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NFDXA's Monthly Newsletter



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Next NFDXA Meeting
5 pm Saturday Sept 15
St Johns Seafood and
Steakhouse Restaurant
South Lanes Avenue
Jacksonville
Bring your appetite and
best DX stories



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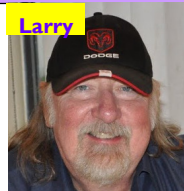
Three NFDXA Members Qualify for top DX Awards N1WON and NW4C Apply for Honor Roll; K4EB for 5BDXCC

Three NFDXA members are in line to receive top DXCC awards.

K4EB, Larry Jungstrum, NFDXA's veteran 'rocker' and long-time bass player for the legendary 38 Special band, has turned in papers for the 5 Band DXCC Award. Larry's achievement is notable in that many of the country/band stations he worked were contacted using remote control of his home station in Jacksonville while he was on tour with the band! K4EB is an avid contestster and held the ARRL 10 Meter SSB contest scoring record for over ten years.

Cory has been on both ends of the DX chase and has held a number of DX call signs including KG4CM while working at the Guantanamo Naval Base. In 1996, along with XYL Laurene, WN1L, Cory made the first ever 2 meter QSOs from Gitmo to the US. Later, fellow NFDXA DXer, David, WA4ET, they made the first ever 60 meter contacts from Gitmo. Cory has operated in contests and expeditions from the Dominican Republic, San Andreas, Dominica, and Anguilla. He's also worked the CQ WW SSB 'test from VP5DX in the Turks and Caicos as well as with the call sign VP5/N1WON.

Warren, NW4C, was first licensed as WA4DWR in the 1960s and caught the DX bug from the late Gus Browning, W4BPD, but dropped out of Ham Radio in the early 70s. He returned, upgraded and resumed the chase in the late 90s as NW4C. DX contact no.1 was a VE1 in Nova Scotia. Coincidentally, number 331 was CY9M, the recent St. Paul Island DXpedition just 15 miles from VE1!



New 'Most Wanted' DX Entity Survey



For those who may have missed the announcement. *The DX Magazine* has posted its 2012 most-wanted entity survey on its website. < <http://www.dxpub.com/survey/> >

Check it out at your earliest convenience and take the time to check off the ones you need or haven't confirmed. As has been noted by those who plan DXpeditions, this annual survey is one of the tools they use to make to decide where to go for an operation.

The results of the 2012 survey will be posted on the web site in mid-January 2013. A breakdown by continent will be in the Jan/Feb Issue of *The DX Magazine*. And a breakdown by mode will be published in the March/April Issue.

Kosovo Next New DXCC Entity?

The Balkan state of Kosovo today is a step closer to full independence and in some DX circles it's considered a favorite to become the next new DXCC entity. The big step came when the international steering group which has overseen Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence from Serbia since 2008 withdrew its supervision over the former Serbian province. Kosovo now has full control over its sovereignty.

Serbia has never accepted Kosovo's desire to be a separate country and has dismissed the sovereignty announcement as "meaningless". A NATO bombing campaign forced Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic's troops out of Kosovo in 1999. Kosovo's 2-million majority ethnic Albanian population had been under some form of international administration ever since.

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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:



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

Attendance 13 NFDXA Members 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 ...

Recently, all of us in the South Georgia Ham Radio Community lost a good friend. Richard May, W8FCW, passed altogether too early at the age of 73. During the past four years, Richard and I had spent many pleasant hours discussing two of our favorite subjects, living overseas and CW. Richard was a career Army man, spending twenty years as a "spook". His particular brand of "spook" was listening to Soviet CW operators send and receive logistics reports and operational orders on the HF bands during the 1960s and 1970s. Consequently, Richard could copy CW better than anyone I have ever known. He also loved BIG receivers. By the time of his passing, he had sold all but five of his R-390 receiver collection.

Like so many of us, Richard was the only Ham in his family. The sons and daughters have scattered all over the country and none have ever been licensed. His wife in particular was concerned about not only the room full of equipment Richard called his shack, but the garage full of spare receivers, amps, tuners, etc. Fortunately, the local ham community has found new homes for all of Richard's equipment. There were, as you would expect, items such as spare tubes and 30 year old coax cables, gathered over Richard's lifetime, that found their way to the land fill.

