



The North Florida DX Association

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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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Next NFDXA Meeting
5 pm Saturday October 20
St. Johns Seafood, Jax
Bring your appetite and
your best DX stories!

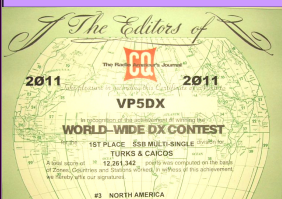


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VP5DX Team Off and Running . . .



3rd Place North America

The same NFDXA team that finished 3rd in North America in the CQWW SSB last year, is heading back to VP5 where they'll set-up for the upcoming 2012 event Oct 27-28. Using the call sign **VP5DX**, team members Ron, N4KE; Jim, NU4Y; Mike, N4EPD; Steve, AB4UF will again operate from 'Whale Watch', Ron's beautiful hilltop QTH on the island of Middle in the Turks and Caicos. The 'non-operator' member of the VP5DX team will again be Steve's daughter Autumn who'll take photos for the *PileUp* and, says NU4Y, "Add some class to the act". No special strategy is in the works to improve on their 12.2-million point 2012 score. "...(We're) just going to try harder this year," says Jim, who also took honors last November in the CQ WW CW. (See story below)

In the time between their arrival and catching the ferry for the contest site, Steve says they'll pick up their VP5 licenses and buy supplies for their 16 day stay. Also, indications are Jim and Mike are going to make (yet) another try a winning a million dollars at the casino. In which case Steve says the team might reconsider relocating to the Club Med. :)

Once they get to Whale Watch everyone will be involved in setting-up VP5DX which includes assembling and raising all antennas for 160 through 10 meters, retrieving the radio equipment and computers from storage and setting up the logging and communication network. The real fun begins 0000Z Saturday, Oct 27. Listen for VP5DX and give them a 'Q'.



Photos Top to Bottom: N4KE, NU4Y, N4EPD: Autumn and Dad, AB4UF

Reminder No. 1

The main order of business for the October 20 NFDXA meeting will be the nomination club officers for the coming calendar year. Elections will be held in the November meeting and the winners will assume office in January, 2013. All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

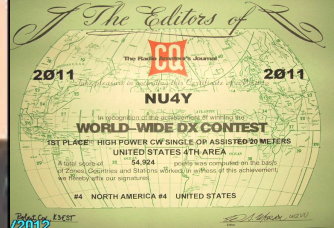
Reminder No. 2-You Must Attend Three

Here's a 'just in time' reminder from club secretary NF4L.

The by-laws of the North Florida DX Association require that in order to remain a member in good standing you *must* attend *at least* three club meetings in a calendar year. To see where you stand in the pantheon of NFDXA attendance go to: http://nfdxa.com/2012_attendance.htm

If you haven't been to any meetings so far this year you still have time to catch up—but just barely!

NU4Y #1 CQ WW CW - 4th Call Area



Not content with just being on last year's winning CQ WW SSB team at **VP5DX**, NFDXA's NU4Y took on the world in the CW portion of the annual CQ WW in the Single Op High Power Assisted category (SOPA) last November. His effort was not in vain-jim won his category for 20 meters in the 4th US call area with 54.9 thousand points! Jim's score also placed him 4th in the entire USA as well giving him 4th place for all North America!



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

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

Attendance NFDXA Members 11 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 ...

"What to do after I have earned Honor Roll or 5-Band DXCC?"

We have some of the most accomplished DXers in the world in our club. Pictures and visits to shacks show an amazing amount of "wallpaper" on display. In addition, when our members travel to VP5-Land, they always blow the competition away. The question at the beginning is aimed at these folks. A few of us "late bloomers" have a DXCC award, and proudly display it, but still need the DXpeditions to get a new one. The journey from 280 to 331 can be a tortuously slow one, taking years, as I am beginning to personally understand.

But back to the guys who have worked everybody. What motivates them to turn on the rig when the occasional sunspot makes worldwide propagation available on numerous bands? One motivator I have used is the CQ Magazine DX Marathon contest. It starts fresh every January and runs for a year. The competition is to work as many DX entities as possible during the calendar year on any band and any mode.

The CQ Marathon is fun, but my favorite motivator is the NFDXA Club Contests. The reason I prefer our Club Contests to others is that I personally know the other contestants and can discuss "successes and non-successes" with like-minded DXers at club meetings and in emails. If you have the time, consider working some countries that you have in the log already, but haven't worked recently. Work them again and submit the points to your team total in the current NFDXA contest. There's nothing like a little team competition to get the DX Juices flowing. Also, try some "out of the box" thinking and suggest a NFDXA Club Contest format for 2013 that would be engaging, and most of all FUN.

— Larry, K3LB



Larry, K3LB



September 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes—St Johns Seafood Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by president **Larry, K3LB** at 6:03 PM

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

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of last meeting (September 15) were approved

Old business - None

New business – Larry, K3LB announced that **NIWON** and **NW4C** qualified for **DX Honor Roll** and **K4EB** for **5BDXCC**.

Ron, N4KE made a motion that the prize for the club contest be a steak cookout cooked and served by the losers. **NF4L** seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Next meeting planner : (Oct 20) is **K4EB**

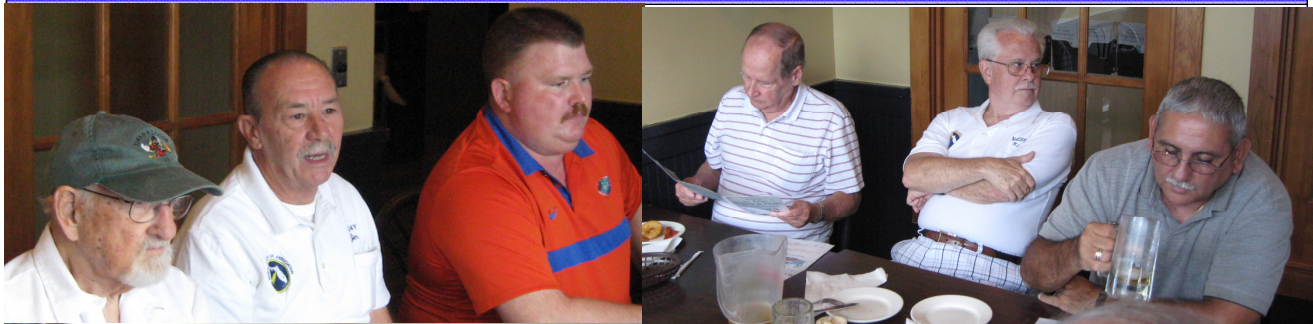
Guests: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM

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



Faces at the September 15 NFDXA Meeting at St Johns Seafood Restaurant



Top Row Left: W4FDA, NU4Y & N4JBK Top Row Right: K4UTE, N4EPD and W4FO
 Middle photo: left side, front to back: NF4L, KB4CRT, N4KE and K3LB
 Middle photo: right side, back to front: K4UTE, N4EPD, W4FO, W3FDA, NU4Y and N4JBK
 Bottom row, l-r: K3LB, NF4L, KB4CRT, N4KE, and W4FDA pondering his order.
 — Photos by KB4CRT and the waitress whose name, regrettably, was not taken.

