/ RP)
Jul 22 Jul 26	Alaska	KL7	N6AWD	By K6VVA and K9AJ as /KL7 fm Point Lay Barrier I (NA-242, first time activation); 40-17m; mainly CW; QSL via N6AWD, Buro or direct; dates may vary; maybe NA-172 too
Jul 23 Aug 2	Lord Howe I	VK9HR	EB7DX	By VK2IR VK3YP + team fm OC-004 (QF98mo)
Jul 23 08-15	Barbados	8P9XC	DF1XC	By DF1XC fm St Philip; HF; holiday style operation; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
Jul 24 Aug 9	Ascension I	ZD8D	TBD	By DJ4KW DJ9KH DK1IP DL1CW DL7OR
Jul 26 Jul 29	Micronesia	V63FAA	LotW	W6ANM fm Kosrae I (OC-059); mainly 40 20m; CW SSB; QSL OK via W6ANM, direct
RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31, 2011) Check here for pre-contest activity too.				
Jul 30 Aug 4	Micronesia	V63FAA	LotW	By W6ANM fm Pohnpei I (OC-010); mainly 40 20m; CW SSB; QSL also OK via W6ANM, direct
Jul 30 Aug 8	Easter Island	CE0Y	I2DMI	By I2DMI as CE0Y/I2DMI; RTTY
Jul 30 8-14	American Sa- moa	KH8	WA8LO W Direct	By WA8LOW as WA8LOW/KH8 + others; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; yagis on 40-6m, verticals on 160 and 80m; high power
August				
Aug 5 Aug 10	Belize	V31UB	LotW	By KU5B; 80-6m, perhaps 160m; SSB CW + digital; QRV for NAQP CW; QSL also OK via KU5B

More NG3K Aug-Oct 2011 DX Calendar (Edited) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Start/End	Entity	Call	QSL Via	Details
Aug13 Aug20	Market Reef	OJ0UR	M0URX	By PD9DX ON8AK ON5UR fm EU-059 (ARLHS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH OJ0-001, WLOTA LH-0542, Admiralty C4472)
Aug14 Aug24	East Kiribati	T32JB	I5JHW	By I5JHW fm Christmas I; SSB CW RTTY; holiday style operation
Aug19 Aug28	South Cook Is	E51AAO	TBA	By ZL1AAO fm Rarotonga (OC-013); holiday style operation
Aug22 Aug30	Turkey	TA4	ON6ZK	By ON6ZK as TA4/ON6ZK; mainly 14.060 MHz, CW; 5w; whip; holiday style operation
Aug29 Sep30	Crete	SV9	WB2GAI	By WB2GAI as SV9/WB2GAI/p fm Chania (EU-015); 80-10m; CW; US QSL direct, others via Buro
September				
Sep01 Sep30	Rotuma	3D2CJ	HL5FUA	By HL5FUA 6K2GCW fm OC-060; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; begin and end dates uncertain
Sep05 Sep11	Gibraltar	ZB3M	ZB3M Direct	By ZB3M; SES for Gibraltar National Day; see qrz.com for QSL info
Sep14 Sep19	Svalbard	JW9DFA	LotW	LA9DFA fm Spitsbergen (EU-026); HF, possibly 6m; mainly CW, RTTY SSB; QRV Scandinavian Contest, CW (Sep 17-18); QSL LA9DFA, Buro or direct
Sep16 Sep26	Timor Leste	4W6A	LotW	By VK8NSB et al fm Atauro I (OC-232); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 4 stations; verticals; QSL OK via M0URX, Buro or direct
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY (September 24-25, 2011) Check here for pericontest activity too.				
Sep27 Oct07	Rotuma	3D2R	YTIAD	By YTIAD et al; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY SSTV PSK31
Sep28 Oct05	Svalbard	JW8DW	LotW	By LA8DW fm EU-026; QSL also OK via LA8DW, Buro or direct (w/ IRC + SAE -- no GS)
Sep28 Oct26	East Kiribati	T32C	G3NUG	By Five Star DXers Association fm Christmas I; focus on Europe and low bands
Sep30 Oct12	Vanuatu	YJ0VK	LotW	By VK3QB et al fm Port Vila Efate I (OC-035, RH42df); 160-10m, focus on WARC; SSB CW RTTY PSK31; QSLVK2CA, Buro / direct
October				
Oct01 Oct10	West Kiribati	T30HA	LoTW	By HA5AO HA5UK fm Tarawa; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; end date uncertain
Oct08 Oct14	Malta	9H3KX	DL8KX	By DL8KX fm Gozo I (EU-023, MIA MM-004, WLOTA 0046); HF; CW SSB; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
Oct10 Oct29	Banaba	T33HA	LotW	By HA5AO HA5UK; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; begin and end dates uncertain
Oct16 Oct19	Tahiti	TX3T	OQRS	By UT5UY F05QB UX0HX UZ1HZ US0KW UU4JMG UX0LL RK7A UA7A RA6LBS fm Papeete; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY
Oct17 Nov7	South Cook Is	E51NOU	N7OU	By N7OU; 80-10m; CW; spare time operation
Oct18 Nov1	Guinea	3XY1D	DL7DF	By DL7UFR DL4WK DK7LX SP3DOI SP3CYY DL7DF; 5 stations; yagis + verticals; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
Oct19 Nov1	Marquesas	TX7M	OQRS	UT5UY et al fm Nuku Hiva; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY
Oct21 Oct27	Sao Tome & Principe	S9		By K0KKO K0GUV as S92DX, S9CW and S9SX fm AF-023 (WLOTA I622, JI39gx); HF + 6m (50.105 MHz SSB, 50.105.7 MHz CW)
Oct21 Oct30	Guernsey	MU	PA9M	By PA6Z teami; 160-6m; CW SSB
Oct24 Nov09	Fiji	3D2T	VK4FW	By NJ7N NL8F VK4AN VK4FW fm Nadi; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31
Oct25 Nov01	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	Lot W	By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm Miquelon I; 160-10m, 6m if open, check highest open band; SSB RTTY; QSL KV1J, Buro or direct; QRV for CQWW DX SSB
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (October 29-30, 2011) Check here for pericontest activity too.				



