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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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12.2 Million Points Claimed by VP5DX in 2012 CQ WW SSB 10 Meters Again the Top Band for Contest Qs: Pictures Page 11

Conditions were far from ideal for the 2012 CQWW SSB contest but the four-man NFDXA VP5DX team operating from Middle in the Turks and Caicos still managed to achieve a claimed 12, 2 million point score with over 6800 QSOs.

As with the 2011 effort, 10 meters again was the team's 'money' band with over 2500 QSOs logged with 129 countries in 32 CQ zones. However, the 2012 total was somewhat less than then 2665 contacts with 135 entities claimed in 2011. The lower score most likely can be attributed to generally less-than ideal conditions, especially on the 160 and 80 meter bands which apparently resulted in contesters world-wide gravitating to the 40 meter band. In fact, NU4Y observed, "40 was so jammed it was hard to run with all the QRM",

All in all, the NFDXA team headed by Ron, N4KE, and operators Jim, NU4Y, Mike, N4EPD and Steve, AB4UF can feel pretty good about their 2012 effort. In addition to their respectable score it should be noted that on 4 bands, 10-15-20 and 40 meters, they made contacts with stations in more than 100 entities. Only poor band conditions on 80 prevented them from achieving a 5BDXCC for the contest weekend!

The team's 2012 tally with comparison to 2011 is summarized in the box below. Pictures and more on page 11.



L-R: Jim, NU4Y; Capt Ron N4KE and Mike, N4EPD

BAND	Final Claimed Score 2012			2011 (CLAIMED)			2011 (FINAL)		
	QSO'S	ZONES	ENTITIES	Q's	Z	C	Q's	Z	C
160	57	8	11	124	12	23	119	12	21
80	330	19	68	263	21	77	244	18	70
40	965	30	103	2028	29	100	1796	28	97
20	1024	37	126	2589	40	129	2425	40	129
15	1841	38	129	2094	39	143	2081	38	141
10	2589	32	129	2685	35	135	2661	34	134
	6806	164	566	7174	176	607	7070	170	59
SCORE	12,207,060 (2012)			13,300,821 (2011)			12,206,478 (2011)		



Steve, AB4UF
Netmeister
Supreme



Bubba's



November NFDXA Meeting Bubba's Seafood and Steaks Restaurant

He heard it was so good last month that meeting arranger Rich, K4UTE has set the location for the Saturday, November 17 meeting of NFDXA to be held at Bubba's Seafood and Steak Restaurant at 1965 Lane Ave South. (Picture at left) Socializing begins at 5 pm and the actual meeting generally gets underway somewhere around 6pm. Remember to RSVP at <http://nfdxa.com/meeting/>

NFDXA to Elect 2013 Officers at November Meeting

All NFDXA members in good standing are reminded that the club's by-laws provide that an election will be held each November to select officers for the coming year.

The Executive Board has presented a slate to be formally nominated during the meeting.

However, members are encouraged to offer nominations from the floor for any of the four offices.





NFDXA OFFICERS 2011

The North Florida DX Association, Inc. is a group of Amateur Radio Operators located in north Florida and south Georgia whose interests are DXing and Contesting. NFDXA meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at a place selected by the meeting organizer. Officers elected for the calendar year 2012 are:



President

Larry Bostic, K3LB lbostic@aol.com



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Treasurer

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Executive Committee

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



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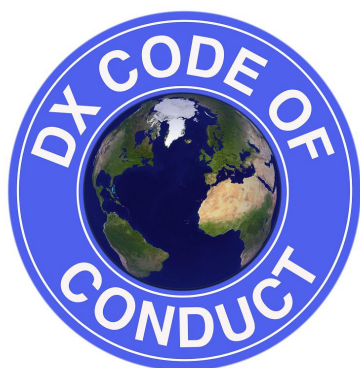
NFDXA Attendance at October Meeting

Name	Call	# Attending	Name	Call	# Attending
Steve Brown	AB4UF	0	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	0	Jim Iori	NU4Y	0
John Silberman	KB4CRT	1	Warren Croke	NW4C	1
Jim Hughes	KC4FWS	0	Mike Garcia	W1FO	0
Bill Walker	KX4WW	0	Pres Graham	W4FDA	0
Cory McDonald	NIWON	1	Bob Lightner	W4GJ	1
Mike Parnin	N4EPD	0	Steve Barber	WA4B	0
Ron Tivey	N4GFO	0	David Price	WA4ET	0
Joe Barnes	N4JBK	0	Robert Frey	WA6EZV	1
Ron Blake	N4KE	0	Dick Knox	WR4K	0

Attendance NFDXA Members 7 Guests 0

Notice to NFDXA Membership

All NFDXA members are requested to go to the club web site and check their entry on the Roster page. If any changes in address, e-mail or other information are needed please notify NFDXA Secretary Mike Reublin, NF4L (nf4l@nf4l.com) at your earliest convenience.



... Dots and Dashes ...

Most of us are old enough to remember that famous (infamous) line from the movie "Treasure of the Sierra Madre" about "Badges". The Bad Guys were pretending to be Police Officers in the Mexican province where the story takes place. The Good Guys asked to see their Police Badges. The reply, "badges, we don't need no stinking badges."

I think of this line when I wander into my shack in the morning and, like you, check the Solar Flux on DX Summit (or other DX site). As I write this on Saturday morning, the Solar Flux is 115 (Sun Spot Number 65). The forecast is for these numbers to trend downward over the rest of November with the Solar Flux around 95 by the first of December.

Even with these low numbers, I worked Europe this morning at 0700 local time on ten meters WITH A DIPOLE ANTENNA. Is that cool or what? The bands where I have a respectable yagi antenna (40m, 20m, 17m, and 15m) are even better. Recently, I saw the report from the K3LR contest station (Tim Duffy) that his team achieved five band DXCC in a single weekend contest for the first time in history. WOW !!!

These modest Sun Spot Numbers will probably be as good as it gets this cycle. In fact, at the last Huntsville Hamfest the NASA Solar Scientist said he was surprised that the numbers have been this high. 2012-2013 was predicted to be a really weak Sun Spot peak.

Nevertheless, Hams all over the world are working record numbers of stations in spite of the low sun-spots. Just this week, with only a modest effort, I have been able to work at least one station on each continent. Maybe that means that working DX doesn't depend so much on high Sun Spot numbers any more.

We all remember the late 1950's and early 1960's when 50 watts and a dipole brought the entire ham radio world to your doorstep. Now days, we have fabulous equipment compared to 1960. No longer is a DX-40 or even a DX-100 the most common rig. Even a ten-year-old used rig today, combined with a modest amp and a modest yagi, can reach out to the most far-flung DXpedition. Looking back over the 53 years of my ham radio experience, one of the best times to be a DXer is RIGHT NOW! "Sun Spots, we don't need no stinking Sun Spots!" **Enjoy - Larry K3LB**



Larry, K3LB



October Meeting Minutes—St Johns Seafood Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by president **Larry, K3LB** at 5:56 pm

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Jim, KC4FWS** was not present; no treasurer's report

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of last month's meeting (October 20) were approved.

