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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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## M0VFC WINS CASS AWARD



Rob M0VFC

**Rob Chipperfield, M0VFC,** has won the 2012 Single-Operator Cass Award. The Cass Award is an incentive to encourage DXpedition operating excellence. From the remote South Atlantic island of Tristan Da Cunha as ZD9UW in October 2012, Rob worked 3362 unique stations over his 4-day DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many individuals as possible. Michael, G7VJR, presented Rob with his plaque and prize in Cambridge, England on March 7, 2013.



M0VFC and G7VJR

### ABOUT THE CASS AWARD

Presented annually, the Cass Award encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a \$1000 prize for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique call signs. This award honors the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK), whose stories in the West Coast DX Bulletin taught a generation of DXers that DX IS!

Congratulations to Rob, ZD9UW, on his achievement in winning this year's award. If you're interested in competing for or contributing to the 2013 Cass Award, visit: <http://www.cassaward.com> — OPDX

## GM-DXpedition to Tuvalu CANCELLED Team now will operate from FIJI

The scheduled T2GM DXpedition to Tuvalu that was to begin Wednesday, March 13 has been cancelled because airline connections for three of the four members of the radio team fell through.

A fourth team member, GM3POI, was already en route to Fiji when the other three encountered their plane problem. Rather than call the whole thing off the left-behind trio of GM0GAV, GM3YTS and GM4FDM decided to join GM3POI in Fiji and operate from there. This Wednesday they plan to be QRV until 23 March from the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel on the Lagoon side of the island using the call-sign T2GM. They will operate 2 x 500w stations using the Elecraft K3 and Microham Interface Units, with vertical antennas placed either in or at edge of the lagoon.

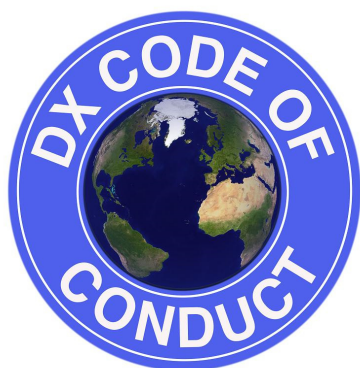
The extremely bad luck began for the Glasgow trio when their outward flight was cancelled due to an their plane having a landing gear problem. This, in turn, affected all theconnecting other flights they were due to catch, especially the plane from Fiji to Tuvalu which was fully booked for the week ahead.

Check the T2GM blog for the latest information. <http://t2gm.org/>

—DX World.net



**NEXT MEETING**  
The March meeting of the NFDXA will be held at 5 pm Saturday, March 16 at the St Johns Seafood and Steakhouse on Lane Avenue in Jacksonville. See You There

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

Attendance: NFDXA Members 9 Guests 3 (N4NN, W4OX, KC3BGH)

**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 —

**March greetings:** It looks like several have jumped into the NFDXA WAZ contest full swing. For those still waiting to get stated, hey, what are you waiting for, the year is not getting any longer. It's time to join the fun. March also seems like the perfect month for those antenna improvement projects. I have the air canon loaded and ready to finally try to launch a line over that 50 foot plus tree in the back. Now all I have to do is get it done while no one is watching Hum!!

**Remember When:** I was dusting off the old "wallpaper" album the other day and came across one of my first certificates. It was the coveted "Rag Chewers" award. It's hard to believe I used to take time to chat with another ham for over an hour. Today I am lucky if it is 5 seconds. That also became evident when I checked my WAZ contest sheet. No contacts with Zones three or four. Guess it is time to just sit back and chat. What a concept.

**Call me Guilty:** The on-line log sure is a nice way to verify that elusive QSO with the rare DX station. It gives you the opportunity to try a second time before they are gone if you get a "Not in Log" reply. Unfortunately it has also caused another kind of completion. How many band, mode, fills can I log? Typical DX logs now show items like 100,000 QSOs and 20,000 unique Stations worked. I wonder how high the latter number might get if we all stopped at just a few QSOs with the DX and actually gave the station that has NEVER worked them a chance? I can attest, it is a hard habit to break, especially when you are working on DXCC Challenge or Band Awards.

See you all next Month, — **Bob, WA6EZV**



**Bob WA6EZV**



**There are no 'official' minutes to publish for the February 'meeting' which was an informal gathering during the Orlando Hamcation at the KC4FWS Motorhome.**



### NFDXA By-laws Amendment Vote Scheduled for March Meeting

A proposed amendment to the NFDXA by-laws would remove the three-meeting minimum annual attendance requirement in order to retain membership status

The change was proposed Warren, NW4C, published as required in the February **PileUp** 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 at this meeting is required to approve the amendment.

### "One of my most memorable contacts" — K4UTE

It was an exciting day for two hams at opposite ends of the 'experience' spectrum. **Richard, K4UTE**, was able to close out his 40-zone-on-20-meters quest in a QSO with the VK6SH club station in relatively rare Zone 29 in Perth, Australia.

What made the contact truly meaningful, says Rich, was the VK op was a young lady whose personal call was VK6FLYD—and Rich was only her third QSO! Australian Novice licensees have a four-letter suffix in their call signs. Rich further noted "I was almost as excited talking to her as I was in 1958 making my first novice contact on 15 meters with a G3. I even called out the contact on 2 meters and Mike worked her also!"



**Rich K4UTE**

## Pictures from a Happy Event



There's no doubt about it. Happiness for a DXer is a tower with a beam that can reach out and touch the 'rare ones. In this case the happy guy is Mike, W1FO who with the help of friends Doug, W4OX and Tom, NP2O (photo, top left) recently placed a Hazer unit on a new tower at Mike's Palm Coast QTH. Doug then assisted Mike (photo top right) in installing his 'crown jewel', a new linear-loading, tri-band KLM KT34A. The new beam works like a champ and Mike says his propagation is usually pretty good. He has the Atlantic Ocean a mile to the east and he's adjacent to the Inter-Coastal Waterway. Life is Good!



## SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS



**7T - ALGERIA** Listen for members of a group of Algerian hams who are activating special event call signs **7T9A** and **7T50ARA**. This is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Algerian Amateur Radio Association. QSL both call signs via the Bureau or direct to PO Box 1, Algiers RP 16000, Algeria. Sorry, but no International Reply Coupons will be accepted for this one. (Via e-mail) —**AR Newline**

**GB – ENGLAND** International Marconi Day (IMD) put together by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club is a 24-hour activity to celebrate Marconi's birth on April 25, 1874. IMD this year will be April 20 from 00Z-2359Z. More in on awards and participating stations is on <http://www.gb4imd.com/> — **DDX**

**GI—NORTHERN IRELAND** The **West Tyrone ARC** will be taking part in the St. Patrick day celebrations on Monday 18 March 2013 in Omagh, Co Tyrone. The club will be running a special event station using the call sign **GBISPD**. They will be operational from the Strule Arts Centre in the Heart of Omagh Town during Omagh District Council St Patrick Day Parade and Festival. The club will be operating on HF, VHF/UHF, Echo Link and Digital Modes between 11am & 5pm. We look forward to the prospect of working as many stations as possible. Special Event QSL cards will be available to those who wish to have a confirmation of the QSO. Details available on [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) and [www.wtarc.org](http://www.wtarc.org)

**HA – HUNGARY** **HG52FC** is a special station from Hungary's 52nd FIRAC Congress. This one is on HF CW, SSB and digital modes March 1-May 31. QSL via HA5BSW direct, eQSL or LoTW. Cards will be printed in April. —**DDX**

**LY – LITHUANIA** LY5W, Sam, says **LY63S** is still active, part of the activities to remember the 1863-1864 uprising in Lithuania, on the 150th anniversary. There were 150 battles against the Imperial Russian Army. QSL via LY3BY. —**DDX**

## DX EUROPE



**EW – BELARUS** You have until the end of the month to try for this one. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Dalnye Strany Radio Club (EW1WB) special event station **EV50WB** will be QRV during March. QSL for SSB QSOs via EU1AZ and via EU1DX for CW and RTTY QSOs. They will also use LoTW. — **DDX**

**GW – WALES** **GW100C** from Wales with operator MW1LCR, Adrian, at the controls will be in the WPX SSB Contest March 30-31. The special call marks RSGB's 100th anniversary. QSL via MW1LCR. — **DDX**

**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**

**IS - SARDINIA** Two that count for ISO are coming up: I10IDP on Cagliari, EU-024, will be on Cagliari, EU-024, and I10ICH will be on La Maddalena, EU-041. QSL I10IDP via IS0IGV. QSL I10ICH via IM0QMA. They will be active Mar 2-17. Both are former coast radio stations of the Italian Navy, good for the Navy Coastal Radio Stations Award, <http://www.assoradiomarinai.it/>.

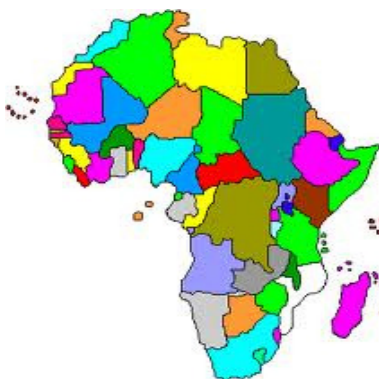
**LX - LUXEMBOURG.** Operators René/ON6OM, Eddy/ON6ZV, Martin/ON7EG and Mike/ON4MW will be active as **LX/OO6P** (IPA call) June 30-July 5. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and PSK63. QSL via ON6ZV

**SM – SWEDEN** **SH3Y** will be a multi-op effort in the CQ WPX Phone Contest on March 30th and 31st, manned by young ops from Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Belgium and The Netherlands. It is believed it will be the first time this prefix has been used. —**DDX**

**ZA - ALBANIA.** Max, IZ4JMA, is now living in Albania and QRV as **ZA/IZ4JMA** as of Feb 25 for the next 18 months. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via IZ4JMA. —**OPDX via 425 DXN**

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** A second DJERBA Island (AF-083) DXpedition is three years is scheduled for Apr 29-May 6 as **TS8TI**. Team members will include: IK7JWX (team leader), IK2DUW (QSL manager), IW2NLC (YL), IS0AGY, IK8TEM, I8LWL, IK8GQY (YL), KF5EYY, 3V8SA, 3V8ST, 3V8ESG and 3V8SF. Activity will be on SSB, PSK31, RTTY and CW on HF, including the WARC-79 bands. The team expects to receive the TS8TI license by March 15th. – **OPDX, 425 DXN**

**5H – TANZANIA** DX World.net reports 5H3MB in Tanzania will be on the air Apr 7-May 8, when IZ3GZU, Maurizio, returns there to do some electrical work at a hospital and orphanage. He will be on HF in his spare time and hopes to put up the 3-element Yagi that he took down and stored at the end of his last visit. QSL via IK2GZU. <http://www.-pm.it/5h/Tanzania2011.htm>. –**OPDX**

**5X – UGANDA** Op NH6T, Reg has no immediate operating plans as **5XIC**; he is busy building apartment buildings from dawn to dusk. He will try to get active by sometime in March, especially the CQ WPX SSB event. For the time being he'll just "hang a bit of wire out the window so as to be able to work 5X8C on a couple modes and bands." Reg says he is quite pleased with being able to operate in Australia in autumn and now Africa in spring. – **DDX**

**7P – LESOTO** EI7CC, Peter, the brother in law of 7P8CC/EI8CC, Gerry, is QRV as **7P8PB** until March 26. This is a holiday style operation from the 7P8CC shack. QSL via EI7CC. Logs will be uploaded on a daily basis to LoTW and Club Log, if possible –**DDX, DXW**

**7T – ALGERIA 7T9A and 7T50ARA** by the Radio Club Algiers (RCA) in Algeria celebrates their 50th birthday March 23. QSL both via 7X2ARA

**9X – RWANDA** G3RWF, Nick, goes to Rwanda, to be on the air March 4-13. Celebrating his 50 years on the air, he has requested these callsigns, in order of his preference: 9X0NH, 9X0RW and 9X0WF. Nick says he already has confirmation that the license will be ready to pick up when he arrives. It's good until December 31, so he is considering another trip later in the year. He used Google Earth to look at potential operating sites and choose his accommodations, backed up by Q&A on the internet. He chose one with a generator for backup power and Wi-Fi too. –**DDX**

**C9I – MOZAMBIQUE** The call sign **C9IGR** has been applied for but not issued yet by Gert, ZS6AYU, who plans to be active from Mozambique May 7-11. Gert hopes to operate 40-10 CW only with an FT857D and HL-550 400-watt amplifier, to a Cushcraft R7000 vertical. QSL direct or bureau to his home call. –**DDX**

**CT9 - MADEIRA ISLANDS** CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF, Rosel and Hardy, will again be on from Madeira, March 7-April 3, mostly CW and digital, concentrating on 30, 17 and 12. Madeira is IOTA AF-014. QSL to their home calls or email a request for a bureau card to dl3kwr@darc.de or dl3kwf@darc.de. –**DDX**

**CT9 – MADEIRA ISLANDS** G3TKK, Peter is QRV in the Madeira Islands for a holiday style operation in the Madeira Islands as **CT9/G3TKK** until March 22. Listen for him on CW and the digi-modes.