— GOOD NEWS —
 Late word from over Melrose way. Cory, NIWON, reports that his XYL, Laurene, WNIL, is doing much better and is expected to fully recover from a bad fall that injured her hip.

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF STANDARDIZED RADIO PREFIXES To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the use of ITU call sign prefixes, special event station **PB-100-PREFIX** is on the air until October 31st. The back story on the standardization of calls came following the loss of the ocean liner Titanic in April of 1912. The Titanic used the call letters MGY with the "M" representing the Marconi Company. As a result there was an acknowledgement that there should be international standards for radio communications. This led to several international meetings in the aftermath of the Titanic's sinking and the emergence of the call sign prefix system that has evolved into what we have today. For more details, visit on this special commemorative operation please take your web browser to <http://www.PB100PREFIX.nl>. By the way, if you make contact with PB100PREFIX QSL via PB0P. (OPDX)

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK It's cutting it close but you still have a couple of days. Ham Radio operators worldwide are helping to promote National Wildlife Refuge Week (October 14-20) by operating special event stations until October 21. Complete details can be found on the National Wildlife Refuge Week Amateur Radio page at <http://www.nwrweek-radio.info/>.

ZB GIBRALTAR Better hurry if you want to catch this one, as well. Special call sign ZB2FFG will be QRV during the Scouts Jamboree on the air on October 19th and 20th. <http://www.gibraltarscouts.gi/>

ON BELGIUM In remembrance of the November 1944 liberation of Knokke, Belgium by Canadian Armed forces special event station ON44CLM (Canadian Liberation March) will be QRV from October 16 to November 15. More details can be found at www.on44clm.be.

SPECIAL 1x1 CALL SIGNS! The North American QRP CW Club, NAQCC, reserved a set of 'special event' one-by-one call signs October 7-13 for their eighth anniversary. If you worked any of the following call signs: N1A, N2A, N3A, N4A, N5A, N6A, N7A, N8A, N9A and N0A, go to http://naqcc.info/main_n3a.html for QSL and operator information. NAQCC has over 6,200 members in all 50 US States plus 9 VE Provinces and 90 Countries.

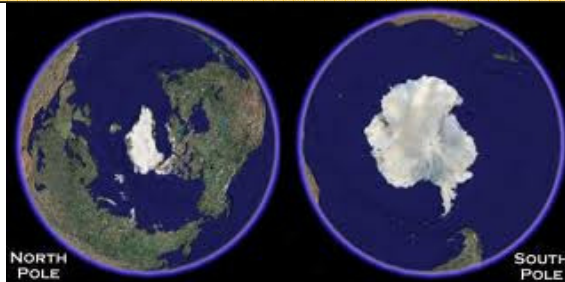
DX ARCTIC—ANTARCTIC

DP0 GERMAN ANTARCTIC STATION DP0GVN, Lars, has been QRV recently from the Antarctic German Seismometer Station Watzmann. Listen for him around 14.305 MHz between 17 and 20Z. QSL via DL5EBE

VK0 AUSTRALIAN ANARCTIC STATION VK6JJJ, Craig, will be part of the 2013/2014 Australian National

Antarctic Research Expedition team next January. He'll winter at the Australian Antarctic Station Mawson for approximately twelve months.

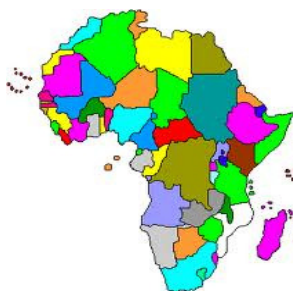
He hopes to be QRV as VK0JJJ on 1.8 through 50 MHz on SSB and the digital modes, with a focus given to 6m operation. Plans are to install a 6 meter propagation beacon (<http://www.6meterbeaconproject.org/>), transmitting into either one or two HO loops. At this writing Craig plans to take a Flex 5000A with an amplifier for HF and he hopes to be able to borrow an amp for the Magic Band. On 50 MHz he'll either use the loop(s) or a three element yagi. For HF plans are to use a sloping triangle. QSL info and further details are at <http://www.qrz.com/db/VK0JJJ>



VK0H HEARD ISLAND (AN 003) The early 2014 Heard Island DXpedition team announced they'll be using the same ship (Marion-Dufresne) that took the 1997 VK0IR team to this rare entity. As of the moment team members include AD6E, DJ9IW, DJ9ZB, DL1MGB, LU9ESD, N4GRN, N6MZ, N6PSE, NP4IW, VK2DX, VK3ADM, W0GJ, W3WL. Team leader KK6EK, Dr. Robert W. Schieder, has developed a wide-ranging scientific program, including radio operations (the DXpedition), real-time communications, mountain science, biological science, atmospheric science, astronomical science, documentation, and educational outreach. The Heard Island 2014 Cordell Expedition news site is located at http://www.cordell.org/HD/HD_pages/HD_News.html

XP GREENLAND XP2I in Greenland will be November 16-19. Operating will be OZ1BII (not OZ1BIL), QRV in the LZ DX Contest CW and emphasizing 160 and 80M November 18-19. QSL via OZ1BII (not OZ1BIL).

DX AFRICA



3B9 RODRIGUES ISLAND 3B9SP is QRV on Rodrigues Island, AF-017, until October 23. Nine operators from Switzerland are running three stations on 160-6M CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct or bureau to HB9ACA. For the latest check <http://hb9fr.ch/3b9sp>

5H TANZANIA WB0VGI is in Iringa, Tanzania on sabbatical at the Tumaini University from now to December 15. Noel has an FT-897, a tuner and a G5RV and reportedly has assembled some dipoles for the WARC bands. The call sign is 5H3NP and Noel plans to be active as much as he can during his evenings in his spare time. QSL via his home call, WB0VGI. Cards will be replied to after his return in December.

5T MAURITANIA JA1PBV (WK1S), Dan, also tells The Daily DX he will be in Mauritania for some volunteer work during October through December and plans to be QRV there and possibly some nearby locations! More details as we get closer to his departure.

5T MAURITANIA The upcoming Polish 5T0SP DXpedition to Mauritania (November 24-December 12) now has a Website at <http://5t0sp.dxing.pl/>.

5V7 TOGO Wim, ON4CIT will be QRV as 5V7TH from October 26th to November 4th. Activity will be on 7 through 28 MHz on SSB, CW and RTTY using an IC-7000 and an Expert 1K-FA amplifier. He'll transmit into a 6 band hexbeam and verticals. He has a Website at <http://www.dxpediton.be/5V7TH.html>. QSL via ON4CIT direct, via the bureau, OQRS and LoTW.

5XINH UGANDA G3RWF is heading back to Uganda October 15 for two months. Nick expects to be in the CQ WW CW and 10m ARRL contests. QSL via CBA.

5X UGANDA The Provins ARC (F6KOP) is planning a major DXpedition to Uganda in February 2013. The Provins ARC has had a number of successful operations including 5V7C, 5H1C, XT2C, J5C, TK7C, TS7C, TM7CC, IS0R, TJ9PF and most recently PJ4C. Plans call for "more than 20 ops, 6 stations for 12 days. They have a Website at <http://www.5x2013.com/>.