Old business — There was no old business.

New business – (1)The executive board proposed the following slate of officers to be voted on in the November meeting: **President: Bob Frey, WA6EZV; Vice President: Bob Lighner, W4GJ; Secretary: Mike Reublin, NF4L; Treasurer: Jim Hughes, KC4FWS.** (2) The Intra-club DX Contest prize was clarified: A) Cost of food to be divided equally. B) Loser prep and serve. (3) There was a discussion about members who are in danger of not making the 3 meeting requirement. One suggestion was to make meeting attendance credit available through a Skype connection.

Next meeting planner : (Nov 17) is **Rich, K4UTE**

Guests: There were no guests at the October meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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



Faces at the October 20 NFDXA Meeting at Bubba's Seafood Restaurant



It couldn't have been a better meeting with fellow DXers huddled around a food-filled table, sharing DX-adventures over the past month—all this while watching the Florida Gators demolish South Carolina 44-11. Kudos to K4EB for making the arrangements. Top row l-r: Our October meeting convenes over appetizers and salad; Bob, WA6EZV Middle row l-r: Bob, W4GJ; Larry, K3LB; Mike, NF4L and Cory, N1WON Bottom row l-r: John, KB4CRT; Warren, NW4C; Salty's aka Bubba's Seafood and Charlotte, our waitress who just kept bringing us one food-filled dish after another.

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS



A6 – UNITED ARAB EMIRATES A64IND is a special call from the United Arab Emirates, celebrating the 41 years of independence. Independence was gained Dec 2, 1971. QSL via IZ8CLM.

ET3 – ETHIOPIA ET3AA, the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Club has been officially “re-opened” and is conducting a memorial event in honor of its late mentor and organizer, Sidney May, ET3SID. Starting Tuesday, Oct 29 club members began operating from the club station ET3AA with the goal of making 10,000 QSOs in Sid’s memory. The event will end once the QSO count has been achieved. Sid organized and set up the EARC club station as a formal organization, training the initial student operators and arranging for four of them to become ARRL VEs. If you work ET3AA QSL via N200 *only*; do not send to the club’s CBA as they are in the process of set-

ting up a new PO box. The club requests the DX community to “Please use the DX Code of Conduct. Please be kind and work with our students as we learn and improve our radio operating skills.” Check the club’s web site for more information. <http://et3aa.com/>

JU850 - MONGOLIA (Special Event). Baterdene, JT1CS, reports to look for special event stations to be on the air to celebrate Chinggis Khan’s 850th birthday Nov. 14-21. Mongolian amateur radio operators will be active using special event call signs such as JU850AA, etc... QSL via info on QRZ.com. A “Chinggis Khan Award” will be issued free to those who make three contacts with three different special event call signs, i.e. JU850AA, JU850DA, JU850DN... on any mode or bands. Please send your request with QSO detail information to: MRSF at MRSF.MN

S5 - SLOVENIA, Special event station **S512IAPMC** is QRV until Jan 15, 2013 during the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities in Slovenj Gradec. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via bureau.

TM – FRANCE TM2VD from France is a special call to remember F3VD, Robert Delrue, who passed away in August and was mentor to many. F8DFO, Rodrigue, and F4DVJ, Jeremy, will be doing the operating on this memorial operation, Nov 13-18, Dec 7-12 and Jan 2-4, CW, SSB and digital, 80-10M. QSL direct to F8DFO or via the bureau.

VK – AUSTRALIA Special event callsign **VI6ARG30** will be active Nov 5-18 for the 30th anniversary of the Peel Amateur Radio Group in Western Australia, VK6ARG. QSL via VK6VKS.

W2 – USA W2WSC/I00 is a special event station for the 100th anniversary of the Tuckerton Wireless, WSC, operating from members’ home QTHs. **W2WSC/WSC** will be used from the last QTH of the WSC Marine Coastal Radio Station. That QTH is in West Creek, New Jersey, USA. **W2WSC/40** will be used from a third QTH, the Giffordtown Museum, Nov 17 from 1500-2100Z to mark the 40 years of the Tuckerton Historical Society. K2TQN will give a presentation at the museum at about 2PM local time, with the public invited. QSL all of the stations via W2WSC. Organizing the operating event are the Old Barney Amateur Radio Club and the South Jersey DX Association. <http://www.obarc.org/> and <http://www.sjdxa.org/>.

ZV - BRAZIL ZV7O from Brazil is a special event station for the International Literary Festival of Pernambuco during Fliporto 2012. This is **Nov 18-19**. QSL to PY7JN. There is more info about the festival on QRZ.com and <http://www.fliporto.net/index.php>. The ops will be demonstrating amateur radio to the public during this operation, with different bands and modes. You can ask for a free special certificate from the award manager if you work them on two different bands or modes. And there will be a special color QSL card.

DXCC APPROVED OPERATIONS

ARRL Awards Branch Manager NC1L, Bill Moore, announced the approval for DXCC credit for the following operations:

May/June 2012 A5A Bhutan.

May/June 2012 5X1EME Uganda

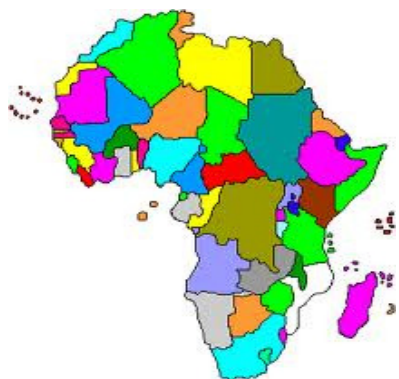
Aug 2012 VU7M Lakshadweep Islands

Sept/Oct 2012 ZD9UW Tristan da Cunha and Gough

Oct 2012 TT8TT Chad (Also, “a certificate for LoTW has been approved.”)

KNOWN PIRATE OPERATIONS YA/RL3AR is a pirate! Afghanistan has not issued **YA** calls for the last seven years. Afghan officials issue *only* **T6** calls for Amateurs. Known pirates include: **YI1HR, YI1IRQ, ODIUSA/T6** and **YA/anything**

DX AFRICA



5H – TANZANIA The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin reports that WB0VGI, Noel, is now operational from Iringa, Tanzania (5H) and his call sign is **5H3NP**. He says he will try to be on afternoons from 1500-2000Z, 20 and 15M, CW, SSB and PSK. He will be trying to figure out which band is best. His stay is until Dec 17. QSL to his home call.

5T - MAURITANIA 5T0JL, Jean Lewuillon, puts Mauritania back on the air after his successful surgery and recovery in Belgium. He expects to be back on the air from Nouakchott starting November 16. Also, he says a Polish DXpedition will have the callsign **5T0SP** on 160-6M Nov 24- Dec 10. He will join the five Poles in the operation. <http://5t0sp.dxing.pl/>

5X - UGANDA G3RWF is back in Uganda Dec 10. Nick is using his **5X1NH** call sign and plans to be in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. Nick says he won't be putting up a 160 antenna until there is a break from the nightly thunderstorms. QSL via G3RWF.