The lasting impression I will take away from this experience is how appreciative the family was for what I consider just being a good "Ham Radio Friend". Maybe we take for granted sometimes what great people our hobby brings our way. We all get hooked on the "flash and sparkle" of the hobby. For me that was, at the ripe old age of 12, working Australia and New Zealand with a crystal controlled DX-40 and a 15 meter dipole in a pine tree. Richard's passing has reminded me that, in addition to DX QSOs, fancy transceivers, and antennas, really great friends might just be the best benefit of being a lifetime Ham Radio Operator. - LB



Larry, K3LB



August 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes—St Johns Seafood Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Warren NW4C** at 6:18 PM

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Jim KC4FWS** reported a balance of \$1140.69

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of last meeting (July 21) were approved

Old business - None

New business – None

VP5DX will be operated in 2012 CQWW SSB by **Steve AB4UF; Mike N4EPD; Ron N4KE** and **Jim NU4Y**

Next meeting planner : (Sept) is **John KB4CRT**

Guests: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM

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



Faces at the Aug 18 NFDXA Meeting at St Johns Seafood Restaurant



Top row, left photo—Our food starts to arrive; Right photo l-r — Rich K4UTE, Warren NW4C and Steve AB4UF.
 Second row, left photo—Jim NU4Y and Ron N4KE; Middle —Jim KC4FWS; Right photo, back to front—Mike NF4L,
 Mike N4EPD, Mike W4FO and Rich K4UTE.

Third row, l-r — Cory NIWON, John KB4CRT, Bob WA6EZV and Steve AB4UF

Bottom row, l-r — Mike NF4L, Mike N4EPD and Mike W4FO; Middle — Rich K4UTE; Right photo—Ron, N4GFO
 — Photos by KB4CRT and NW4C

Special Event Operations



SPECIAL CALL SIGN I13PAN is a special Italian call sign to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the MB339 aircraft being used by Italy's Air Force aerobatic team, the Tricolor Arrows. This call sign will be on the air until September 20. QSL direct or bureau to IV3IUM. There is an award for working this one:



R1000M The special call sign R1000M is coming from European Russia from now until September 30th commemorating the 1,000 years since the union of the Moldavian people with the people of Russia. Some of the operators for this operation are RA4UDC, RA4UVK, RW4UW and RZ4UZ. QSL through the bureau to RA4UVK. An award will be available online at no charge. <http://r4u.ucoz.net> will give info on that. The event is detailed further on http://mineco.-mordovia.ru/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=661&Itemid=476



HA HUNGARY Members of the Puskas Tivadar Radio Amateur Club are QRV as HG1912PTTT from Budapest until September 30 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Puskas Tivadar Telecommunications Technical High School. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via HA5AUC.



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** will be on the air between October 4th and the 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>. And if you make contact with PB100PREFIX QSL via PB0P. (OPDX)

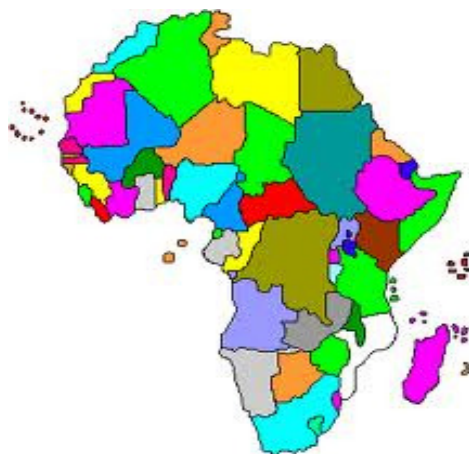
SP POLAND Special event call sign SN63DNI will be QRV until October 2 to remember the 63rd anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. QSL via SP5NHV.

NIY NEW YORK If you worked NIY which was QRV the weekend of Sept 8-9 in remembrance of the 11th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001, send your QSL request with SASE to W2SBL. The event was conducted by the Symbol Technologies Amateur Radio Club with activity on CW and SSB in the General segments of the 40, 20 and 15 meter bands.