5Z KENYA SMITDE, Eric, is going to Kenya in November. He'll be QRV as 5Z4/SMITDE operating holiday style 7 through 28 MHz on CW Nov 5-22. QSL SMITDE via the bureau or direct.

5Z KENYA EA4ATI, Dani, is in Nairobi, Kenya until at least September next year. His call is 5Z4/EA4ATI and he's using a 'cobweb' antenna with plans of operating SSB/CW on all bands with an FT-857D and a 400 watt amp. Dani hopes to get a vertical up soon for the low bands. QSL direct or the bureau to EA4YK.

7P8 LESOTO What started out to be a small local DXpedition has developed into a multi-national team effort with a goal of giving as many deserving DX'ers Lesotho on as many bands as possible in CW, SSB and RTTY. Dates will be from 23 November to 3 December including entry in the CQWW CW contest.

9J2 ZAMBIA ZS6AYU, Gert, will be QRV as 9J2GR in "Mama Out of Africa", Zambia from October 19-22. Listen for his 100 watt signal going into an R7000 vertical on CW on 40 through 10 meters. QSL via ZS6AYU CBA

A6 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES DL9WVM, Ulli, is heading back to Dubai, United Arab Emirates where he'll be QRV as A6/DL9WVM from Dec 14 to Jan 12, 2013. Anyone who wants a quick QSL reply should email him via his QRZ.com address.

D64 COMOROS ARRL Awards Branch Manager NC1L, Bill Moore says the August D64K DXpedition to the Comoros Islands will count for DXCC credit.

A7 QATAR Members of the Qatar Amateur Radio Society are heading for the beach again for a Multi-Operator/Multi-Transmitter entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). This year the A73A team will total 13 operators.

TO2 MAYOTTE Better hustle is you want/need this one. Sam, F6AML has been active as TO2M from Mayotte since October 4 and will be closing down Oct 19. QRV on CW + SSB, 80 to 10m. QSL via home call.

Z21 ZIMBABWE ADXO reports ZS6AYU, Gerard, will be doing a holiday style operation from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe as Z21GF from October 22nd to 25th. QSL via ZS6AYU.

Z8 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN The government of South Sudan is now reserving the Z80A call sign. Due to this action there's been a change in the first issued Z8 call sign from South Sudan. K7QI, Jim, who has been living in Juba, South Sudan and was initially, issued the call Z8AAA says this call is actually an aviation call. His new call will be Z80B (Zulu Eight Zero Bravo).

Z8 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN QRZ DX reports a third Z8 license has been issued from South Sudan. The call is Z88Z, issued to W7DXX, Keith Lamonica. This will be a "remote" station operated via the Internet, like Y19DXX from Iraq a few years ago. (Note: DXCC rules do not allow remote credit if the operator of the remote station is outside the country.)

DX ASIA



9M2 WEST MALAYSIA 9M2MRS will again be on the air from Penang Island, AS-015, Oct 03-Dec 26, with operator PA0RRS, Rich, doing CW, RTTY and PSK, with SSB when you ask him to. QSL direct, bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

BV CHINA BY5CD from China for the CQWW SSB (Oct 27-28) will be a 15-man multi-op all band operation from the YinZhou Middle School Amateur Radio Club Station in Nin Bo City in Zhejiang Province. They have a pair of Yaesu FT-2000 rigs with stacks for 40 and higher, an 80M four-square and 160m sloper and beverage, plus high power (No excuses for not being able to 'hear' this one!). The operators expected are BA4ALC, BA7MG, BH1DYK, BD1QXU, BG4AHK, BA7NO, BA7MY, BD4FM, OH7WV, JE2LPC, BA1RB, BA5FB, BA5BJ, BD5CHU and BD4HF. QSL via BD4HF direct or bureau.

T6 AFGHANISTAN LZ1CNN, Ilian, also known as Y19LZ, is in Kandahar, Afghanistan for a six-month assignment until March, 2013. His call sign is T6LG and he's operating in his spare time using an FT897D and ACOM 1000 amplifier, Spiderbeam tribander, verticals for 80 and 40, and a 3-element Yagi for 6. Ilian reports he has lots of QRN on 10, 15 and 20 meters and that the noise is especially tough on 80 meters where it's 10 db over S9 most of the time! QSL via LZ1ZF.

T6 AFGHANISTAN DL3ASM, Martin, is currently in Mazari Sharif, Afghanistan until the end of November 2012. Listen for him mostly on CW and some SSB on 20, 17 and 10 meters as T6SM. QSL via DL3ASM. T6SM is a recycled call, as it was used by IZ7VLL in November 2011.

XV VIETNAM JL7XBN, Yasu, says XV29FM from Vietnam will be on the air October 19-2 on 20, 15 and 10 FM, SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65A. Details will come later.

XX9 MACAO Andrea, IK7YTT will be active as **XX9TTT (AS-075)** from [Coloane Island AS-075](#) between October 26-29, 2012. He will participate to the CQWW Contest on 15m as S.O. (CQ zone 24). Before and after contest, XX9TT will be QRV in other bands. QSL info and further news on his [official website](#) at <http://www.mdx.org/xx9ttt/>.

XX9 MACAO A Spanish team composed by Eugene, EA5HPX (XX9TPX); Jose, EB5BBM (XX9TBM); Francisco, EA7FTR (XX9TFR) and David, EB7DX (XX9TEX) will be operating from Coloane Island, Macao (IOTA AS-075) from the 18th to the 29th of October 2012. They will be active with 3 stations on all bands. QSL via EA7FTR.

YB INDONESIA To commemorate the one year anniversary of the YB Land DX Club, a special short term certificate of merit will be issued for contacting YBDXC members as well as other amateurs from YB land until 13 and October 31, 2012. Members of YBDXC and non-member YB Amateur Radio stations are assigned points and you must obtain a minimum of 50 points to qualify for the certificate. The award in PDF electronic form, which you can download and print is FREE. QSL cards are not required, but you will need to send log entries by email to the sponsor. For further details please check out their website: <http://www.ybdc.net/> with complete details at <http://www.ybdc.net/2012/09/yb-land-dx-club-1st-anniversary.html>

YB INDONESIA W2FB reports that the Indonesian Islands Hunter Group is launching the Indonesian Islands Award, Nusantara Award, for Indonesia's 67th anniversary of independence. The Indonesian Islands Hunter Group (IIHG) consists of DXers who are interested in making contacts with amateur radio operators in different islands of Indonesia. Membership of IIHG is free and is open to all interested amateur radio operators and SWL worldwide. The main goal of this award is to encourage amateur radio activities from as many different islands as possible in the vast archipelago of Indonesia. The basic award is for working 10 different Indonesian islands. Details are on their website: www.nusantaraaward.com.

DX North, South and Central America



C6 BAHAMAS W9XY, Bob, is planning a holiday operation from Breezes Bahamas Resort in Nassau, Bahamas as C6AXY from November 4th to 9th. He'll be on 7 through 28 MHz, mostly CW and some SSB and possibly RTTY and PSK. QSL to W9XY.

C6 BAHAMAS During December of this year and January of Next year AK4BM, Robert, will be QRV as C6AGT from Green Turtle Cay (NA-080), Bahamas. He'll be mostly on Phone with some PSK31 and JT65 on 7 through 28 MHz. QSL via AK4BM.