NFDXA-CQ DX Full Marathon Standings July 11, 2011

Call	Entities	Zones	IOTA	Total
AB4UF	0	0	0	0
K3LB	165	40	70	275
K4EB	227	40	144	411
K4UTE	245	40	146	431
KB4CRT	7	7	4	18
KC4FWS	1	1	0	2
NIWON	184	34	89	307
N4EPD	0	0	0	0
N4GFO	0	0	0	0
N4JBK	0	0	0	0
N4KE	0	0	0	0
N4NN	0	0	0	0
NF4L	138	30	58	226
NU4Y	0	0	0	0
NW4C	65	30	29	124
W4FDA	71	26	28	125
W4GJ	167	36	0	203
WA4B	0	0	0	0
WA4ET	0	0	0	0
WR4K	135	34	66	235

Full-MARATHON RULES

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

WHY PARTICIPATE?

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

Two good DX-related videos have been posted to YouTube. Go to

The DX World of Ham Radio
<http://dx-world.net/>

Have a look at
Swains Island DXpedition of 2006
 which at the time was
 new DXCC entity 337
 and
DX-Pedition IS0SV 1990
 to Spratly Island

DX
 The Ultimate Contact Sport



Womens World Cup Generates Over 100,000 QSO's

At 10:45 CET on Monday, July 11, the special event stations for the women's soccer world cup achieved their 100,000 contact. The special station DL0YLWM and YL district stations with the callsigns DL0YLx or DR11YLx and the special DOK YLWMx will be on the air until July 31 to commemorate the Women's FIFA World Championship.

The character 'x' in the call sign stands for the respective DARC district, e.g. DL0YLF will be active for DARC district Hessen and use the special DOK YLWMF.

Participants may apply for four awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level). To achieve one of these awards, you need to log the appropriate number of German YL stations in the given time frame.

There are no band limitations. Any mode of operation except Packet Radio and Echo Link may be used. So-called "roundtable QSOs" do not count for the award.