**S7 - SEYCHELLES** (Update). Nobby, G0VJG, will be active **S79VJG** from the Seychelles (AF-024) between April 4-16th. Activity will be on the 40-10meters using SSB only and HF verticals on the beach.

**ZS8 – MARION ISLAND** Two radio amateurs are part of an over-wintering Scientific team and will be active on Marion Island from May 2013 to [April](#) 2014.

**ZS8C** Carson (ZR6CWI) has been appointed as the Space Weather Engineer and is employed for the next year by the SA National [Space Agency](#) (SANSA).

**ZS8Z** David (ZSIBCE) has finally been appointed as the radio technician. His appointment was delayed due to a clerical error.

Expected modes will mainly be SSB and digital. They may only use the existing commercial broadband HF antenna, and their QSL Manager is ZS1HF. More info will be posted on their respective qrz.com sites once they have been created. (We expect this info to be made available within the next 2 weeks). All enquiries should be directed via ZS1HF at this stage. –**DXW**

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

## DX ASIA



**4Z – ISRAEL** (WFF and Holyland SQ. Ops). Dov, **4Z4DX**, plans to activate some World-Wide Flora & Fauna and Holyland Square locations to celebrate his 62nd birthday and 47 years on the air between March 25-27th. Look for him to operate from: Kursi Holyland (WVFF 4XFF-024, Holyland square O-06-HG), Park Hayarden (WVFF 4XFF-029, Holyland square N-05-KT) and Mount Hermon (WVFF 4XFF-023, Holyland square O-01-HG). QSL via 4Z4DX –**QRZ.com, OPDX**

**9M – SPRATLY ISLANDS** By the time you read this the 9M4SLL team in the Spratly Islands will have been QRV for several days. They started out on 160 meters with good signals. All of the antennas are now up with the exception of the topband receive antenna, according to 9M6DXX, Steve. All QSOs are being uploaded to ClubLog <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=9M4SLL#r>. However, as this is being written there's been a minor problem with their statistic charts on ClubLog as it shows *only* QSOs with Europe. They are working on a fix for this; however the log search is working fine. — **DDX es OPDX**

## DX ARCTIC—ANTARCTIC



**JW – SVALBARD** LA6ZFA, Ivar, is heading to Longyearbyen, Svalbard (EU-026) where he will be QRV from the JW5E club station as **JW6ZFA** Apr 6. Listen for him on +/- 14.260 or 18.128 MHz. He could also be on "other bands if propagations allows". He'll be mostly on Phone, but could be on CW too. QSL via LA6ZFA.

**VK0 – AUSTRALIAN MAWSON STATION** VK0Jjj, Craig, at the Australian Mawson Station on Antarctica has activated the Six meter beacon **VK0RTM/b**, which is transmitting on 50.300 MHz. The beacon is located in grid locator MCI2kj and is transmitting into two M2 HO loops stacked at 40 and 52 feet. "The antenna mast is on solid rock at the highest point of Mawson station with a fantastic launch in all directions" says Craig.

## DXCC Approved Operations

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, is now accepting the following operations for DXCC credit:

**4S7DXG** Sri Lanka; Only operations in 2008 and 2011

**8Q7VR** Maldives; Only operations in 2008 and 2011

If you had credit rejected for contacts with dates during the periods noted, contact <[dxccrules@arrl.org](mailto:dxccrules@arrl.org)> to be put on the list for an update. Contacts before or after these periods cannot be accepted. Also, in order to expedite the search for these QSOs, please include the application "date received" or "reference number" noted on your credit slip of the submission these were originally rejected.

### DXCC REMINDER: TURKMENISTRAN EZ

As a reminder to all DXers, Amateur Radio in Turkmenistan (EZ) has been on hold since August 2006. The ARRL DXCC Desk is "not accepting cards for this until we know more or if things change" says ARRL Awards Branch Manager NC1L, Bill Moore.

### PIRATE ALERT

**Xavier, EA3BHK**, reports that a station signing **FK8IK** on 17m CW was active on March 9th, and was definitely a **PIRATE** station. He contacted Mic, **FK8IK**, and he also states it was a **PIRATE**.

## DX NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA



**FP - MIQUELON ISLAND** Eric, KV1J will be QRV as **FP/KV1J** from the island of Miquelon (NA-032) July 6-16. He plans to be on 160 through 6 meters, primarily SSB and RTTY but some CW, PSK-31 and Feld Hell. Eric will also be in the IARU HF Contest (July 13-14th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via KV1J direct, via the bureau or LoTW. For more details and updates, check out his Web page at: <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/july13.html>  
**-ARRLDX, OPDX**

**FS - SAINT MARTIN** FS/UA4CC, Ark, and now FS/LY2IJ, Arunas, are on Saint Martin until Mar 24 and QRV on 160-10 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY. They have a K2 and KPA500 and are focusing on 160 and 80 meters, especially for Europe and Asia. UA4CR is the pilot station for this one. An after-operation upload to OQRS and ClubLog is possible but not certain at this time. QSL via their home call signs.