TA TURKEY TA4/HA3JB is a special event station from Turkey from the International Police Association station. Operator Gab plans to be on the air September 22-October 2, 80-10M CW, SSB and digital. He will be on as a single operator single band in the upcoming CQ World Wide RTTY Contest, with the QSO valid for the IPA Award. If you want a card for this one, Gab says to QSL via OQRS or regular published address. If you want to go the OQRS route, here is the OQRS info: <http://www.ha3jb.com/oqrs.html>. -The Daily DX

DX AFRICA



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 Nick, G3RWF is heading back to Uganda October 15 for two months. He expects to be in the CQ WW CW and 10m ARRL contests. QSL via H/c.

5Z KENYA SM1TDE, Eric, is going to Kenya in November. He'll be QRV as 5Z4/SM1TDE on a holiday style operation on 7 through 28 MHz on CW from November 5th to 22nd. QSL via SM1TDE either via the bureau or direct.

6V SENEGAL IK2FIL plans to be QRV as 6V7X from Senegal between September 24th and October 4th, including a Single-op low-power effort in the CQ WW RTTY Contest. He has a Website at <http://6v7x.jimdo.com/>. QSL via IK2FIL, LoTW and eQSL.



7P8 LESOTO What started out to be a small local DXpedition has developed into a multinational team effort. Our aim is to give 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. This will include an entry in the CQWW CW contest.

7T ALGERIA Those 7T signals you've been hearing off and on since July are emanating from Algeria. Many Algerian stations have been QRV with special 7T call signs to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Algerian Independence. The [Algerian Amateur Radio Association](#) is also planning to send a special Award to all stations that obtain 50 points by working these special event stations. Click on the Algerian Amateur Radio Association's link for more information.

Z8 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN If you missed last summer's big ST0R DXpedition that opened up the Republic of South Sudan, the DXCC's newest entity, you have another chance coming up—albeit on a somewhat smaller scale! Z8AAA, Jim, lives and works in Juba, the capital of South. His home call sign is K7QI. He is the first operator ever to be issued a Z8 South Sudan call sign. Jim says he plans to be active from Juba within the next few weeks, possibly in October or November using a new Yaesu FT-2000D and a Hexbeam. He's volunteered to help establish Amateur Radio and he's set up a database and is helping work on Ham Radio license applications already on hand. BTW, if you work Z8AAA QSL via K7GSE.



J28 DJIBOUTI Christian, F5MBF, is in Djibouti for a two-year assignment and will operate mostly on CW but he also does some SSB. Currently, he's using a vertical for 80-10M and some wire antennas and is waiting for his beam antenna to arrive. Christian says he will have a QSL route and photos posted soon.

TT8 CHAD TT8TT is scheduled to be active October 3-16. IK7JWY, Art, the pilot station for the operation, says special particular attention will be paid to making QSOs with Japan and the US West Coast, where TT is pretty high on the wanted lists. There is a survey on <http://www.i2ysb.com>. Ops say they will be on 160-6M CW, SSB and RTTY. OPDX reports to QSL via I2YSB direct or IK2CIO bureau.

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.

T6 AFGHANISTAN LZ1CNN, Ilian, also known as YI9LZ, goes to Kandahar, Afghanistan in September, a six-month assignment running until March, 2013. He is still waiting for his license. He will probably take an FT897D rig and ACOM 1000 amplifier, Spiderbeam tribander, verticals for 80 and 40, and a 3-element Yagi for 6. 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.

BY1 TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION Members of the BY1WXD club station will operate as **BY1WXD/0** for ten days from the Tibet Autonomous Region (near Lhasa, grid square NL59hi) from September 27 to October 7, 2012. According to the Chinese operators, this will be “the first officially announced DXpedition activity in Tibet Autonomous Region of China by Chinese hams. They plan to operate on 40 through 6 meters and invite DX chasers all over the world to work them. The operating period overlaps the “Worked All Provinces of China” Contest October 06 (0000-2359z). Rules for that contest can be found [here](http://www.mulandxc.org/?page_id=2). http://www.mulandxc.org/?page_id=2

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.