CY0 SABLE ISLAND Ron, AA4VK and Murray, WA4DAN have announced a two week delay in the start of the CY0 DXpedition. The new dates are October 22 – 31 because circumstances beyond their control prevented them from being able to fly to Sable Island on October 8, their original schedule. However, the revised schedule puts the team on Sable Island during the CQWW Phone contest weekend. Even though they don't plan to compete in the contest, they will be on to provide a new country, Sable Island, to those in the contest. More information can be found at: <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/>

HC EQUADOR W6NF, Jeff Parker, and his XYL K7MKL, Shelley, will be heading for Ecuador the end of October. Jeff will be operating as HC2UA and Shelley as HC2UB. It could be a few months before they can get settled in their new QTH, hopefully near the coast where they want to try 6m EME with a suitable long-yagi. Their main emphasis will be contests with Shelley focusing on RTTY and Jeff on CW. On occasion,

both will be operate SSB. Their first HC activity will be at the HD2A multi-op during the CQ WW CW next month.

J79 DOMINICA DL8WEM, Volker, is in Salisbury, on the west coast of Dominica until Nov. 7. He's using a K3 and running 100 watts into a multi-band dipole on 7 through 28 MHz as J79WE. Listen for him mostly on CW on the WARC bands. He also plans to be in the Worked All Germany Contest. QSL via DL8WEM.

KG4 GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA N6AR, Larry Brockman, will be visiting family in Guantanamo Bay between October 30th and November 12th. He's planning to take an old IC-706 and to use the club station antennas. Larry applied for a KG4 call and is waiting for the promised license from Gitmo. He'll be mainly on CW, PSK63 and RTTY, but no SSB.

PJ4 BONAIRE PJ4D will be on the air November 18-December 1 with N0VD, W4PA and possibly others operating. PJ4D was last active on the 10-10-10 date when the several PJ DXCC entities gained independence. PJ4D made 36,000 QSOs. The ops will also be active in the CQWW CW Contest. QSL PJ4D via W3HNK.

PJ7 SINT MAARTIN 7L4DXT and K1GI will be on the air from, Sint Maarten, PJ7, November 18-24 with the callsigns PJ7XK and PJ7I. Their shared rig will be a K3 to 500 watt amplifier, and verticals for 160-40M, and a hexbeam for 20-10, plus six-element Yagi for 6M. They will be on SSB, CW and digital. QSL PJ7XK via 7L4XDT and PJ7I via JG2BRI. www.qsl.net/pj7i.

PT0 ST PETER ST PAUL ROCKS UPDATE - The PT0S team will be making a special effort to put St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks on 6 meters during its November 12 to 24 operation. November is good time for TEP. Furthermore, there may be TEP propagation combining with E openings. [\[LINK\]](#)

V3I BELIZE Starting October 21st through 30th listen for N0HJZ to be QRV as V3IMW from Belize, including the CQ WW Phone. QSL via N0HJZ.

VP2M MONTSERRAT Husband and wife travelers/DXers DL7AFS and DJ7ZG, Babs and Lot, will be QRV from Montserrat (NA-103) as VP2MYL and VP2MGC, November 5-19. They will mainly be on RTTY, PSK31, PSK63 and SSB on 80-10M. QSL via DL7AFS. http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/Index_VP2M.html.

DX PACIFIC - OCEANA



E5 SOUTH COOK ISLANDS E51TLA by OZ6TL will be on holiday style from Rarotonga, the South Cook Islands, IOTA OC-013, Nov 18-Dec 8. Henrik plans to be on CW and RTTY. QSL via OZ6TL or LoTW.

E5 SOUTH COOK ISLANDS E51C, Aitutaki Island in the Cook Islands, will be activated November 12-30. The operation will be 80-10M including the WARC-76 bands, SSB, CW and PSK31, holiday style so the ops can also experience the island. HB9BXU, Frank Pulfer, and other Swiss hams will be operating. Besides E51C, the call signs E51ABS, E51BZD and E51CHX will be used. Most of the operating will be from 1900-1200Z. There will be no internet access so there will not be online logs during the operation. QSL via HB9BXU.

H44 SOLOMON ISLANDS DL2GAC, Bernhard, is back in the Solomon Islands for a DX vacation. Listen for H44MS from now to Dec 9. His operation will be mainly from the capital Honiara, but Bernhard says short trips to OC-127, OC-158, OC-168, which are near Honiara are possible if transport can be arranged. Bernhard's an award hunter and is collecting US counties and working on his 5BWAS and 5BVAZ (still needs zone 34 on 15 and 80 meters SSB).

H44 SOLOMON ISLANDS G3SWH, Phil; and G3RTE, Jim have announced plans to be QRV from Honiara, Guadalcanal (OC-47) in the Solomons starting Feb 18, 2013. They will be on CW only on 3.5 through 28 MHz until Feb 28th. There are no plans for 160, 60, 6 meters or EME activity. There is more information at www.g3swh.org.uk/h44kw.html, which will be updated from time to time. QSL via G3SWH,

H44 SOLOMON ISLANDS Nine other European ops are headed for the Solomons. DK1BT, DK7LX, DL4WK, DL7KL, DL7DF, DL7UFN, DL7UFR, SP3CYY and SP3DOI, plan to go March 8-25. Part of the group will go on to Temotu Province March 12-23. They will have several stations on 160-6M CW and SSB. There'll be a station dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. DL7DF, Sigi, has set up a Webpage at <http://www.dl7df.com/h4/index.php>. QSL via DL7DF.

JD1 MINAMI TORISHIMA JF7MTO/JD1 Shin is once again QRV again from Marcus Island. He has been spotted on SSB on both 12 and 17 meters. Shin's length of stay was not reported. QSL via JF7MTO.

KH8 AMERICAN SAMOA N6MW has announced the new dates of his DXpedition to American Samoa, which was originally thought to be from November 8th to 19th. The new dates are March 19-28, 2013. Plans are for activity on CW, some SSB and RTTY if/when things slow down. He is looking for one more operator. Plans are to locate well south of the Pago Pago harbor area to avoid mountain low angle cut off. Bill hopes his group will have two stations operational, one of them on the air 24 hours a day. The focus will be on QSO volume, 160M and Europe with 15 being the favored band. <http://n6mw.jimdo.com>.

NH8S SWAINS ISLAND NH8S went QRT 0400Z Sept 17, with 105,455 QSOs. 26,010 were unique, 28% were with Europe.

NH0 MARIANNA ISLANDS JA1NVF, JF7ELG, JJ2VLY and JQ2GYU will be operating as NH0J from Tinian Island, Mariana Islands (OC-086) Oct 18-22. Listen for them on 3.5 through 50 MHz on CW and SSB and some RTTY and PSK. They may also use their home calls /NH0.