**J3 - GRENADA** OE2ATN, Tom, and OE2SNL, Franz, plan to be QRV from Grenada (J3) Oct 28 - Nov 10. As of this writing they do not know their call sign. They will be active on CW, SSB and RTTY. **-DDX**

**J75 - DOMINICA** A holiday style operation from Dominica is on tap for AI5P, Rick, Apr 6-20. He'll be QRV as **J75PX** from the Sea Cliff Cottages on the NE side of the island. Next he will go north to the French island of Martinique where he will be operating as **T05PX** Apr 20<sup>th</sup>-30. QSLs via AI5P. **-DDX**

**P4 - ARUBA** (Update). Helmut, DF7ZS, will once again be active from Aruba (SA-036) Mar 26-Apr 3, signing **P40Z**. Main activity will include the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (Mar 30-31) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Some casual operations will take place before and after the contest on 17/12 meters. QSL via W3HKN. Watch his home page at: <http://www.df7zs.de/>. **-OPDX**

**PJ4 - BONAIRE** **PJ4/W1SRD**, Steven, and **PJ4/N6DE**, Dean, will be on from Bonaire's Radio House Mar 26-Apr 1, and will go multi-two in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest Mar 30-31. They are waiting for a contest call sign. Before and after the WPX, they will concentrate on RTTY activity. They prefer you get your QSL credit on LoTW. QSL via W1SRD direct with SASE and return postage is the alternative for WPX QSOs. Outside the contest, QSL to their home call signs. **-DDX**

**PY0F - FERNANDO DE NORONHA** Andre and PP5XX (PY0FM), Peter, have completed phase one of their work at the station on Fernando de Noronha, taking down all the towers except one which will remain up with an A4S tri-bander and 30 and 40 meter antenna. They were only running 100 watts as the Alpha amplifier was not working. Before departing the island Mar 7 Andre activated PY0FF on 30 meters. QSLs for PY0FF still go via W9VA. A second stage of changes is in the works. **-DDX**

**T48 - CUBA** T48K from Cuba by the Las Tunas Contest Crew, will be in the March 30-31 CQWW WPX SSB event, multi-single. Their QTH will be on the north coast. Planning to be part of it are F5FYO, CO8KA, CM8AKY, CO8DM, CO8DRG and CO8ZZ. QSL this T48K operation via F5FYO. **-DDX**

**V3 - BELIZE** **V3IRT** and **V3IBE** from Belize are WB1EAZ and KAIUCC, Ron and Elaine, who will be QRV until March 20, operating SSB with a focus on Europe, Oceania and Asia. QSL direct to WB1EAZ. **-DDX**

**V3 - BELIZE** Hernan V3IHU, Ismael V3INV (XE1AY) and Enrique V32EE (XE2AA) will be active from Twin Cayes, South Water Cay (NA-180), Belize, April 6-12. They plan to operate on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via IT9EJW. **-425DXN**

**V4 - ST KITTS** Once again John, W5JON is QRV as **V47JA** from St. Kitts (NA-104) until 21 Mar. He's operating SSB on 80-6 meters, and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via W5JON and LoTW. **-425DXN**

**VP2V - BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** Dave, W9DR will be active as **VP2V/W9DR** from the north shore of the Island of Anegada (NA-023) June 14-28. Activity will be on 50.115 MHz (SSB) and 50.115.6 MHz (CW). He will also be running a beacon on 50.115.6 when the band is not open. QSL to home call. **-ARRL DX**

**XE - MEXICO** Ismael XE1AY, Benjamin XE1AU, Armando XE1CIC and Enrique XE2AA will be active as **XF2E** from Isla de Venados (NA-171) 21-26 April. They will be QRV on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via IT9EJW **-425DXN**

**ZF - CAYMAN ISLANDS** K3UL, Bob, is back in the Cayman Islands and QRV as **ZF2UL** until Mar 19. QSL via K3UL or LoTW.

*"It's not true that I had nothing on. I had the radio on." - Marlyn Mearns*

## DX PACIFIC - OCEANA

**E51 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS** AB7FS/E5IAND, Andy, has moved on to Rarotonga, South Cooks planning improved antennas. He is also looking to activate Palmerston, OC- 124, or Pukapuka, OC-098, in July or August. He may have a Hexbeam for those operations. **NOTE:** There is new QSL info on QRZ.com for E5IAND.

**E51 – SOUTH COOK ISLANDS E51DXX**, South Cook Islands, will be on the air April 1-13. Operating holiday style on the HF bands will be Mauri, AG1LE. QSL via AG1LE. --DDX

**H44 SOLOMON ISLANDS and H40 TEMOTU PROVINCE** Here is the update on H44G and H40T, Solomon Islands and Temotu Province. The H44G team is doing well despite heavy daily rainfall. They had hoped to send half the team Temotu tomorrow, March 12 for the H40T activity. Several flights were canceled due to the weather, with a backlog of passengers waiting for flights to resume, so the delay continues indefinitely. <http://dl7df.com/h4/news.php>. --DDX



**KH0/AH0 - MARIANA ISLANDS.** Operators Sam/JE1XUZ (**KH0XH**) and Tama/JQ2WTT (**KH0XW**) are QRV from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) until Apr 1. Both operators are undergraduates at a JA university. QSL via the operator's home callsign, by the JA Bureau or direct. Also, the duo plans to be active as **AH0BT** (Saipan BBQ Contest Club callsign) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st). QSL via 7L1FPU, LoTW, by the JA Bureau or direct. Do NOT send to the W0 Bureau and the KH0 address. --OPDX

**KH0 – SAIPAN** R0FA and RA0FU will be at the Saipan Rental Shack on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) Mar 25- Apr 4 as **KH0/R0FA** and **KH0/RA0FU**, respectively. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes, as well as the CQ WPX Phone on Mar 30/31. QSL via their home calls. --DDX, OPDX

**KH0 – SAIPAN** JLIUTS (**KH0TH**), and 7L3PFH (**KH0TG**) will be active from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) May 2-5. They will be on all bands and modes. QSL via their home calls. --DDX, OPDX

**KH0 – SAIPAN** JH8XGS (**W3ANA/KHO**) and JAIRTS (**KH0/JAIRTS**) will be on Saipan, Mariana Islands (OC-086) from May 8-12. QSL via the JARL QSL bureau or direct. --DDX, OPDX

**KH2/NH2-GUAM** Operators Masanori/JA1OZK/W6LJ, Ryuji/JG1ITH/NY8A, Aki/JR3QFB/W3JH, Masaru/AI2K and Masatoshi/AH6KY/JA1MFR will be active as **NH2KY** (Ibaraki Net Amateur Radio Club callsign) Mar 29 - Apr 2. QSL via JR3QFB. The team will use the call sign **KH2KY** (Guam Japanese DXer Club call sign) during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (Mar 30-31) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via JA1MFR. -- OPDX