5X – UGANDA The February 2013 multi-national French-lead DXpedition to Uganda will now be QRV as **5X8C** instead of the originally announced 5X1C call sign. <http://www.5x2013.com/>

7P – LESOTO The **7P8D** Team meets in Johannesburg on November 21st, then will travel through South Africa by car to reach Lesotho. Upon arrival, they plan to build a station in time for CQ WW CW [contest](#) (taking part as M/2 or even M/M depending on progress.) With having 4 stations on air expect they may be on the WARC as well operating SSB/RTTY. **7P8D** will be QRV until Dec 2nd – mostly CW, but other modes too. QSL via ZS2DL, LoTW, Clublog.

7Q – MALAWI David, WA1LBP/7J6CBQ, seems to be a new operator in Malawi and was issued the call sign **7Q7DFC** back on October 10th. He has been in Malawi since mid-September. There have been spotting reports showing him on 10 and 6 meters. QSL via OE4VIE.

A22 - BOTSWANA Botswana has been spotted in recent days. The operator is Schalk (ZS3O), and he's using the call sign **A22LL**. Shalk has a farm near Lobatse, Botswana which he visits every other weekend and, if time permits, he operates on 20M CW and SSB. Schalk favors 14020 for CW and 14180-14240 SSB usually CQing on 14200 CQ if it's available. QSL direct or bureau to ZS3O, no LoTW.

D2 - ANGOLA VE3IZR Norm, and his wife are missionaries working at a hospital in Angola. He only has time to get on the air as **D2ZR** "for a few contacts per week at best" or "long gaps with no time at all". Norm has an IC-706MKIIG running barefoot with a tuner and G5RV on 14 through 28 MHz on SSB. QSLs for D2ZR go via AC7DX.

D3 – ANGOLA UA1QV, Mike, is back at his work assignment at the diamond mines in Angola. He's setting up a two element rotatable 40 meter quad and fixed two element 80 meter quad as well as some beverages for 80 and 160 meters for his **D3AA** operations. Mike will be in Angola until Feb 15 2013. QSL via UA1QV.

EA8 - CANARY ISLANDS Listen for **EA8/IK1PMR**, Andrea, and **EA8/PA3LEO**, Claudia, to be operating from Tenerife Island, Canary Islands from Dec 3 of this year until Feb 12, 2012. QSL via their home calls, either direct, via the bureau or email requests. Andrea has a Website at <http://www.ik1pmr.com/>

EL – LIBERIA Liberian licenses have been issued to the VooDoo Contest Group for their operations between November 17th and 27th including the **EL2A** effort in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL EL2A via G3SXW. They will be using LoTW and ClubLog (with OQRS) as soon as possible, probably after returning home.

FR – REUNION ISLAND F3KT, Michel, is visiting family on Reunion Island until Nov 24th and is QRV for about an hour a day (1330-1430Z) as **FR/F3KT**. He's running 100 watts into a G5RV mostly on 15 meters. On CW listen for him on 21.044 MHz and on SSB on 21.244 MHz. QSL via F3KT.

S7 – SEYCHELLES Hardy, DL8NU is active from Mahe, Seychelles (AF-013) as **S79NU** until Nov 24, 2012. QRV on the HF bands, mostly on CW. QSL via home call.

TJ – CAMEROON F8FQX (ex 5T5SN, TN5SN), Nicolas Sinieokoff, has been in Yaounde (JJ53su), Cameroon since September 1st. He's very close to **TJ3AY**, Henri. Nicolas plans to be working there for the next 3 to 4 years. He has requested the call TJ3SN and is awaiting approval from authorities. Plans are to be QRV on 6 meters and HF.

DX ASIA



3W – VIETNAM Serge, UU5WW; Pavel, UU0JR and Serge, UT5JCW will be operating from Vung Tau, Vietnam in November, 2012 with the call **3W2J**. They will be active on 40 – 6 meters and also will take part in the CQ WW DX CW Contest 24-25 November, 2012.

EY TAJIKISTAN Nodir, **EY8MM**, from Dushanbe will be active during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (Nov 24-25) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. QSL K1BV direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Check out his home page : <http://www.ey8mm.com>

JDI - OGASAWARA JDIBLY on Ogasawara with J15RPT operating will be active from Chichijima Island, AS-031, 40 to 10M and satellite, CW, SSB and digital modes, **Dec 10-13**. Makoto will have a log search on his website, <http://www.j15rpt.com/jd1/> and will also use Twitter to give real-time updates on his activities, <http://twitter.com/jd1bly>. QSL to his home call, J15RPT.

JDI – MINAMI TOROSHIMA JDIYAA is the Japan Meteorological Agency club station located on Minami Torishima. The operator is Mr. Ohtake and is expected to be on Marcus Island for two months. Activity has been reported on both 21.230 and 21.240 MHz after 0300 and before 0600Z. QSL has been recommended via the JARL QSL bureau.

T6 – AFGHANISTAN Ilian, LZ1CNN (ex-Y19LZ), will be active as **T6LG** from Kandahar during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Ilian will be here until February 2013. Activity is usually on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL Manager is LZ1ZF. Postal address since Sept 1st, 2012, for LZ1ZF is: G. Vodenicharov, P.O. Box 25, 3600 Lom, BULGARIA. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. Also, the log for T6LG is now available on ClubLog.

T6 – AFGHANISTAN KI4MRH will be in Afghanistan from November of this year until November 2013. Mike has been issued the call **T6MH** and plans to be QRV on PSK-31, PSK-63 and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. He'll be running 100 watts on SSB and 20 watts on the digital modes, using a 40 meter inverted vee and 20 meter vertical. QSL via eQSL and he is looking into having printed QSL cards.

V8, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (V84SMD Press Release #5) The DXpedition packaging is ready and all equipment tested. The international team of 23 operators from 9 Countries will be on the air Nov 11-23 from two locations; one on the beach of Pantai Seri Kenangan in Tutong and the second from a nearby hotel. A total of seven stations from 6 to 160 including 6 meters will be operating CW, SSB and RTTY around the clock. CW and RTTY modes are in demand worldwide from Brunei Darussalam. V8 is also an IOTA reference (OC-88). For further info go to <http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd>. Be sure to check out their impressive antenna farm—should produce a good crop of Q's.

XV - VIETNAM Mal, VK6LC, is in Vietnam on a "DX Vacation" this month and his schedule is as follows:

XV1LC - from Northern Vietnam during early November

XV2LC - from Ho Chi Minh City during late November

Activity has been mainly 20 meters with some 17/12 meters using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL via his home call sign, only direct. He does NOT use the QSL Bureau. Check out QRZ.com for some more details and pictures under VK6LC, XV1LC and XV2LC.