DU PHILIPPINES Lots of changes upcoming for Hams in the Philippines. Hams in the Philippines now can operate on 40 meters in the 7200-7300 MHz range. The Philippine Amateur Radio Association is now recognized as the official national ham organization. Other changes include individual call signs for test passers who do not yet have a radio, a new foundation license class, the formation of an examination question pool committee, and the availability of vanity call signs. Other changes include some new VHF and UHF frequency ranges; B and C class operators will now be allowed to operate mobile and a minimum age for the foundation (D) license is now nine years old. Internet convergence will now be allowed.

E2 THAILAND E27EK will be QRV from Si Chang Island (AS-107), Thailand using the call E27EK/p. QSL via E27EK.

9M2 MALAYSIA Piju, 9M2PJU plans to be active near to the Pertak river dam, Kuala Kubu Bharu, Selangor for two days starting September 22, 2012. Look for **9M2PJU/P** on 15 & 20 CW. Piju mentions his callsign is also listed on the [ARRL Active Stations List](#) (Federated Malay States for Diamond DXCC.) – *DX World*

APPROVED OPERATION FOR DXCC

NCIL, Bill Moore, and the ARRL DXCC Desk have approved the following operation for DXCC credit:
If you have had this operation rejected in the past send an email to NCIL, Bill Moore, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, at bmooore@arrl.org.

However, chances are you may not receive a timely reply to your email due to their workload. So, check your LoTW account and check the daily standings at <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-standings>.

DX North, South and Central America



CY0 SABLE ISLAND "Planning continues for the October 8-17 DXpedition to Sable Island CY0. Half of the DXpedition team's gear is in storage at the Maritime Air Charter facility in Halifax, Nova Scotia and they are in the process of shipping the remaining gear. Team leaders WA4DAN/CYO and AA4VK/CYO report on the CYO web site "We have booked our flights to Halifax. All remains on schedule for the CY0 operation to begin around 2300Z on October 8th. As always, weather and flying conditions will dictate the actual schedule. The aircraft has to land on the beach as there is no "runway" on the island." The DXpedition will be highly focused on 10,12 and 15 meters because that's where the most demand for CY0 exists. Antenna options continue to be discussed due to the restrictive operating environment required by the the Canadian Park Service. This will be the third attempt to get to Sable Island. Previous tries failed in December 2010 and December 2011.

— <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/>

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.

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](#)]

VP2M MONTSERRAT Husband and wife travelers/DXers DL7AFS and DJ7ZG, Babs and Lot, will be QRV from Montserrat 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.

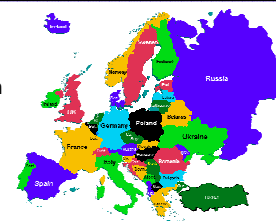
ZD9 GOUGH ISLAND ZS6KX (ZS7KX), Gerard de Jong, is heading to Gough Island and plans to request the call the call sign ZD9KX, says ZS1A, Johan. *The Daily DX* editor Bernie, W3UR was on the phone with a Gough Island representative in late August who confirmed Gerard would be there in September.

DX Europe

3A MONACO Always hard to get Monaco will be activated October 1-5 by 3A/G0VJG. Nobby will be on HF SSB with 100 watts and plans to be on the air with extensive operating time looking for any opportunity to work Stateside. Nobby says he realizes the path to NA is difficult because there are steep hills in the way. He'll be on his own as "(The) XYL is not along this time out ... (I) hope to be very active." You will have to listen closely for his signal as Nobby plans to operate mobile with a variety of antennas using an FT897 and Heil headset boom mike. QSL via G4DFI.

SV9 CRETE Silvia EA1AP and Alberto EA1SA will be active from Crete EU-015 between September 9-15, 2012. They'll be QRV on 6-80m, SSB, CW and RTTY. Vertical dipole arrays and other wire antennas will be used. QSL via H/c.

ZA ALBANIA Look for OK1DX, OK1FCJ and OK6DJ to be active from Albania between 27 September – 3 October 2012. They will be QRV on 160-10m with an entry in [CQ WW RTTY Contest](#) (29-30 September) as **ZA/OL8R**. QSL via operators instructions.