**T8 – PALAU** T88OK on Koror, Palau, by operator JH3JF, is scheduled for March 23-24. Tetsuyuki will be at the West Plaza Hotels by the Sea rental shack. --DDX

**V6 - MICRONESIA** JA7HMZ is heading back to Pohnpei Island (OC-010), Micronesia, this time with JA7GYP, where they will be QRV as **V63DX** and **V63T** respectively Apr 15-20. QSL via their home calls. --DDX, OPDX

**V6 – MICRONESIA** Mike, WB7DXA is active as **V63DXA** from Micronesia until Mar 21. He's operating from Kosrae (OC-059)"for about a week", then hopefully from IOTA group OC-226 (Mokil and Pingelap Atolls, "but it all depends on WX and other factors") and finally from Pohnpei (OC-010). Main activity is expected on 20 meters SSB, possibly with some CW. QSL via home call, direct and bureau, and LoTW. --425DXN, OPDX

**VK9C - COCOS KEELING ISLANDS** (Update/New Callsign). Operators Chris/GM3WOJ (ZK2V) and Keith/GM4YXI (ZK2X) will be active from Cocos Keeling Island (OC-003), using a new callsign that was issued, **VK9CZ** (not VK9C/GM2MP), March 30 - Apr 13. Activity will be on SSB and CW, with some RTTY. It is hoped to have a real-time logging system and daily LoTW uploads if possible. More details to follow. A new Web page will be available soon at: <http://www.vk9cz.com> --OPDX

**XR0 – EASTER ISLAND** A team of British hams will be active from Easter Island Mar 20-27 on all bands 160m to 10m, mainly CW. They will run the HF bands using Elecraft K3s, small PAs and vertical antennas, but also plan to work challenging paths on the low bands, emphasis on Europe. Depending on the space available they'll use a beverage or flag for RX on the low bands. Club Log uploads and LoTW uploads will occur daily and OQRS will be available. Expedition members include: Michael G7VJR, Nigel G3TXF, John G4IRN and Martin G3ZAY. -- DXW

**ZL7-CHATHAM ISLAND** The **ZL7LC**, Chatman Island micro-expedition by ZL1LC, March 14-20, initially PSK-31 only but will now include some limited 80M SSB activity. Jim's plans are to be on the highest band with good propagation openings; he expects most of the time he'll be on 20 and 15. Target frequencies are 7035, 14070, 21070 and 28120, and on 3677 LSB on the weekend between 07-08Z, then on the Counties and Awards Net. Arrival on Chatham is 04Z March 14. QSL via EB7DX. --DDX

## DX INDIAN OCEAN



**8Q - MALDIVES** Wolfgang, OE1MWW, will be active as **8Q7WK** until Mar 23. Activity has been holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home call sign. -**DDX**

**8Q - MALDIVES.** Operators Pai/VU2PAI and Krish/W4VKU will be active as **8Q7KP** from Bodufinolhu, South Male Atoll (AS-013), April 23-30. Their plans are for 2 stations to be on the air using an Elecraft K3/Acom 1000 and TS480Sat/Tentec Hercules II, into two Butternut HF9V and 2 element SteppIR for higher bands. The operators plan to setup an OQRS and to also upload logs to LoTW, eQSL and QRZ.com -**OPDX**

**8Q - MALDIVES** Noel, F6BGC will be active as **8Q7NC** from Rihiveli, South Male Atoll, Maldives (AS-013) between March 19-29, 2013. He plans to operate holiday style on 40-6M with 100w and a vertical, using mostly SSB with

## DXpeditions and Late Breaking News



**KH9—WAKE ISLAND** A 'Commemorative DXpedition' to Wake Atoll (KH9) [OC-053] will be made in October 2013. This operation is a 'Commemorative DXpedition' in that it combines a DXpedition and a commemoration of an event. 98 civilian contractors working for Morrison - Knutsen, lost their lives on the atoll in October 1943. The group has been named the 'Forgotten 98'. This operation, will observe the 70th anniversary of their deaths, and will be dedicated to keeping their memory alive and honoring their sacrifice. Wake Atoll ranks number 15 in 'ClubLog's Most Wanted Entities' and 19 on *The DX Magazine's* 100 Most Wanted List..

A highly experienced team of 12 operators is being formed. They plan to operate five stations over a 14 day period, 160 to 6 meters on all modes, using the call sign **K9W**.

The operation will be headed by Lou, N2TU; Joe, W8GEX; Craig, K9CT and Joe, AA4NN. Other Team members include Jerry/WB9Z, Tom/ND2T, Mike/K9NW, John/K6MM, Hal/W8HC, Carl/K9CS, Dick/W3OA and Tom/N4XP.

Wake Atoll's access is limited and the time frame is dictated by transportation issues. As such, official dates have not been set, but will be announced as soon as possible. The team will assemble in Honolulu and then travel to Wake. Official landing permission has been obtained. The K9W website, <<http://www.wake2013.org/>> will provide updates as they become available. Later, the group will also have an OQRS link on the website for easy QSLing. AA4NN, will be the QSL manager. -**OPDX**



Tevfik TAIHZ

**T5 - SOMALIA.** Tevfik, TAIHZ, will be travelling to Mogadishu to be a part of a Turkish team on a humanitarian mission called Yeryuzu Doktorlari (Doctors Worldwide - see <<https://yyd.org.tr/>>) between March 23rd and April 4th. As a doctor, his work is primary, but during his free time, Tevfik hopes to be active as T5TC (callsign to be assigned) from this 40<sup>th</sup> 'most wanted entity' on *The DX Magazine's* most wanted list.