DX NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA



8P - BARBADOS Dave, WJ2O, will be active as 8P9DF from Surfsong resort in St. Philip between Nov 21-28. Activity will be on all HF bands using mainly CW and an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th). Outside of the contest, he will be on 30/17/12 meters. QSL via WJ2O. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.wj2o.com>

C6 - BAHAMAS C6AKQ, C6ARU and C6AUM with N4BP, N4UM and K4RUM operating will all be on from Freeport, Bahamas, Nov 20-Dec 11. They will be in the CQWW DX CW, ARRL 160 and ARRL 10 Meter Contests.

J7 - DOMINICA Walter, HB9MFM, is active as J79WTA from the Tamarind Tree Hotel near Salisbury on Dominica (NA-101) until Dec 17. Activity has been holiday style on 160-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK. He is using an IC-7000 with an ACOM 1000 into a dipole 50m above sea level and Spider Beam. QSL via his CBA direct or by the Bureau.

P4 - ARUBA. Valery, R5GA, will once again be active as P4/R5GA from Oranjestad (P49V/P40YL Aruba Ham Radio Rental - see <www.p49v.com>) from Nov 22-28. Activity will be on CW mainly on 160-10 meters, especially on the 30/17/12 meters. Operations will also include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry using the callsign P40F. QSL via UA3DX. QSL P4/R5GA via R5GA, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

PJ5 - ST. EUSTATIUS. A team of JA operators will be active as PJ5J from St. Eustatius (NA-145) between Nov 30 and Dec 12. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operations will emphasize the lower bands, especially 160m, and working stations from AS/JA. They will participate in the ARRL 10m Contest (Dec 8-9th) and possibly other contests during that period. The team plans on at least one station on the air for 24 hours day, and possibly another one or two stations to operate simultaneously according to the band openings. Two stations will have 500w amps and another will operate barefoot. Antennas will be verticals for the low bands (w/beverage) and a Spiderbeam for the higher bands. Operators mentioned are Takayuki/JA1MZL (team leader), Yutaka/JJ1LIB, Naoki/JN1RVS, Hideyuki/JJ1CBY, Katsu/JA1DXA, Toshihiko/JN1HOW and Isao/JH1ROJ. QSL Manager will be Nao, JA1HGY. Logs will be updated daily to ClubLog and to LoTW after the operation. A OQRS will be available. No Web page was mentioned.

PT0 - ST PETER AND ST PAUL ROCKS PT0S is QRV until Nov 27 with only four operators doing everything on the island. It was a physical marathon during the first few days setting up the operation. The heat and wind were a challenge. As expected the many noise sources from inverters and switching power supplies (see the team's reconnaissance report on PT0S web page) have been a challenge. The team's HF receive antennas (160-10 meters) are located on a remote rock some 100 meters from the island where the PT0S DXpedition operators are operating and the rough ocean has prevented them from crossing to make adjustments. Their coax and control cables are under the ocean, which is believed to be a first. Again the team asks the Amateur Radio community **not** to work them twice on the same band/mode. You can follow the PT0S activities at <http://www.pt0s.com/news.html>.

YS - EL SALVADOR John, NO7B will be QRV as YS1/NO7B from Sal Salvador from Nov 1 to 16. Activity will be on 20 to 6 meters, and possibly 80 and 40 meters. QSL to home call.

ZF2 CAYMAN ISLANDS ZF2AH, Joe, will also be QRV in the ARRL 160 meter contest, Dec 1-2. QSL via W6VNR.

DX PACIFIC - OCEANA



A3 - TONGA. SP5EAQ, will be active as A3EAQ from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) between Mar 26 and Apr 16, 2013. Jacek's planned activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only. QSL via SP5EAQ, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, watch: <http://sp5drh.com/a3eaq>

CE0 - EASTER ISLAND An Easter Island operation is being planned for the middle of Feb, 2013, with four operators, with the call sign **CE0YG** including the ARRL DX Contest. Plans are still being developed.

KH8 - AMERICAN SAMOA KH8/N6MW, American Samoa, with N6MW and N6TQ operating will be QRV **Mar 19-28, 2013**. The focus will be on the maximum number of different stations

contacted, on CW, some SSB and RTTY—and if things slow down, EU when possible on higher bands, with a significant 160M effort. Their hotel in Tutuila was chosen to be far from the Pago Pago harbor and nearby mountains that would cut off their low angle signals. They have one more operator position open. Get info on that at <http://n6mw.jimdo.com/>.

KH0 - SAIPAN OH7WV has announced he and OH6RX will be QRV from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (KH0) at the end of the month. They will be doing a multi-two effort in the CQ WW CW and time permitting will be active the day before and after the contest. Their call sign and QSL route is yet to be announced.

T3 - BANABA Co-Leaders W2Ij and NIEMC regret to announce the Mar 2013 **T33A** Banaba DXpedition has been cancelled because of logistical issues that have occurred. They are re-evaluating the issues and hope to activate the island later on in 2013.

TX5 - CLIPPERTON ISLAND The call sign for the **Feb 28-Mar 10, 2013** Clipperton Island expedition, is **TX5K**. Departure from San Diego aboard the Shogun is February 19, with landing eight days later. Ops include: KK6EK, DL1MGB, NP4IW, DJ5IW, SP5XVY, DL3DXX, DL5CW, F1NGP, DJ2HD, DJ9RR, AB5K, KE3D, KF4ZZ, WA6O, XE1L, US0VA, DL5LYM, VE3CX, OZ1IKY, DD2CW, WJ2O and 15JHW, with one opening still. QSL via N2OO. <http://www.cordell.org/CI/index.html>.

V6 - MICRONESIA V63JX from Pohnpei, Micronesia is Nov 23-26. Operator JH1DVG, Masa, plans to be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10M. QSL to his home call. <http://www.mdxc.org/v63xg/>. QSL via home call.

VK9 LORD HOWE ISLAND OH1VR, Seppo, and OH3JR, Henri will start their DXpedition from Lord Howe Island as **VK9/OH1VR** and **VK9/OH3JR** on Nov 16 and plan to be QRV through the 26th. They will be on CW, SSB and RTTY on 1.8 through 50 MHz. During the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest "Seppo might be QRV as VK9/OG1M SB10LP and Henri as VK9/OH3X SB160HP". Three hours after the CQ WW CW ends they will be departing LHI. QSL direct only via the call book address of OH1VR and OH3JR with "SAE and IRC or 2 USD are a must."

ZL7 - CHATHAM ISLANDS ZL7LC, Chatham Islands, is a prospective operation by ZL1LC, Jim, for Mar 21-27, 2013. He plans to do most of his operating on PSK.

ZL9 - CAMPBELL ISLANDS The **Campbell Island** activation is on schedule for Nov 28-Dec 9. Most of the equipment has arrived at the storage facility in Invercargill, New Zealand. Most of the team are already in New Zealand; others will arrive shortly. There will be a quarantine inspection of all the gear Nov 24. On the 26th the team and equipment will be loaded onto the boat that will take them on a 40-hour 450 mile voyage down to Campbell Island. The team hopes to be QRV by the 28th from this 15th most-wanted DXCC entity using the call sign ZL9HR. The DXpedition web site is www.zl9hr.com.