KOSOVO (Continued from page 1) Kosovo declared its independence February 17, 2008. On the February 18 a six man international team including Martti Laine, OH2BH; Bernie McClenny, W3UR; Nigel Cawthorne, G3TXF and others using the call sign YU8/OH2R operated from a downtown hotel in Pristina making 11,735 QSOs. However, ARRL refused to approve the operation for DXCC credit, nor did it add Kosovo as a new DXCC entity (<http://www.n4gn.com/yu8/>)

DX PACIFIC - OCEANA



NH8S SWAINS ISLAND The Swains DXpedition, has been on since September 5 with seven stations and will be QRV until the 19th with 20 operators, 16 of them American, one Swede, two Germans and one South African. Swains is number 30 on the world most wanted list. The team is living in tents and has two cooks along from Pago Pago. Barry is flying both a South African flag and a Singaporean flag (He also has the 9V1FJ call sign) during the operation. The logs are being uploaded by satellite link every day. If you have ClubLog you can see the photo and name of the op you work. www.nh8s.org.

E5 SOUTH COOK ISLANDS E5ITLA by OZ6TL will be on holiday style from Rarotonga, the South Cook Islands, IOTA OC-013, November 18-December 8. Henrik plans to be on CW and RTTY. QSL via OZ6TL or LoTW.

3D2C CONWAY REEF This 35th most wanted DXCC entity will soon be humming with activity generated by a 19-man international team which expects to arrive on remote Conway Reef on September 24. From that date until October 5 the team hopes to be QRV on all bands from 1.8 through 144 MHz—including the 5 and 50 MHz bands. The DXpedition's stated goal is to "work every amateur radio operator who needs Conway for a new country with special attention to the brief propagation window that opens to Africa and Europe. QSL via YT1AD. The official 3D2C website is <http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html>



KH8 AMERICAN SAMOA KH8/N6MW on American Samoa is planned for November 8-19. He is seeking two additional operators, with plans to operate on HF, 160-10, mostly CW, with some SSB and RTTY when things slow down. QSL via LoTW, at this point, with direct and bureau options being considered also. The radio activity will be from a hotel in Tutuila, south of the Pago Pago harbor to avoid mountains cutting off low angle signals. 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>.

E6 NIUE Due to the recent ITU prefix changes on Niue Island W7GJ, Lance, and ZLIRS, Bob, have new calls to be used instead of their original calls ZK2GJ and ZK2RS. They will now be QRV as E6M on 6 meters EME and other ionospheric propagation modes and E6RS on 2 meters EME from Niue Island (IOTA OC-040 and Grid locator AH51ba) between September 7th and 20th. Lance has updated his Website at <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Niue2012.htm>. He also tells us if the 6m band should open, you may find either of us working 6m, so please be prepared for either call!

T88 PALAU T88IK from the V.I.P. Guest Hotel on Palau will be JF1LUT, Kiichi Ishihara, October 5-10. QSL via JF1LUT. Kiichi's mailing address is: JF1LUT KIICHI ISHIHARA, 5-1-D-618 Shimmatsudo Matsudo-shi, Chiba-ken 2700034 JAPAN

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.

ZK3 TOKELAU Disappointment for those expecting a Tokelau operation later this month. The team making the multi-island Pacific tour has eliminated ZK3 from its itinerary because the boat tasked to move them from island to island is no longer available. "So we have given up our attempt to visit Tokelau this trip," says John, N7CQQ/5W0QQ, "We will continue to operate 5W and KH8 when we return to AS about the 19th or 20th of September to see the Swains guys return."