Activity will be on all HF bands, depending on band conditions, using a Kenwood TS-480 and Windom antenna. Tevfik also plans to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via TAIHZ, only direct, by the Bureau or LoTW and eQSL. QSL cards will be printed late May. See QRZ.com for more info. PLEASE NOTE: Bureau QSLs and uploading the log to LoTW/Eqsl will be done after direct requests are fulfilled! Also, any donations for the hospital and food distribution centers can be sent via: <https://www.yyd.org.tr/bagis/index.php> -**OPDX**



## Pileup Frequency Cops

It may be their sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.  
Anonymous

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

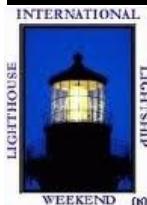
Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2013 Mar05	2013 Mar20	Grenada	J34G	G3PJT	G3PJT 20130112	By G3PJT; QRV for RSGB Commonwealth Contest (Mar 9-10)
2013 Mar06	2013 Mar26	Lesotho	7P8PB	LotW	E17CC 20130220	By E17CC; holiday sytle operation fm shack of 7P8CC; QSL also OK via E17CC
2013 Mar07	2013 Apr03	Madeira	CT9	Home Call	<a href="#">425DXN</a>	By DL3KWF as CT9/DL3KWF and DL3KWR as CT9/DL3KWR fm AF-014; focus on WARC bands; CW + digital; email request for Buro cards OK to [callsign]@darc.de
2013 Mar08	2013 Mar22	Curacao	PJ2	Home Call	AAIM 20130115	By WIUSN as PJ2/WIUSN, AAIM W1SSR likewise; 160-10m; SSB CW PSK RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2013 Mar08	2013 Mar25	Solomon Is	H44G	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 Mar09	2013 Mar23	Maldives	8Q7WK	OE1MWW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130304	By OE1MWW; holiday style operation
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 Mar10	2013 Apr01	Mariana Is	KH0	Home Call	JE1XUZ 20130225	By JE1XUZ as KH0XH and JQ2WTT as KH0XW; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2013 Mar12	2013 Mar22	Madeira	CT9	G3TKK	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20130309	By G3TKK as CT9/G3TKK fm AF-014; CW + digital
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 Mar13	2013 Mar23	Fiji	3D2	GM4FDM	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121121	By GM3YTS GM4FDM GM0GAV GM3POI; focus on EU; Tuvalu effort cancelled
2013 Mar14	2013 Mar20	Chatham I	ZL7LC	ZL1LC Direct	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121014	By ZL1LC fm OC-038 (AE16ug, CHA009); standard PSK frequencies; PSK31; during pileups QSX up 100-400 Hz
2013 Mar15	2013 Mar17	Jersey	MJ0CFW	LotW	M0CFW 20130307	By M0CFW; QSL also OK via M0CFW; QRV for RDXC and BARTG HF RTTY
2013 Mar16	2013 Mar17	Israel	4X0W	UT5UGR	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130311	By UT5UGR; Russian DX Contest; QRV Mar 15-18 using 4X/UT5UGR outside contest
2013 Mar15	2013 Mar23	Sint Maarten	PJ7	AA4VK	N0TG 20120525	By N0TG as PJ7/N0TG, AA4VK and N1SNB likewise
2013 Mar18	2013 Mar22	Ascension I	ZD8RAF	G1EUZ	VA3RJ 20130308	By G1EUZ fm AF-003 (WLOTA 1491); vertical or dipole; QSL OK via RSGB Buro or direct (w/ SAE + RP)
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 Mar20	2013 Mar27	Gambia	C5WP	ON7WP Direct	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20130309	By ON7WP; 40-10m; as time permits
2013 Mar21	2013 Mar26	Marshall Is	V73TS	JF1CCH	JF1CCH 20130307	By JF1CCH; 40-10m; mainly CW; eQSL also OK
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 Mar23	2013 Mar26	Corsica	TK0INT	EA5KA	F4FET 20130307	By F4BKV F4FET EA3NT TK4LS fm EU-100
2013 Mar23	2013 Apr04	Somalia	T5TC	LotW	TA1HZ 20130302	By TA1HZ; HF; spare time operation; call sign requested; QSL also OK via TA1HZ
2013 Mar24	2013 Mar25	Corsica	TK1INT	EA5KA	F4FET 20130307	By F4BKV F4FET EA3NT TK4LS fm EU-104
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

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Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2013 Mar26	2013 Apr16	Tonga	A3EAQ	SP5EAQ	SP5EAQ 20121104	By SP5EAQ fm Tongatapu (OC-049); 80-10m; SSB
2013 Mar27	2013 Mar28	Corsica	TK2INT	EA5KA	F4FET 20130307	By F4BKV F4FET EA3NT TK4LS fm EU-164
<b>CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB</b> (Mar 30-31, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2013 Mar30	2013 Apr13	Cocos Keeling	VK9CZ	LotW	<a href="http://dxw.net">DXW.Net</a> 20130116	By GM3WOJ and GM4YXI fm OC-003; SSB CW, some RTTY

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2013 Apr01	2013 Apr13	South Cook Is	E51DXX	AGILE	<a href="http://dxw.net">DXW.Net</a> 20130309	By AGILE fm Rarotonga; HF
2013 Apr03	2013 Apr11	Micronesia	V63XG	LotW	<a href="http://opdx.com">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 (QSX 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="http://dxw.net">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 Apr05	2013 Apr16	St Lucia	J6	LotW	N7QT 20130211	By N7QT as J6/N7QT fm Babonneau and mountain top locations; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; QSL also OK via N7QT, Buro or direct (w/ SASE)
2013 Apr06	2013 Apr12	Belize	V31	IT9EJW	<a href="http://425dxn.com">425DXN</a> 20130216	By XE1AY as V31NV, XE2AA as V32EE, plus V31HU fm South Water Cay (NA-180); HF + 6m
2013 Apr07	2013 May08	Tanzania	5H3MB	IK2GZU	<a href="http://dxw.net">DXW.Net</a> 20130218	By IK2GZU fm Ilembula; HF; spare time operation
2013 Apr10	2013 Apr15	Lord Howe I	VK9LT	W6NV Direct	<a href="http://dxw.net">DXW.Net</a> 20130308	By W6NV
2013 Apr15	2013 Apr20	Micronesia	V63	Home Call	JA7HMZ 20130219	By JA7HMZ as V63DX and JA7GYP as V63T fm Pohnpei I (OC-010)
2013 Apr20	2013 Apr28	Tanzania	5H1DX	DF8DX	VA3RJ 20130308	By DF8DX; also fm Pemba I (AF-063, WLOTA 1437)
2013 Apr22	2013 May04	Ogasawara	JD1BMH	JD1BMH Buro	JG7PSJ 20130308	By JG7PSJ fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 40-10m, perhaps 80m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JG7PSJ direct
2013 Apr23	2013 Apr30	Maldives	8Q7KP	LotW	<a href="http://dxw.net">DXW.Net</a> 20130310	By VU2PAI W4VKU fm Bodufinolhu (AS-013); HF9V, 2 ele SteppIR; OQRS to be available
2013 Apr23	2013 May08	Tokelau	ZK3N	DL2AWG	<a href="http://dxw.net">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 May04	Ogasawara	JD1BLY	J15RPT	J15RPT 20130309	By J15RPT fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 40-10m + satellite; CW SSB + digital
2013 Apr28	2013 May05	Ogasawara	JD1	LotW	JP1IOF 20130122	By JE2EHP JF1BVG JP1IOF as JD1BLC and JD1YBT fm Chichijima I; 160-6m; all modes; QSL also OK via JP1IOF, Buro or direct
2013 Apr29	2013 May06	Tunisia	TS8TI	IK2DUW	<a href="http://425dxn.com">425DXN</a> 20130216	By I8LWL IK2DUW IK6JRI IK8GQY IK8TEM IS0AGY IW2NLC KF5EYY 3V8ESG 3V8SA 3V8SF 3V8ST fm Djerba I (AF-083)



INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND GROWS

An update on pre-registration for the 2013 International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend operating event. So far there have been some 150 registrations from 25 countries. Germany has the most with 35 closely followed by Australia accounting for 34. This year's International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend is on August the 17th and 18th. More information on this fun event along with registration details is on line at [www.illw.net](http://www.illw.net). - VK3PC

## The World According to NU4Y — GOING HALF GREEN

There is lots of talk on TV, Radio etc. about going Green. Saving energy can be a good thing. Lower electric bills, saving fuel, just to name a couple of the advantages.

I have 6 track-lights above my operating Desk. I also use this desk for repairing equipment, soldering and the like. I used to have 65 watt spot bulbs in each unit. Actually 5 pointed at my desk and one is pointed into the closet which holds parts and other goodies. I switched to Halogen lamps at one point. These put out so much heat that the smell of cooking and some brown looking burned spots showed up on the ceiling. All of these lamps only lasted about 6 months in regular use.

Actually that is how I got this track fixture in the first place.

The previous owner (an electrician) got tired of replacing the bulbs all the time. It was time for CFL lamps. I replaced all of them with equivalent 65 watt CFL lamps. This was ok at first, but after a month or two it would take a very long time for them to come up to full brightness. There was an advantage in that the heat in my radio room was a lot less. When operating a contest with the old lamps and the ALPHA heater running for hours on end, it was not unusual for the temp to exceed 90 F in here.

As time went on after 3 to 6 months even the CFL lamps would fail. Expensive to replace these things. The new CFL lamps would come up to full brightness in a shorter time than the older ones. Sometimes when working on the bench in the garage, I would need something from the closet. I would come into the radio room turn on the lights. I would find most times grabbing a flashlight to look into the closet, get what I wanted and leave the room before the CFLs would come up to full brightness. Further I would in the morning turn the computer and the lights on simultaneously. I would then let Windows and the lights boot up which took about the same period.

N4EPD related that his large outdoor flood lamp had burned out, looking everywhere he could not find a regular replacement and had purchased a CFL replacement. When at night he would turn on the light to let his dog out and usually the dog had done his business and returned before the yard was lighted.

In the last month 2 more of the CFLs had failed. These things are supposed to last eons. My fate had been measured. I now have 3 regular spot lamps and 3 CFL lamps. One spot is pointed into the closet, and 2 on the strip pointed at the operating position, the 3 CFLs also pointed at the desk. I can now see when I flip on the lights, and the room is still relative cool (except when full KW contesting). Guess I am Half Green.

—Jim, NU4Y



## Florida Hams Prove Ham Radio Works When Cell Phones Don't

After a day of exploring the Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area -- which covers 50,692 protected acres in Florida's Lake, Polk and Sumter Counties -- with his grandson, Joe Cody, KE4WDP, of Winter Haven, Florida, saw that the roads were flooding and becoming hazardous. As he tried to drive out of the area, Cody's small pick-up truck got bogged down in the mud. Since he was out of cell phone range, Cody tried calling for help on the Dade City 146.880 repeater. Richard Parker, KF4ORW, of Dade City, Florida, heard the call and answered.

After hearing the situation, Parker called 911 in Pasco County, who put him in touch with the dispatch in neighboring Polk County. Cody passed his location on to Parker, who in turn passed it on to the Polk County Sheriff's Office. "Polk County 911 took over trying to get help," Parker said. "They called me back several times for more information and I was able to relay information from Joe to them. Then Ted Bulmanski, W4TKB, who is also from Dade City, started monitoring and copying Joe's information."

About 30 minutes later, Parker saw a helicopter fly over and around Cody's position, and after another 30 minutes, Cody radioed back on the repeater, saying he was on his way home -- thanks to a Lake County Deputy in a Sheriff's Office truck that had a winch. "We learned that Joe was eight miles inside Lake County," Parker explained. "That's why the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded instead of the Polk County authorities. The Polk County Sheriff's Office called me back to say that the helicopter from Lake County found the truck inside Lake County and sent both a deputy from Lake County, as well as a Fish and Game Officer and winched him out of the mud. They called me back to thank us for assisting the stranded pair. Ham radio still works when other forms of communications don't."

-- Thanks to ARRL West Central Florida Section Public Information Coordinator Kevin Poorman, KV4CT, for the information



### CENTRAL ASIAN DX CONTEST

The NAURYZ DX CONTEST is organized and conducted in order to promote amateur radio on high frequency bands in countries of Central Asia.

These countries involved are Kazakhstan (UN), Kyrgyzstan (EX), Uzbekistan, (UK) Tajikistan (EY), and Turkmenistan (EZ). The event is dedicated to the spring celebration of Nauryz (Nowruz).

The contest will be held on March 23 between 0200-0759z.