DX INDIAN OCEAN

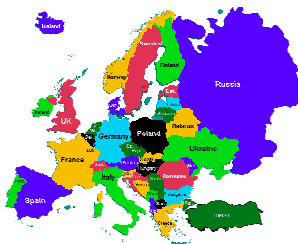


8Q7 – MALDIVE ISLANDS G7COD, Andrew, will be back in the Maldives as **8Q7AK** for three weeks during February 2013. Andrew will be operating from the Embudu Village, Kaafu Atoll. He has a web site:

http://www.8q7ak.freewebspace.com/index_1.html

8Q7 – MALDIVE ISLANDS **8Q7EJ** has been showing up on 14.023 MHz around 0100Z daily calling CQ LP looking for North and South American stations Jim is running 100 watts from an Icom 7000 into a 20M vertical. N6TQ, Jim, in central California, says 8Q7EJ "can be worked if N/SA stations *need* 8Q7". QSL via G3VDB.

DX EUROPE



3A - MONACO Only a couple days left for this one. Look for Max, **3A/ONSUR** and Marc, **3A/ON8AK** who are running SSB only until Nov 17. So far they have permission for one base station, but hope to eventually get two stations on the air. They are operating from 10 to 80M. QSL via M0URX.

9H – MALTA **9H3OG** and **9H3TX** will be on the air from Gozo, Malta, EU-023, Nov 21-26, and will be multi-2 in the CQWW CW with the 9H3TX call. QSL 9H3OG via DL4HG and 9H3TX via DL5XAT.

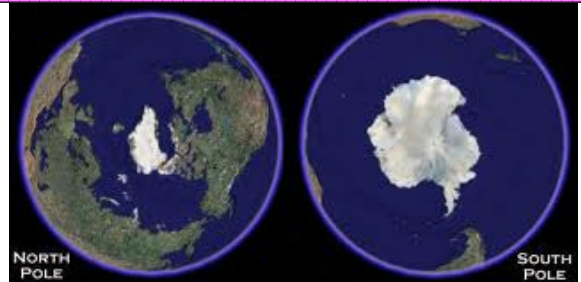
EA8 - CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Andrea/IK1PMR and YL Claudia/PA3LEO will be active as **EA8/home call** from Tenerife Island (AF-004, S-012 for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1276) between Dec 3 and Feb 12 (2013). Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. Andrea will operate CW and Claudia will operate RTTY. QSL via their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau (E-mail requests accepted). Watch Andrea's Web site for updates and more details at: <http://www.ik1pmr.com/>

TK - CORSICA Paul, G4BKI (W4/VP9KF), will be active as TK/G4BKI from Corsica (EU-014) between Apr 4-18t (2013) from various locations. QSL via W4/VP9KF.

DX ARCTIC—ANTARCTIC

JW – SVALBARD Norwegian Amateur Radio operators LA1U, LA4KQ and LA9OI have announced plans to be QRV as **JW1U**, **JW4KQ** and **JW9OI** respectively from the **JW5E** club station on Svalbard later this month. During the CQ WW CW they will be operating MS as JW5E. QSL via the operators home calls and JW5E via the bureau or direct to CBA.

JX - JAN MAYEN The **JX50** team wish announce an update regarding JX50 QSL management. Stan SQ8X cannot continue his QSL duty anymore due to personal issues. Tim MØURX will keep QSL duties for JX50 straight away. A new portion of JX50 QSL cards are being printed and delivered to Tim once ready. Tim MØURX will update as soon as he has more information.



VK0H - HEARD ISLAND New developments in the team make-up for the 2014 DXpedition to desolate, sub-Antarctic Heard Island. For more go to: http://www.cordell.org/HD/HD_pages/HD_News.html

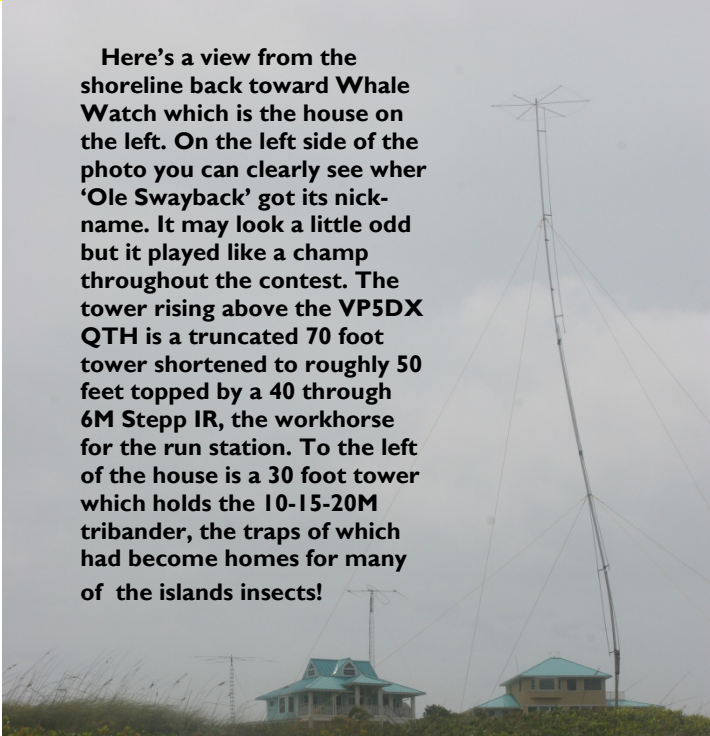
VP8 - SOUTH GEORGIA GM0HCQ (VP8CMH), Mike, is onboard the Royal Research Ship James Clark Ross and he'll be stopping at South Georgia, arriving on Nov 18th. Mike hopes to go ashore at the base and operate as **VP8SGK**. December he expects to be at the Rothera Base on Antarctica perhaps operating as VP8ROT. <http://www.gm0hcc.com/>

Pictures from VP5DX 2012 by Steve, AB4UF



VP5DX PANARAMIC VIEW NORTH TO SOUTH— Sometimes it's hard to keep your mind on contesting when confronted with this magnificent view from the 2nd story porch of Ron's beautiful Whale Watch QTH on the island of Middle in the Turks and Caicos. Starting from the left (north) you can just see the top of a 4-element 10M mono bander at 8 feet AGL pointed at the states. a portion of an 80 meter dipole running from the east side of porch towards the house on the east. Not readily visible is a 40M dipole running from the western side of the porch to a pole across the road plus a 30 foot vertical. . There's also a 160 inverted L, installed across the road back to the porch on the east side and way off in the distance close to the shore there's 'Ole Swayback', the GAP used on 15 and 160M. At the extreme right of the photo you can see the tower for the 10-15-20M tri-bander. Not visible in this picture are a 40-6M Stepp-IR on large tower and an 80 meter Delta loop which is suspended from that tower

Here's a view from the shoreline back toward Whale Watch which is the house on the left. On the left side of the photo you can clearly see wher 'Ole Swayback' got its nickname. It may look a little odd but it played like a champ throughout the contest. The tower rising above the VP5DX QTH is a truncated 70 foot tower shortened to roughly 50 feet topped by a 40 through 6M Stepp IR, the workhorse for the run station. To the left of the house is a 30 foot tower which holds the 10-15-20M tribander, the traps of which had become homes for many of the islands insects!