T30 WESTERN KIRIBATI T30PY/T30SIX, Western Kiribati from Oct 16-25. The first station is expected early Oct 16 with four stations eventually on the air. Internet connectivity is spotty but ops will try to make log updates. They hope to be on low bands every sunrise /sunset and six meters EME every moonrise /moonset. <http://www.mdx.org/t30py/>

T33 BANABA ISLAND Co-Leaders W2IJ and NIEMC are gearing up for a Mar/Apr 2013 activation of Banaba Island, T33A. License has been arranged with the TAK, landing permission has been granted, and the charter for the boat has just been signed. They are planning 6 stations (3 at each site), 160-10, CW/SSB/RTTY. Time on Banaba is approximately 12 days which will include two full weekends. Three more ops are needed to fill their targeted 14 member team. If interested email Banaba@T33A.com

T88 PALAU JF2SKV, Hisashi, plans to activate T88KV on Koror Island (OC-009), Palau, Oct 26-30. Hisashi plans to be on 1.8, 50 MHz CW, SSB and digital including the CQWW SSB contest, single op all band. He'll have a 500 watt amplifier and will be transmitting into a 3 element Yagi, dipole and ground plane. QSL to his home call. You can read more about his operations on <http://www.facebook.com/jf2skv> and http://blog.goo.ne.jp/sky_2006.

TX4 FRENCH POLYNESIA F4GYP, Alain, will be operating in French Polynesia SSB only on 40/20m with special event call TX4FO from Oct 19- Nov 6. Plans are to be on from Tahiti (OC-046), Mehetia (OC-046), Moorea (OC-046), Raiatea (OC-067) possibly over the October 27/28 weekend and Motu Nono (OC-046). QSLs to F4GYP direct or via REF QSL Bureau.

VK0M MACQUARIE ISLAND VK3ZAZ (VK3OT), Steve, hopes to get on the air from Macquarie during the winter of 2013-2014 with an FT2000 and VLI000, giving some priority to 6M. (More DX Pacific on page)

DX INDIAN OCEAN



8Q MALDIVES G3VDB, Jim will be back on Vilamendhoo Island in the Maldives (AS-013) from approximately Oct 29-Nov 11 for a holiday style operation as 8Q7EJ. Activity will be mostly 20 meters with a focus on working North America using an IC7000 and a fishing pole vertical. On Jim's last trip the best times to the US were from about 0045 to 0320Z. Jim prefers to QSL via LoTVV, which he'll upload while on the island, or direct via CBA.

FT5W & FT5X Keep a sharp ear open for this one. Les Nouvelles DX reports TU5KG, Gildas, will be maritime mobile in the vicinity of Crozet Island (FT5W) and Kerguelen Island (FT5X) during November and December. No word for sure if he will land and operate on either, but if he does it will only be for a few hours. QSL direct via F4DXW.

TO7 MAYOTTE One of the exotics in the Indian Ocean, AF-027, will be activated next Mar 25-Apr 12 with DL7BC operating. The call sign will be TO7BC. Hartwig plans to operate in the CQWW WPX SSB contest from there. QSL his home call.

More DX Pacific-Oceania (Continued from page 9)

YJ0 VANUATU VK4AFU, Daniel, has announced plans to be QRV as YJ0AFU from Port Villa, Vanuatu Nov 3-10. Activity will be mostly on JT65A on 80 through 10 meters and possibly on 160 meters. When 6m is open he'll put a priority on that band on CW, SSB and JT65 on request. He's taking an FT-857 and will run 100 watts. QSL via NA5U.

ZK3 TOKELAU DL2AWG, Gunter, is putting a DXpedition together to ZK3 Tokelau for late April early May, 2013. He's looking for two to three more ops for CW, SSB and RTTY. More details to follow.

ZL7 CHATHAM ISLAND ZL7A is the call sign for the upcoming Chatham Island expedition, Nov 1-9. Op Hiro, JF1OCQ (aka W1VX and ZL1WY), plans to be on 80 through 6M CW, SSB + digital modes, but emphasizing 80 and 6. He'll have a beacon QRV around the clock on 50.117 MHz. QSL JF1OCQ direct, bureau or LoTW. <http://w1vx.net/peidition/zl7/2012ZL7.htm>

ZL9 CAMPBELL ISLAND ZL9HR, Campbell Island, is still on track for November 28-December 9. The expedition was given the ARRL's Colvin foundation's award of financial support for projects that promote international goodwill in the field of DX. The ZL9HR logistics team has packed their equipment cases and they have been shipped from Sydney for New Zealand, with plenty of time to make it through New Zealand's quarantine requirements before the final leg of the trip to Campbell Island. The operation is set for Nov 28-Dec 9. WWW.ZL9HR.COM.

DX EUROPE



3A MONACO Max, ON5UR says after more than six months of work and hundreds of international phone calls, he and Marc ON8AK have finally found a "base location" for a DX trip to Monaco from Nov 9-17. Look for **3A/ON5UR** and **3A/ON8AK** to be running SSB only 10-80M. So far they have permission for one base station, but hope to find a solution to get two stations on the air. QSL via MOURX.

JW BEAR ISLAND LA2US, Erik, is currently QRV as JW2US from Bear Island (EU-027), **a separate country in the CQ Marathon**, until November of this year. He is operating from a meteorological station located about 50 meters from Tromso University, which has an Enhanced Meteor Detection Radar (EMDR) and transmits on 31 MHz. The 8 KW transmitter causes extreme RFI especially on 10 and 12m band, making them useless according to Stan, SQ8X. Erik's best bands seem to be 20, 30 and 40 meters.

OJ0 MARKET REEF Semi-rare OJ0 is on the air for a few more days. Autumn in northern Scandinavia comes with tough weather and regular storms sweep over the reef with brutal force leaving everything but the lighthouse under water. OJ0R was active giving out QSOs in the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SAC) SSB. That operation is scheduled to continue until the 16th of October, and then the three brave operators, SM0CXU/PY2ZXU, Thomas; SM0BYD Hans; and team leader SM0WV, Teemu will attempt to get home again! QSL via G3TXF. More information can be found at QRZ.com under the call sign OJ0R.

Z60K THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO Club Log has temporarily marked Kosovo as a 'current' DXCC entity in order to allow the expedition log search features to function correctly. **Note: DXCC approval for this operation has not been granted by the ARRL.** From September 17 through the 22nd, international and local ops started operating as **Z60K** from near Pristina, Kosovo on both 20 and 17m SSB. The team received their ZK60K license from the Kosovo's Telecommunications Regulatory Authority - <http://www.art-ks.org/more> -- <http://dx-world.net/>

Where in the DX World Am I?



These three towers shown in the picture on the left have become this country's most popular symbol as well as a hoped for operating site by visiting Hams and DXpeditions.

From the top Tower – the highest point in this little DX entity -- you can actually see the entire country spreading out below.

One of the first things a visitor notices is there are no traffic lights *anywhere* in this country. Instead, the civil police– who have almost no crime to contend with -- keep themselves busy patrolling the major road junctions in bright yellow and blue uniforms. It must be working because traffic accidents are relative few despite the high number of tourists.

It should come as no surprise that the main industry of this picturesque little country is tourism.

As one of the world's smallest countries, with a population of under 32,000, it occupies an area only one-third the size of Washington DC. In fact, you are never more than four kilometers a neighboring country's border.

Other interesting tidbits include the fact that this country's status as a republic dates back to 301 AD! This makes it the oldest republic in the world. It's been invaded on a number of occasions but this little entity has managed to preserve its autonomy for over 1,700 years by always backing the winning side in the many power struggles between its warring neighbors.