For further information on the special Amateur Radio award see

<http://www.darc.de/referate/yl/yl-fussball-wm-2011/yl-wm-diplom-2011/english/>

—Southgate Amateur Radio News

Ham Radio far from Over or Out, Mate



The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper reports that Amateur Radio, the pioneering electronic social network, is experiencing a resurgence. Read the Sydney Morning Herald story at <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/ham-radio-far-from-over-or-out-20110706-1h135.html>

SUNSPOT Viewing via WILDFIRE



On June 21st, while working a raging wildfire in north Florida, medivac pilot Chris Lambert looked up at the sun and saw a dark spot through the smoke. "Was it a transit of Mercury?" He emailed the question to his friend, solar photographer Stephen W. Ramsden. "I knew exactly what he was looking at," says Ramsden, "because I had been imaging it all week at public astronomy events in Atlanta."

The object he saw was sunspot AR1236: "I explained to Chris that he

was simply using the ancient Chinese method of watching the sun through thick smoke or at sunrise and sunset in order to record these giant islands of magnetism on the sun's surface," continues Ramsden. "I sent him back [a close-up photo](#) that I had taken earlier that morning of the same feature. Good luck to Chris and all the firefighters risking their lives around the country to fight these epic blazes."

--Spaceweather.com 24June2011



Close-up AR1236

Radio Foxtrot 100



There's a new radio station on the web, and this one is aimed at amateur radio enthusiasts. With a mixture of music, chat and ham radio items, **Radio Foxtrot 100** is the brainchild of Anthony, EI9GMB, from Dundalk in Co.Louth, Ireland. Tony says the station is aimed at amateur radio operators and listeners alike, and is on-the-air 24 hours a

day, seven days a week. So, click on this link and give it a try - **Radio Foxtrot 100**

You can find Radio Foxtrot 100 on the web at: <http://foxtrot100.weebly.com/>

New Radio Book



If you are one of the Elecraft owners in NFDXA here's something that might interest you. Fred, KE7X has written a new book about the Elecraft K3, "[The Elecraft K3: Design, Configuration, and Operation](#)." Even if you are not a K3 owner but are interested in this top-flight radio, Fred's presentation makes for great radio reading! (Thanks, Ken KØPP)

-ARRL Contest Update 06July2011

ODDS ENDS

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.dxf.darc.de/>), **Pete's DX Newsdesk** (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>), **ARRL** (<http://www.arrl.org/>), off air and (gasp!) word of mouth from friends who turned on their radios, operated and told me what they heard.



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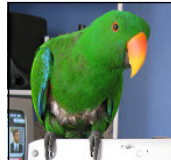
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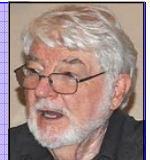
The Monthly Newsletter of The North Florida DX Association



GROUNDS 'R US — This picture shows that there's improvisation in Ham Radio as well as on stage. Witness the flowerpot ground in use at one FD site. Site operators said it gave them 'comfort' if not a true earthen ground. There was a downside. The sad-looking plant in the pot supposedly was alive before being dosed with RF!



The Last Word



A short while back a note was posted on the NFDXA reflector noting July 1 marked the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Novice License. In an effort to reduce 'license clutter' the FCC dropped that entry level ticket back in 2000. Although I haven't done a survey I'd guess many in the NFDXA got their Ham Radio start with a Novice license. Unless one had commercial or military radio experience the Novice ticket typically was the first step in the 60s and 70s.

Although I was one of those skipping this 'first' step, going directly to a General Class license and then straight into HF phone operation, I sometimes feel I've missed something by not having that early CW operating experience. Many of the really good ops we look up to today were those who operated as Novices, honed their operating skills under difficult conditions.

Think about it; working with a separate receiver and transmitter with 75 watts maximum of rock-bound, crystal-controlled input power to some form of low slung wire antenna, operating in a foreign broadcast clobbered 40 and 15 meter Novice sub-band! 80 meters wasn't any great shakes either. I'm convinced I would have been a better operator today had I experienced this.

Sadly, unless they have a first class mentor today's newly minted HF ops have no place to practice and learn what they *really need to know* to be first class ops. In effect they have to learn while 'playing in traffic'. Seems to me there ought to be a better way. — **Warren, NW4C**