Captain Ron, N4KE shown strapped to the tower that eventually would serve as the mount for the 10-15-20M tribander. To the right is Jimmy, NU4Y, who serves as the annual VP5DX contest operation's chief cook in addition to being a 'top op' in both SSB and CW.



Ron and Autumn, AB4UF's lovely daughter who came along for fun but ended up doing all the dishes! Ron with resident dog 'Grouper'



Mike, N4EPD, has become the operation's 'connector repair guy', soldering and effecting repairs to VP5DX;s multitude of feedlines and cables. In addition to holding his own during the contest, Steve, AB4UF is responsible for the computer networking and I-net connections



Sunrises and sunsets at Whale Watch are second to none



N4EPD chases multipliers while NU4Y works the run station

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

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Details
Nov05 Nov19	Bermuda	VP9KF [spots]	See Info	By G4BKI; focus JA greyline; CW; QSL: Paul Evans, 6809 River Road, Tampa, FL 33615, USA
Nov05 Nov19	Montserrat	VP2M [spots]	DL7AFS	By DJ7ZG as VP2MGZ and DL7AFS as VP2MYL fm NA-103 (WLOTA 1475, FK86vt); 80-10m; mainly RTTY PSK31 PSK63 SSB
Nov05 Nov22	Kenya	5Z4 [spots]	LotW	By SMITDE as 5Z4/SMITDE fm Diani Beach, Mobasa; 40-10m; CW; QSL also OK via SMITDE, Buro or direct; holiday style operation
Nov05 Dec11	Uganda	5X1NH [spots]	G3RWF	By G3RWF; 80-10m, perhaps 160m; mainly CW, some SSB + digital; QRV for CQWW DX CW and ARRL 10m contests
Nov06 Dec15	Curacao	PJ2 [spots]	Home Call	By DL5MFL as PJ2/DL5MFL, DB5IJ DF9MV DJ1MGK likewise fm Signal Point (SA-009, WLOTA 0942); QRV for WAE RTTY; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
Nov09 Nov17	Bonaire	PJ4 [spots]	PE2MC	By PE2MC as PJ4/PE2MC fm SA-006 (WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) using Radio Nederland array
Nov09 Nov17	Monaco	3A [spots]	M0URX	By ON5UR as 3A/ON5UR and ON8AK as 3A/ON8AK; 80-10m; SSB
Nov09 Nov24	Seychelles	S79NU [spots]	DL8NU	By DL8NU fm Mahe (AF-024, WLOTA 3286); mainly CW
Nov10 Dec09	Madagascar	5R8IC [spots]	F6ICX	By F6ICX fm Ste Marie I (AF-090, WLTOA 0491)); 20-10m; CW RTTY PSK63; 100w; holiday style operation
Nov10 Nov22	St Peter & Paul	PT0S [spots]	LotW	By PY2XB PP5XX HA7RY AA7JV; 160-6m, focus on low bands; QSL also OK via HA7RY
Nov10 Dec09	Madagascar	5R8IC [spots]	F6ICX	By F6ICX fm Ste Marie I (AF-090); 20-10m; CW RTTY PSK63; 100w; holiday style operation
Nov11 Nov18	Gambia	C5WP [spots]	ON7WP	By ON7WP fm Sami (IK13uj); 40-10m; 50w; dipoles or vertical; spare time operation
Nov11 Nov23	Brunei	V84SMD [spots]	LotW	fm OC-088 (WLOTA 1628, Grid OJ74); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 4-5 stations, 24 hrs/day; QSL also OK via OQRS and IK2VUC, Buro or direct
Nov12 Nov30	South Cook Is	E5I [spots]	HB9BXU	By HB9BXU and others as E5IC E5IABS E5IBZD E5ICHX fm Aitutaki I (OC-083, BH01cc); 80-10m; SSB CW PSK31; holiday style operation, 1900-2400z
Nov16 Nov19	Greenland	XP2I	OZ1BII	By OZ1BII; QRV for LZ DX Contest; CW; 160 80m Nov 18-19
Nov17 Nov27	Lord Howe I	VK9	Home Call	By OH1VR as VK9/OH1VR and OH3JR as VK9/OH3JR; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; include SAE + IRC or 2USD w/ QSL request; each QRV for CQWW DX CW as SOSB
Nov18 Nov24	Sint Maarten	PJ7	See Info	By K1GI as PJ7I (QSL via JG2BRI) and 7L4XDT as PJ7XK; 160-10; SSB CW + digital; 500w; hex beam + verticals
Nov18 Dec08	South Cook Is	E5ITLA	LotW	By OZ6TL fm Rarotonga I (OC-013); CW RTTY; QSL also OK via OZ6TL
Nov20 Dec11	Bahamas	C6	Home Call	By N4BP as C6AKQ, N4UM as C6ARU, K4RUM as C6AUM fm Freeport; QRV for CQ WW DX CW, ARRL 160m, ARRL 10m contests
Nov23 Nov26	Micronesia	V63JX	JH1DVG	By JH1DVG fm Pohnpei (OC-010); 40 20 15 10m
Nov23 Dec03	Lesotho	7P8D	LotW	By ZS2DL et al fm 160-10m; CW RTTY, some SSB; QSL also OK via OQRS or direct (see Web)
Nov24 Dec10	Mauritania	5T0SP	LotW	By SP2EBG et al fm Nouakchott (IK28ac); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; focus on JA and Far East; QSL also OK via SP6FXY; OQRS to be available
Nov26 Dec11	Maldives	8Q7AU	HB9OAU	By HB9OAU fm Maayafushi I, North Male Atoll (AS-013, WLOTA 3911); 80-10m; SSB; 7 band vertical
CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 24-25, 2012) Check here for pericontest activity too.				
Nov28 Dec09	Auckland Campbell I	ZL9HR	LotW	By VK2IR VK3YP + team fm Campbell I (OC-037); QSL also OK via EB7DX
Nov30 Dec12	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ5J	LotW	By JA1MZL JJ1LIB JN1RVS JJ1CBY JA1DXA JN1HOW JH1ROJ fm Sint Eustatius (NA-145); 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; verticals + Spiderbeam; focus on low bands for JA + Asia