All threats to this entity's sovereignty ended in 1861 when all the fractious neighbors settled their grievances and agreed to form one single nation which now completely surrounds this tiny DX entity.

So, given all these hints Where in the DX World am I? If you haven't already guessed, the answer is on page 16.

US Foxhunters Bring Home 13 Medals "Amazing Accomplishment" - WA6EZV



Bob WA6EZV

Americans won 13 medals at September's World Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), held in Serbia. "This was an amazing accomplishment for team USA to say the least," says NFDXA's Bob Frey, WA6EZV. "Having competed in the both the world championships and USA champs, I am very aware of the hard work that is needed to compete at this level."

Bob's comments were echoed by ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, who is also moderator of the CQ World Wide Foxhunting Weekend.

The U.S. team of 13 competitors faced off against a field of more than 330 participants from 33 countries, winning four gold medals and three silvers in the process.

"Many of the countries are nationally sponsored and train as a team year round," says Bob. "In the USA there are only informal events, and no sponsors. Just a very determined set of individuals who spend their own money to compete."

This year's competition included three new events, the "World Cup" for individual competitors rather than teams, the ARDF Sprint and Foxoring, which combines foxhunting and orienteering. "My hat is off to all the members of this years team," concluded Bob. "Wish I had been there with them but my Son's wedding came first. Darn!"

If everything works out Bob may get another chance to compete in a couple of years. The next ARDF World Championships will be held in 2014 in Kazakhstan.



—Various sources including <http://www.cqnewsroom.blogspot.com/>

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

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Details
Oct 07-21	Morocco	5D7AT	ON4LO	CN8VO CN2OS CN2LO fm Agadir; 80-10m; SSB; QSL OK ON Buro or direct
Oct 08-14	Liechtenstein	HB0	PA4N	PA4N as HB0/PA4N; 80-10m; CW; focus Asia, JA; updates Twitter @frankoppedijk
Oct08 Dec15	Tanzania	5H3NP	WB0VGI	WB0VGI fm Iringa; HF; G5RV + dipoles
Oct 10-15	Svalbard	JW	Home Call	LA9DL as JW9DL, also LA6VM (JW6VM) and LA7XK (JW7XK) fm Longyearbyen (EU-026); CW SSB + digital; QRV in SAC SSB as JW5X
Oct 11-27	Gitmo	KG4		W4WV as KG4WV and KN4KL as KG4KL
Oct12 Nov01	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts (NA-104, PK87pg); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB; dipoles, vertical, yagi for 6m; QSL also OK via W5JON
Oct14 Nov07	Dominica	J79WE	DL8WEM	DL8WEM fm NA-101; 30 17 12m; mainly CW
Oct 15-19	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Raiatea I (OC-067); 30-17m; CW; holiday style operation; possibly w/ special call sign
Oct15 Dec12	Uganda	5X1NH	G3RWF	G3RWF fm Fort Portal (KJ50co); 80-10m; mainly CW, some digital + SSB; spare time operation; QRV for CQ WW DX CW and ARRL 10m contests
Oct 16-23	Rodrigues I	3B9SP	LotW	HB9ACA et al fm AF-017; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital; QSL via HB9ACA, Buro or direct (or OQRS)
Oct 16-25	West Kiribati	T30PY	OQRS	PT2OP PY1KN PY2PT PY2XB PY2WAS PY3MM PY4BZ PY7XC PY7ZY; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; T30SIX on 6m; QSL via PY2PT, Buro or direct
Oct17 Dec10	Solomon Is	H44MS	DL2GAC	DL2GAC fm Guadalcanal (OC-047, WLOTA 0086, Q190xn); 80-6m; SSB; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
Oct 18-22	Mariana Is	NH0J	JJ2VLY	JA1NVF, et al fm Tinian I (OC-086); 80-6m; CW SSB, some RTTY PSK; possibly w/ personal call signs AH0J, WA2O/KH0, WS2M/KH0, and WS2Y/KH0
Oct 18-29	Macao	XX9	LotW	EA7FTR et al as XX9TFR, XX9TPX, XX9TBM and XX9TEX fm Coloane I (AS-075, OL62sc); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; focus NA + Euro; QSL via EA7FTR
Oct 19-22	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Tahaa I (OC-067); 40-17m; CW; holiday style; possibly w/ special call sign
Oct 19-22	Vietnam	XV29FM	TBA	JL7XBN fm Vung Tau; 20 15 10m, focus on 10m FM; SSB PSK RTTY
Oct 19-22	Zambia	9J2GR	ZS6AYU	ZS6AYU fm nr Livingstone; CW; 100w; vertical; holiday style operation; QSL OK via SARL Buro or direct
Oct 20-24	Papua New Guinea	P29VCX	SM6CVX	G3KHZ SM6CVX DL6KVA HB9BXE K5WQG fm Emirau I (OC-103)
Oct21 Nov04	Seychelles	S79	See Info	IK5RUN as S79UN, I5OYY as S79YY, I5IHE as S79LC fm Praslin I (AF-024); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL home_call direct; holiday style operation
Oct 22-25	Zimbabwe	Z21GF	ZS6AYU	ZS6AYU fm Victoria Falls; holiday style operation
Oct 22-26	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Maupiti I (OC-067); 30-17m; CW; holiday style operation; possibly w/ special call sign
Oct 22-31	Sable I	CY0	OQRS	WA4DAN as WA4DAN/CY0 and AA4VK as AA4VK/CY0; focus on 15 12 10m; QSL also OK via WA4DAN direct
Oct22 Nov03	Senegal	6V7S	RK4FF	By RK4FF fm Le Calao
Oct 23- 29	American Samoa	KH8	JA2ZL	JA2ZL fm Pago Pago (OC-045, USi AS007S, WLOTA 4385); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; Hexbeam + verticals; QSL OK via JA2ZL, Buro or direct until Oct 2013
Oct 25-27	Fiji	3D2PT	PY2PT	By PY2PT fm Viti Levu I (OC-016, WLOTA L-0055); spare time operation
Oct 25-29	Market Reef	OJ0MI	OH2HAN	By OH2HAN; RTTY

CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 27-28, 2012)