The bands are 80/40/20/15/10 meters, and modes are CW and SSB. Complete details are available at: <http://www.nauryz-dx-contest.com> -- OPDX

**"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 13 Mar 2013



Call	Beam/Wire	Vertical/Wire	Score
AB4UF			0
AC4ET			0
K3LB	B		147
K4EB	B		28
K4UTE	B		266
KB4CRT			0
KC4FWS	B		1
KX4WW			0
NIWON		V	0
N4EPD		V	2
N4GFO			0
N4JBK			0
N4KE			0
N4UF	B		0
NF4L	B		62
NO4J			0
NU4Y		V	107
NW4C		V	11
VP5YZ			0
W1FO	B		69
W4FDA			0
W4GJ			0
WA4B			0
WA6EZV		V	72
WR4K		V	144

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

## PAT HAWKER MBE G3VA SK



Pat Hawker G3VA

Pat Hawker, MBE, G3VA, who for 50 years wrote the Technical Topics column in the RSGB publication RadCom, passed away on February 21st at age 90.

Hawker was first awarded a UK an 'artificial aerial' license and call sign 2BUH in 1936. He received his transmitting license and the call G3VA in 1938.

During his lifetime Pat Hawker was involved in many aspects of radio. His ranged from World War 2 with the United Kingdom's military intelligence organizations through to his time working for the RSGB, then as the editor of Electronics Weekly and the Royal Television Society Journal.

The extraordinary career of Pat Hawker, G3VA, is described in a book by Steve White, G3ZYW, titled A Bit of Controversy, Pat Hawker - A Radio Life. And for those not aware, the title MBE stands for Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. —GB2RS

# ODDS ENDS

## UK HAM LOCATES SO-CALLED "DEAD" 1965 SATELLITE AS IT RETURNS TO LIFE

An American satellite, abandoned in 1967 as a piece of space junk has begun transmitting again after 46 years and a ham radio operator is responsible for finding it

Phil Williams, G3YPQ, is an Amateur Radio Astronomer in North Cornwall in the U.K.. According to reports he accidentally picked up the signal and after cross checking with various lists, he identified it as LES 1.

LES 1 was built by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and launched in 1965. The satellite failed to reach its intended orbit owing to a wiring error and has been drifting out of control ever since.

Williams ran across it while monitoring near 237 MHz when he noticed a signal with a peculiar signal drift caused by the bird tumbling end over end every 4 seconds as the solar panels became shadowed by the satellites engine. Williams said that gives the signal a particularly ghostly sound as the voltage from the solar panels fluctuates.

The LES 1 satellite is about the size of a small car and is not likely to re-enter the atmosphere for a long time as the orbit is still relatively high. It poses no threat other than that caused by the thousands of other pieces of space junk currently in orbit. —AR News



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**Finally**, Off-air and word of

mouth from those who turned

on their radios, listened, and

then told **The PileUp** what

they heard. —NW4C

## FOC ON-AIR CELEBRATION



It's an on-air party for a unique group of Ham Radio operators. The First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC) will air special event stations GB75FOC, GP4FOC, GS4FOC and GT4FOC during the month of May. The occasion will be in celebration

of the 75th anniversary of the founding of FOC.

Special QSLs will be available via G3SWH and all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. QSOs with these stations will count towards the FOC75 Award.

<http://www.g4foc.org/Default.aspx?pagel=1537887>

—DDX



**"I do not think that the wireless waves I have discovered will have any practical application"**

**- Heinrich Rudolf Hertz.**

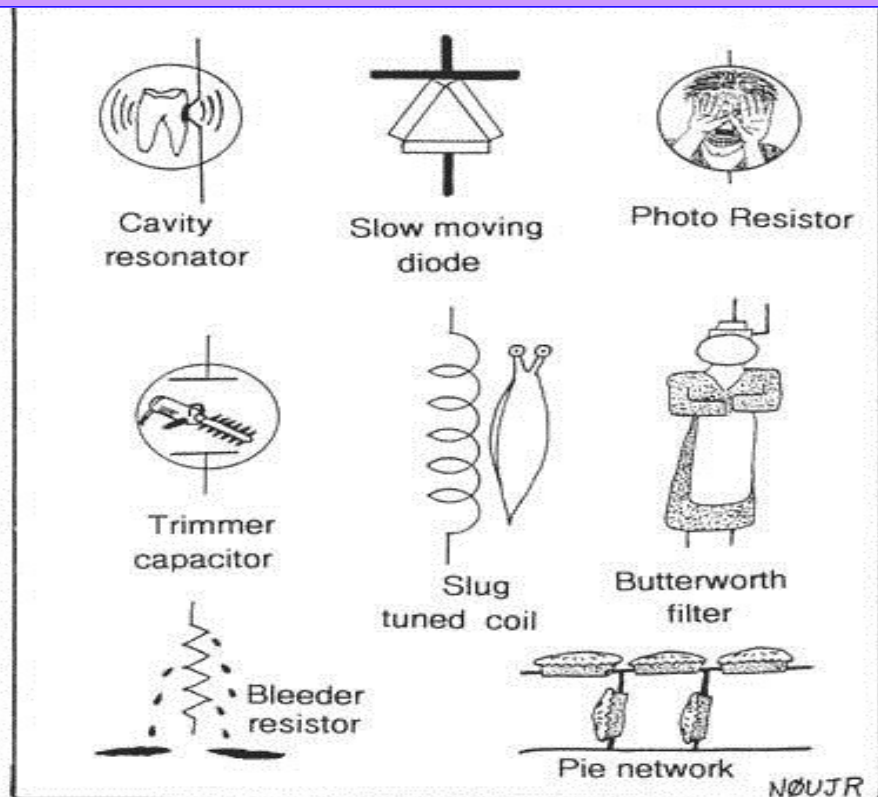
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**Law of Logical Argument**

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

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## The Last Word

A personal note, if I may. I'm closing in on the Honor Roll. It's not a headlong rush, mind you, but the light is beginning to glow at the end of a loong tunnel. I now have 320 'current' and 331 total mixed.

There's a possibility, albeit a very faint one, that I could make it on this solar cycle—provided some ones that I need show up.

That's the problem many of us face when we reach this stage, i.e., having those 'needed ones' come on the air.

Patience is a prime directive in DXing and waiting for long-dormant entities to awaken with some sort of legal (read DXCC 'accepted') activity is something we've learned to live with. Places like P5, KP1 (Oh sooo close and yet far-far away), KH1, 3 and 9,...plus those Indian Ocean FT5s . . . Ah, per chance to dream.

73 and May the Good DX be yours.

—NW4C



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