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

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2012 Dec01	2013 Jan31	Bahamas	C6AGT	AK4BM Direct	VA3RJ 20120830 By AK4BM fm Green Turtle Cay (NA-080); 40-10m; SSB, perhaps PSK31 + JT65; possibly QRV w/ 20m QRP fm nearby uninhabited islands
2012 Dec03	2012 Dec31	Canary Is	EA8	Home Call	IK1PMR 20121015 By IK1PMR as EA8/IK1PMR and PA3LEO as EA8/PA3LEO; QSL OK via Buro, direct, or email request; operation to continue until Feb 12, 2013
2012 Dec05	2012 Dec12	Micronesia	V63XG	LotW	OPDX 20120723 By JA1XGI fm Yap I (OC-012); 40-6m; mainly CW, some SSB + digital; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2012 Dec06	2012 Dec10	Fernando de Noronha	PY0FRP	PY7RP	OPDX 20121112 By PY7RP fm SA-003; 40-10m; 100w; yagi + G5RV; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest; OQRS available
2012 Dec07	2012 Dec11	Bahamas	C6AVA	N6AWD	DXW.Net 20120927 By K6VVA fm NA-054; 40-17m; mainly CW, some SSB; 200w; verticals
2012 Dec10	2012 Dec13	Ogasawara	JD1BLY	J15RPT	J15RPT 20121012 By J15RPT fm Chichijima I (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, JCG 10007, Grid QL17); 40-10m; CW SSB + digital + satellite
2012 Dec10	2013 Jan05	South Cook Is	E51E	EB7DX	OPDX 20120618 By 5B4AIF fm Aitutaki I (OC-083, BH01cd); SSB RTTY, perhaps CW; 400w
2012 Dec22	2013 Jan07	Temotu	H40FN	HA8DD	DXW.Net 20120309 By DK9FN; 160-6m
2012 Dec24	2013 Jan06	Palau	T8CW	JA0FOX	OPDX 20121112 By JH0IXE fm Koro I (OC-009); 160-6m; mainly RTTY PSK31 JT65A
2013					
January					
2013 Jan05	2013 Jan18	Senegal	6W7SK	LotW	OPDX 20121008 By F6BLP fm Saly Portudal; mainly CW; G5RV; QSL also OK via F6BLP, Buro or direct
2013 Jan12	2013 Jan20	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	LotW	K8PGJ 20121011 By K8PGJ fm Grand Cayman I (NA-016); 20 15m; SSB; mornings + early afternoons weekdays; QRV for NAQP on 40 20m; QSL also OK via K8PGJ
February					
2013 Feb01	2013 Feb27	Uganda	5X8C	LotW	F5NQL 20120927 By 20 ops; 6 stations; QRV 12 days during February; QSL also OK via F1NGP, REF Buro or direct
2013 Feb15	2013 Feb27	Burundi	9U4U		OPDX 20121008 By ON PA GM team; during second half of February; organized by Belgian Rockall Team; call sign requested
ARRL DX Contest, CW (Feb 16-17, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.					
2013 Feb18	2013 Feb28	Solomon Is	H44KW	G3SWH	ATDX 20120928 By G3SWH G3RTE fm Guadalcanal (OC-047); 80-10m; cw; QSL OK via OQRS, Buro, or direct
2013 Feb28	2013 Mar10	Clipperton I	TX5K	N2OO	DXW.Net 20120507 By KK6EK + international team as TBD; all bands; all modes

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

Food For Thought - To Spot or Not

NI0C Charles "Chuck" Guenther (pictured below) is retired after 15 years as an engineer in the aerospace industry and almost a quarter century as a full time professor of engineering and electronics technology at St Louis CC. His DX credentials include DXCC Honor Roll (mixed), 9BDXXX (160-10m) and 196 band-zones confirmed toward a 5BWAZ. His favorite mode is CW and he's a member of ARRL, A-1 Operators Club, CWOPS, FISTS, NCDXF, QCWA, QRPARCI, Adventure Radio Society, and the Mississippi Valley DX & Contest Club. He writes occasional articles for the K9YA Telegraph, a free, monthly, general interest e-zine read by amateurs in more than 100 countries: http://www.k9ya.org/k9ya_telegraph1.htm Some years back Chuck wrote an article titled *To Spot or Not* which was posted on the Eham.com site. What he had to say applies as much today as when it was written back in 2006 and is reprinted below with the author's permission. — NW4C



"... I'm connected to the cluster and I see a spot for a country or band-zone that I need. What do I do? A spot is not an invitation to transmit! The first thing I do is to QSY my rig to the spot frequency and then listen. This is not a time to say Heloooo Radiooo or send carriers or question marks on CW or to blow into the microphone, or send QRL's or ask if the frequency is in use. The spot is an indication that the frequency is or (was very recently) in use. Until I hear and positively identify the DX station and know that he or she is standing by for calls, any transmission by me on the frequency is simply QRM. If I can't hear the DX, maybe they QRT, maybe they did a QSY, maybe they asked the pileup to stand by, or maybe propagation just isn't in my favor. It is my job to try to find out, but I do that by listening, not transmitting."

...NI0C Chuck Guenther (Excerpt from E-ham.com article 30 Sept 06)

Hard to the Right!

Paul Dumphy, VE1DX, has written a number of stories in the style of the late Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, the creator of the old West Coast DX Bulletin, a weekly newsletter that was an important source of DX and DX-related information back before the Internet in the 1970s. One of the more popular aspects of this weekly bulletin were short stories by WA6AUD featuring the wisdom of the "Old Timer" as he answered questions posed by a Ham with lesser experience dubbed "the QRPer". What follows is one of those stories written in the Cassidy style by VE1DX and reprinted here with the author's permission.



Paul VE1DX

One of the Local QRPer's was by the other day, and he made his way up the hill. He was a little out of breath, so he sat down and looked at us with a puzzled look. We were going to ask what was going on, but we decided to wait him out. Finally he said, "You know, as a DXer, you don't find me rag-chewing very often, but since the bands are flat most days at the bottom of the cycle, I got on 20 this morning and worked a few of the louder stations. Nothing new, but I was just in the mood for talking."

We nodded and replied, "Nothing wrong with that. Every QSO doesn't have to be a machine gun speed 59 and a new one." "I know", he replied, "but this fellow I was talking to, he has me confused. He wanted me to run more power."

"So you were hard to copy? That's a reasonable thing for him to ask. And with your new amp, you sure make the electricity company happy when they calculate your power bill!" we said with a grin. "That's the confusing part", he replied, "I was running about 300 watts and he gave me a 20 dB over report. And when we got around to discussing our stations, I told him about my amp, and that I was running 300 watts to a yagi. You know, the usual stuff. Anyhow, he asked me if my amp was broken!"

Son of a Gun! We were starting to get a glimpse of what was going on, but we needed to hear more. "This fellow you were working, was he also strong?" "Sure was", came the reply, "He was the loudest signal on the band. He said he had a big amplifier and stacked yagis at 110 feet. That's why I didn't bother to use very much power. Besides, we are only supposed to use the lowest amount of power to make the QSO. That's right in the rules. But that's not the point. If I was 20 dB over, why did he want me to run full smoke?"

We thought we knew the answer, but so as not to give this QRPer poor advice, we hauled him further up the hill to see the Old Timer. We found him out back of the house, down in the field, soldering more wire on to the end of his Beverage.

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



CQ Contest CQ Contest..

Jacksonville NFDXA members have challenged Gainesville area NFDXA members and friends, aka 'The DX Hogs, Hogtowne, Ltd.' to a DX contest.