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

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
Nov 01-09	Chatham Is	ZL7A	LotW	By JF1OCQ fm OC-038 (WLOTA 1627); 80-6m; CW SSB + digital; beacon on 50.117 MHz; QSL also OK via JARL Buro, email request with full data OK	
Nov 02-04	Papua New Guinea	P29VPB	G3KHZ	By G3KHZ SM6CVX DL6KVA HB9BXE K5WQG as TBD fm Lihir I (OC-069)	
Nov 03-10	Vanuatu	YJ0AFU	NA5U	By VK4AFU fm Port Vila (OC-035, RH42dg); 160-6m; mainly JT65A, some CW SSB; mainly CW SSB on 6m when open	
Nov 04-09	Bahamas	C6AXY	W9XY	By W9XY; 40-10m; CW SSB, some RTTY PSK31	
Nov 05-19	Bermuda	VP9KF	See Info	By G4BKI; focus JA greyline; CW; QSL: Paul Evans, 6809 River Road, Tampa, FL 33615, USA	
Nov 05-19	Montserrat	VP2M	DL7AFS	By DJ7ZG as VP2MGZ and DL7AFS as VP2MYL fm NA-103 (WLOTA 1475, FK86vt); 80-10m; mainly RTTY PSK31 PSK63 SSB	
Nov 05-22	Kenya	5Z4	LotW	By SM1TDE as 5Z4/SM1TDE fm Diani Beach, Mobasa; 40-10m; CW; QSL also OK via SM1TDE, Buro or direct; holiday style operation	
Nov 06-09	Papua New Guinea	P29VCX	SM6CVX	By SM6CVX fm Buka I (OC-135)	
Nov 09-12	Papua New Guinea	P29VCX	SM6CVX	By SM6CVX fm Manu I (OC-025)	
Nov 09-17	Bonaire	PJ4		By PE2MC as PJ4/PE2MC using Radio Nederland array	
Nov 09-17	Monaco	3A	M0URX	By ON5UR as 3A/ON5UR and ON8AK as 3A/ON8AK; 80-10m; SSB	
Nov 10-22	St Peter & Paul	PT0S	LotW	By PY2XB PP5XX HA7RY AA7JV; 160-6m, focus on low bands; QSL also OK via HA7RY	
Nov10 Dec09	Madagascar	5R8IC	F6ICX	By F6ICX fm Ste Marie I (AF-090); 20-10m; CW RTTY PSK63; 100w; holiday style operation	
Nov 11-23	Brunei	V84SMD	LotW	By F1HRE, et al fm OC-088; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 4-5 stations, 24 hrs/day; QSL also OK via OQRS and IK2VUC, Buro or direct	
Nov 12-13	Papua New Guinea	P29VCX	SM6CVX	By SM6CVX fm Loloata I (OC-240)	
Nov 12-19	South Cook Is	E51KBR	E51KBR	By E51KBR fm Rarotonga I (OC-013); 20-10m; SSB RTTY PSK31; holiday style operation	
Nov 12-30	South Cook Is	E51	HB9BXU	By HB9BXU and others as E51C E51ABS E51BZD E51CHX fm Aitutaki I (BH01cc); 80-10m; SSB CW PSK31; holiday style operation, 1900-2400z	
Nov 16-19	Greenland	XP2I	OZ1BII	By OZ1BII; QRV for LZ DX Contest; CW; 160 80m Nov 18-19	
Nov 17-27	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	
Nov 18-24	Sint Maarten	PJ7	See Info	By K1GI as PJ7I (QSL via JG2BRI) and 7L4DXT as PJ7XK; 160-10; SSB CW + digital; 500w; hex beam + verticals	
Nov18 Dec08	South Cook Is	E51TLA	LotW	By OZ6TL fm Rarotonga I (OC-013); CW RTTY; QSL also OK via OZ6TL	
Nov21 Dec03	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	LotW	By N3DXX AA7V; QRV for CQWW DX CW and perhaps ARRL 160m Contest; QSL also OK via NR6M direct	
Nov23 Dec03	Lesotho	7P8D	LotW	By ZS2DL V51YJ LZ1UQ DJ3CQ ZS1TT K5LBU DL2MDU DL8JJ ZS2DK ZS6RJ VE7MID VA7DX; 160-10m; CW RTTY, some SSB; QSL also OK via OQRS or direct (see Web)	
Nov24 Dec10	Mauritania	5T0SP	LotW	By SP2EBG SP3CYY SP3GEM SP6EQZ SP6FXY SP6IXF 5T0JL fm Nouakchott (IK28ac); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; focus on JA and Far East	
2012 Dec 11	Maldives	8Q7AU	HB9OAU	By HB9OAU fm Maayafushi I, North Male Atoll (AS-013, WLOTA 3911); 80-10m; SSB; 7 band vertical	
Nov28 Dec09	Auckland-Campbell	ZL9HR	LotW	By VK2IR VK3YP + team fm Campbell I (OC-037); QSL also OK via EB7DX	

CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 24-25, 2012)

Food For Thought

The author of this article, **Peter Dougherty, W2IRT**, was first licensed in Canada as VE3THX in August 1979. Peter and his wife moved to the United States in 2000. He began operating on HF in August 2001 as VE3THX/W2 and received his US Extra-class license in 2002.

W2IRT is an authorized card checker for the ARRL's DXCC program including 160m, WAS WAC and VUCC awards. In addition he's the W2 call area as the letter "O" sorter for the US incoming Second District QSL bureau. Peter is also active in both the North Jersey DX Association and the Frankford Radio Club—to which he adds a fervent "**GO FRC!**" Peter is a frequent participant in the CQWW and ARRL International contests and the 160 meter DX contests. He usually enters as SOAB. In addition to the 5B WAZ award, Peter holds DXCC on 9 bands in 3 modes, 2500+ DXCC Challenge and has 326/328 entities in total.

W2IRT is also a frequent contributor to the popular e-ham DX Forum where the following article first appeared September 13. It is reprinted here in full with the author's permission. —**NW4C**



W2IRT

A Suggestion for DX Planners

by W2IRT

I have a thought. There's a good deal of effort, and not a little cost either, funneled into bringing needed DXCC entities to the airwaves, but I see another potential idea for folks with skill, time and money. Numerous operations have recently been and are currently taking place to somewhat-rare entities that have been activated within the previous 5 or 6 years. For the same money, I wonder if a couple of groups could set out to help seasoned DXers earn their last-needed CQ Zones; especially on 10m, 40m and 80m -- and 160 as a bonus.

There are plenty of easily-accessible countries in each zone that are fly-in destinations, with many potentially offering beachfront operating locations where shoreline 40, 80 and 160m vertical arrays would play beautifully over salt water. In fact many of these entities have an indigenous ham population who could help or even lead in some cases. Few of those local operators might have the wherewithal to put up four squares on 80 with legal-limit power, but a traveling DXpedition with the gear, getting help from the local operators, could work miracles.

I'm guessing this is more a North American need than for Europe or Japan, though--since the hard-to-work zones for each of those locations are heavily activated every year. For JA, I think the only rare zone is Z2 and maybe Z13. For much of (southern) Europe, I don't think there's anything all that hard on any band. For us here in NA, everything in Asia is a tough row to hoe on 40, 80 and 160; especially zones 23, 24, 26, 27 and 28. These are parts of the world that are not only difficult to reach from NA but also don't have large numbers of wealthy hams who are running superstations. Zone 18 on 80m is probably the single biggest challenge for someone after their 5B-WAZ from Zone 5, with Zone 23 right behind it. I'm guessing Z22 or 23 for west-coasters is equally difficult.

My idea is that a well-equipped team would travel to a needed zone for a couple of weeks, focusing on the low bands (plus 10m if condx permit) and centered around the two CQWW contests, and again in the March-May timeframe when trans-polar signals are at their best. More importantly, they should ideally activate these zones when greylines match up making propagation to the intended targets even more likely. I'm betting trips like this could be done for far less cost than activating a dot in the pacific that sees antenna farms every 4 or 5 years and would make a good deal of The Deserving extremely happy. - pjd

"Those who hear not the music, think the dancer mad." - Chinese Proverb.