The contest started on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 and ends Monday, December 31, 2012 (both at 8:00 PM local time).

Each participant can earn 1 point per DX entity during this time period on phone/SSB. Two points can be claimed for CW or digital contacts, for a possible total of 3 points for each entity. QSO's must be made from each participant's home QTH or mobile. Work 160M thru 6M.

The total points accumulated by each club will be divided by the number of participants from each club/group.

Click on your call below to go to your log. If you make a mistake entering a contact, erase the wrong check box and save your log. Use the CQ entity list.

LATE NEWS

Plans call for a September-October 2013 activation period / multi-island expedition of the Northwest Hawaiian islands. With start point of Kauai potential stops are: [French Frigate Shoals](#), [Laysan Island](#) and may be [Lisianski Island](#) or/and [Pearl & Hermes Atoll](#). End point is Midway Atoll with charter flight back to Honolulu. All plans & destinations are subject to approval of Special Use Permit application & subject to change. — KH6RRC Hawaiian IOTA Club



Jax NFDXA		DX Hogs	
Call	Points	Call	Points
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⇨K4EB	113	⇨K4OCF	49
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⇨N4EPD	0	⇨K9FN	207
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⇨NU4Y	0	⇨W4GJ	557
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⇨WA4B	0		
⇨WA6EZV	278		
⇨WR4K	212		
Totals	1298		1564

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

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BREAKING NEWS PT0S UPDATE and First Logs Online

Pilot Station Chris, HA5X / HA5XA / WW1WWW reports that some ops mentioned to him that after the log went online the last QSO date was wrong. Chris looked into the logfile and it seems that one of the computers used on the rock had its clock a day late. This is the reason why LoTW credits have not yet appeared yet. Corrections as well as more logs will follow shortly. I have already been promised a new batch, but George tells me that not only do they have limited bandwidth but also the satellite openings are very short and erratic. It took George some 4 hours to get a few messages and logs out! This causes severe delays in updates.

FCC Proposes Ham Radio Rules Changes



Federal Communications Commission



The FCC is proposing to allow former hams to regain their licenses (but not necessarily their old call signs) without retesting, to shorten the grace period for license renewal, to reduce the minimum number of examiners at license test sessions to two, and to permit remote administration of amateur exams in hard-to-reach areas. See additional detail in the December and January issues of *CQ*. The complete Notice of Proposed Rule Making, WT Docket # 12-283, may be downloaded from <http://fcc.us/UyoPIS>. — *CQ Newsroom*

New 160 Meter Antenna at ARRL Hq



The 160 meter dipole located atop the Rohn 65 (120 foot) tower at ARRL headquarters in Newington has been replaced. The antenna -- used for both station broadcasts and visitor operations -- was damaged in a windstorm a few weeks ago. "I'm happy that we now have a new 160 meter dipole," said WIAW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q. "I missed WIAW being active on 160 meters, as did other radio amateurs. The station's 1300 W 160 meter signal now has someplace to go." -- <http://www.arrl.org/news/wlaw-receives-semi-annual-antenna-inspection-new-antenna-for-160-meters>

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The QRPer repeated the story, ending with, "And if he was hearing me 20 dB over, why did he ask if my amp was broken? He must have known it wasn't." The Old Timer put down the soldering gear and turned to the QRPer. "Son", he said, "you found another DXer who decided to rag-chew today, that's all."

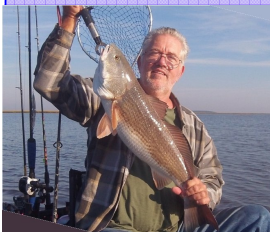
"Yes, yes, I figured that out because he was talking about his DXCC totals and he was telling me all about how he was planning to work the upcoming Ducie operation on all the bands, even 160. How did you know he was a DXer?"

The Old Timer looked at the QRPer for a moment and then said, "DXers don't run 300 watts when they can run full smoke. DXers don't use their towers at 30 feet when they can crank them up to 100 feet. A DXer never gets on the air unless he has the antenna as high as it will go, and all knobs on everything turned hard to the right. If you want to be a true DXer, you have to learn this. Everything is always full bore! Mic gain hard over, never look at the ALC reading on the rig, and never hook the ALC line up between the rig and the amp. Most importantly, never, ever use the amp unless it is tuned to get out every last watt. Every DXer knows this!" And he turned around and started soldering his Beverage again. It was clear this was all we were going to hear on the subject.

As we walked down the hill, the QRPer asked us, "Why did he say that? It doesn't make sense. The regulations are quite clear. You are only supposed to run the minimum amount of power necessary to make the QSO, and if you overdrive your mic, it will likely sound raspy and abrasive, and you likely will be wide and splatter over someone else. Why did he tell me to do that?"

— VE1DX

Another Big 'Catch' for Dale



N4NN hasn't been catching the rare ones on 160 recently...and the reason may be what **Dale's** holding up in the picture on the left, a nice-sized Redfish. Although the time lag between the 'catch' and the 'frying pan' wasn't specified by Dale, it's certain it was much quicker than the wait for a QSL card from a rare 160 meter 'catch'.

ODDS ENDS

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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!

Variation Law

If you change frequencies in the pile up, the one you *were* on will always be the one the DX station came back to . . . (works every time).

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And so it goes . . .



“ You know darling, he used to be just a usual boar. That was before he got a tranceiver. Now he’s a HAM. ”

<http://nfdxa.com>

The Last Word

Recently I passed a milestone of sorts, the completion of my 78th rotation around the Maypole of Life. Hopefully, ‘Good Lord willin’ and the creeks don’t rise’, the present 79th will be filled with good health and lots of interesting and exciting as occurred in my 78th.

I’ve been blessed with a number of things along the way, starting with good health and a great family with lots of interesting friends. I’ve had two interesting careers in Television and Education (which is still underway) and I still enjoy this fantastic hobby in Amateur Radio, and in particular, DX!

Little did I know when I went before that FCC examiner back in October ‘62 that I was entering an activity that would hold my interest most of the years. There have been interruptions and ‘dropping out’ due to life changes, new career—one such ‘break’ lasted from the early 70s to the late 90s, but I always came back to resume the DX chase.

When I ‘returned’ this last time (Talk about ‘culture shock!’) I upgraded to Extra and got my present call. There were new bands, new prefixes, new entities, spotting networks and on and on... Sadly along all this that was exciting, new and good has come baggage in the form of new behaviors on the air that we didn’t seem to have as much of ‘back then’...and t’s taken some of the fun out of being a DXer.

We DXers used to think of ourselves as sort of an ‘elite’ branch in the Ham Radio community. Well, OM, there’s nothing ‘elite’ about us today. Listen to the pileup on any DXpedition. So-called frequency cops clutter the DX frequency plus deliberate QRMing by miscreants who do it for reasons known only them in the dark recesses of their sad little minds. Yeah, man, we DXers are really ‘elite’ . . .

Maybe it’s a just passing phase. As all you true blues know, hope springs eternal in the heart of every true DXer, even one living in his 79th year . . . —NW4C



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