CQ Contest Hall of Fame member and WPX Contest Director Randy Thompson, K5ZD, has been named Director of the CQ World Wide DX Contest, effective immediately. Randy succeeds Bob Cox, K3EST, who retired in September after 35 years at the helm of the world's most popular amateur radio contest.

Thompson, 53, has been a ham since age 13. He is an accomplished contester, having multiple wins in the CQ World Wide DX Contest and the CQ WPX Contest, among others.

- CQ Newsroom

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

DX

The Ultimate Contact Sport

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.



Jax NFDXA		DX Hogs	
Call	Points	Call	Points
⇨AB4UF	0	⇨K3LB	238
⇨K4EB	0	⇨K4OCF	14
⇨K4UTE	23	⇨K4REY	28
⇨KC4FWS	46	⇨K4WJ	0
⇨N4EPD	0	⇨K9FN	98
⇨N4GFO	0	⇨KB4CRT	0
⇨N4JBK	0	⇨KB4HF	0
⇨N4KE	0	⇨N1WON	0
⇨N4NN	0	⇨NW4C	6
⇨NF4L	2	⇨W4GAL	36
⇨NU4Y	0	⇨W4GJ	390
⇨W1FO	11	⇨WA4ET	0
⇨W4FDA	0		
⇨WA4B	0		
⇨WA6EZV	0		
⇨WR4K	23		
Totals	105		810

Web Site of the Week - The creator of CW Skimmer, Alex VE3NEA, has come out with a new and interesting freeware CW practice tool. Pileup Runner (<http://www.dxatlas.com/pileuprunner/>) is a simulator of DX pileups. Currently at the beta-testing stage, it is intended for the DXpedition operators and those who are curious how the pileup looks and sounds at the DX side. Compared to his popular contest simulator, Morse Runner, Pileup Runner has an extra dimension: frequency. In this program just working the callers is not enough. To be successful, you also have to tune your receiver through the pileup in a smart way. --<http://www.arrl.org/contests/update/?>

Approved Operations

APPROVED OPERATIONS After reviewing information and documentation, the ARRL DXCC Desk has concluded that the following 2012 operations below are valid for DXCC credit. If you have had QSLs rejected for any of these operations, please send a [request via e-mail](#) to be placed on the list for update. If you remember the submission in which you included the QSL, please note this in your e-mail, as it will expedite the search for the denied QSO.

3B8/IW5ELA Mauritius
4O7VB Montenegro
9A8VB Croatia
E40VB Palestine
E7/UA4WHX Bosnia-Herzegovina
EY8/UA4WHX Tajikistan

JY8VB Jordan
YU9VB Serbia
UN/UA4WHX Kazakhstan
Z38VB Macedonia
ZA/UA4WHX Albania
J28NC Djibouti



WORD TO THE WISE - What is 3830?

3830 - what is this 3830 business, anyway? Before the web, there was 75 meters. After the contest participants would gather near 3830 kHz to exchange scores, excuses, and embellishments. The collected scores would then wend their way through the contest community by various media. An email reflector named "3830" was created by Trey N5KO (then WN4KKN) in the early-1990s, the name recognizing the over-the-air, post-contest watering hole. A few years later, Bruce WA7BNM created a [claimed-score reporting website](#) that sent collected information to the email reflector and Dink N7WA added the score compilations, completing the electronic claimed-score posting system we all use today. -- <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

- 73 -

"The best number is 73. Why? 73 is the 21st prime number. Its mirror (37) is the 12th and its mirror (21) is the product of multiplying, 7 and 3. ... In binary, 73 is a palindrome, 1001001 which backwards is 1001001." -*Dr. Sheldon Cooper, (Jim Parsons), "Big Bang Theory"*

Either Say It Right or Work It in CW!

Pronouncing names of the DXCC entities is not a problem when one's operating CW. However, it's a different story if you're 'live' on SSB. . .

Have you ever wondered how to properly say country names like Seychelles, Vanuatu, Myanmar, or Kiribati? (And no, you don't say S7, YJ, XY or T30/31/32!) The answer might surprise you.

Check out <http://inogolo.com/guides/countries>.

There you'll find in alphabetical order an entity list from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe plus a multitude of countries in between like Myanmar and Cote d'Ivoire. In addition to a phonetic breakdown there's even a link to a human voice saying the country name correctly...in English!

The answer to Where in the DX World Am I? (from page 11)



If you haven't figured it out already the mystery entity is the "Most Serene Republic of San Marino" which has the ITU assigned Ham Radio prefix of T7. San Marino is an "enclaved microstate" completely surrounded by Italy, and is situated on the Italian Peninsula on the north-eastern side of the Apennine Mountains (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Marino).

Little T7 is such a popular operating destination for visiting Hams and contest expeditions that it ranks 254th out of 340 entities world wide on the Club Log wanted list. (<http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>).

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The Daily DX (<http://www.dailydx.com/>),
NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX Page (<http://www.ng3k.com/>),
OhioPenn DX Bulletin (<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>),
DX World of Ham Radio (<http://www.dx-world.net/>),
The DX Magazine (<http://www.dxpub.com/>),
DX Italia (<http://www.dxitalia.it/>),
DARC DXNL (<http://www.dxhf.darc.de/>),
Pete's DX Newsdesk (<http://www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/>),
ARRL (<http://www.arrl.org/>),
Finally, Off-air and word of mouth from those who turned on their radios, listened, operated and then told **The PileUp** what they heard.

— NW4C

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And so it goes . . .



Test Question from the new Extra Class Pool

Refer to figure EI-1 on the left:

Question EZ14U

What is wrong in this picture?

- A. The on-off handle is on the wrong side of the faucet.
- B. The faucet is placed too close to the window and could splatter onto the glass.
- C. The electrical outlet is placed too close to the window and the voltage could be affected by the direct sunlight.
- D. The polarity of the electrical outlet is not indicated.

<http://nfdxa.com>

The Last Word



Cory NIWON

Where has the summer gone? The saying is "Time goes by quickly when you're having fun." By that measure we must have been having a blast! Summer is history and fall's just beginning to make itself felt with cooler temperatures, less QRN and increasing signs of life in the low bands. Life is good and getting better.

Another indicator of seasonal change is the arrival of major DX contests like the Oceana SSB the first weekend of October and its CW segment on the 13th and 14th. The CQ WW SSB and CW tandem is just around the corner. Ron, Jimmy, Steve and Mike are making their annual trek to operate VP5DX in the SSB WW.



Warren NW4C

Band conditions have been a bit on the weak side recently but a quick check of Club Log and the clusters indicates recent DXpeditions are being heard and people are making Qs. For example, NFDXA's N4NN blizzed the TT8TT operation in Chad with 13 band/mode contacts—including a 160m QSO that raised Dale's total to 252 on the 'Gentleman's Band'! Saying you're not hearing much may be another way of saying you haven't had your radio on.

October traditionally is the month NFDXA nominates officers for the coming year. If someone thinks enough of you to put your name in nomination for a position of leadership prove they are a good judge of character by saying if elected you are willing to serve.

Finally, ARRL sent NFDXA's NIWON an Honor Roll plaque he didn't order or even ask for. Cory made Honor Roll several months ago. Is it a Christmas gift? Have I missed fall altogether? If so, time, indeed, is moving right along.

May the good DX be yours. — NW4C