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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2012 Sep03	2012 Sep14	Maldives	8Q7OE [spots]	LotW	OPDX 20120820	By OE4JHW fm Kuredu I (AF-090, MJ65rn); 40-10m; SSB PSK; holiday style operation (nighttime); QSL OK via OE4JHW, Buro or direct, also eQSL
2012 Sep04	2012 Sep22	Jamaica	6Y5 [spots]	DL3JH	ATDX 20120906	By DL3JH as 6Y5/DL3JH; HF
2012 Sep05	2012 Sep12	Mauritius	3B8 [spots]	IW5ELA Direct	425DXN 20120818	By IW5ELA as 3B8/IW5ELA; 20-12m; mainly CW; holiday style operation
2012 Sep05	2012 Sep18	Swain's Island	NH8S [spots]	OQRS	N4AA 20120229	By 9V1FJ AA4NN DJ2VO DL3DXX K5AB K9CS K9CT K9NW KB8OCP N2TU N4HH N6HC NA6M ND2T SM5AQD W4BUW W6KK W8GEX W8TN WB9Z; QSL also OK via AA4NN
2012 Sep06	2012 Sep12	Mauritius	3B8 [spots]	IW5ELA	IW5ELA 20120720	By IW5ELA as 3B8/IW5ELA; mainly CW; 100w; vertical; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2012 Sep07	2012 Sep21	Niue	E6M [spots]	W7GJ	W7GJ 20120308	By W7GJ fm AH51ba; 6 2m; EME
2012 Sep09	2012 Sep15	Crete	SV9 [spots]	Home Call	ATDX 20120824	By EA1AP as SV9/EA1AP and EA1SA as SV9/EA1SA fm EU-015 (GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400); 80-6m; CW SSB RTTY
2012 Sep09	2012 Sep15	Jersey	GJ0UPG [spots]	LotW	ATDX 20120906	By G0UPG; HF; SSB; QSL also OK via G0UPG or eQSL
2012 Sep11	2012 Sep16	Greenland	OX [spots]	See Info	OZ4FF 20120905	By OZ1BII as XP2I, OZ0J as OX/OZ0J, OX3JI fm Kangerlussuaq (NA-018, WLOTA 0072, WFF OZFF-006); mainly CW, some SSB; QRV for SAC Contest, CW; QSL XP2I via OZ1BII, OX/OZ0J via OZ0J, and OX3JI via OZ2JI
2012 Sep12	2012 Sep19	Svalbard	JW8DW [spots]	LA8DW	VA3RJ 20120504	By LA8DW LA9HH fm Spitsbergen I (EU-026, WLOTA 0125); QRV for SAC CW Contest (Sep 15-16)
2012 Sep12	2012 Sep20	Albania	ZA [spots]	Home Call	OPDX 20120903	By OK1HH as ZA/OK1HH and OK2BOB as ZA/OK2BOB; 160-6m; CW SSB
2012 Sep14	2012 Sep21	Aruba	P49T		W3BTX 20120817	By W3BTX W3TEF; SES to commemorate 9/11
2012 Sep14	2012 Sep28	Palau	T8XX	OQRS	DL5AXX 20120817	By DL5AXX fm OC-009 (PJ77fi); 160-10m; CW, T88UE on RTTY; QSL also OK via DL5AXX, Buro or direct
2012 Sep18	2012 Sep23	Liechtenstein	HB0	ON4ANN	ON4ANN 20120703	By ON4ANN as HB0/ON4ANN, ON4CAU ON4CKM ON8CW ON4CCV ON4ACP, likewise; HF; QSL OK via ON Buro or direct
2012 Sep22	2012 Oct06	Hawaii	KH6	VK2IR	VK2IR 20120219	By VK2IR as KH6/VK2IR and VK2NN as KH6/VK2NN; 40-10m; holiday style operation
2012 Sep24	2012 Oct05	Conway Reef	3D2C	YTIAD	DXW.Net 20120111	By YTIAD K3LP UA4HOX N6PSE PY5EG RW4NW WD5COV EA1IR AA4NN AH6HY AD6E I2VGW and K6SRZ; 160-10m, incl 60m (5.4035 MHz); CW SSB RTTY SSTV PSK31; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2012 Sep26	2012 Oct01	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	AA7V	AA7V 20120720	By AA7V as VP2V/AA7V
2012 Sep26	2012 Oct21	Reunion	FR	DJ7RJ Direct	AA1M 20120804	By DJ7RJ as FR/DJ7RJ fm AF-016 (DIFO FR-001, WFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812); 160-10m, focus on low bands for US and JA; CW SSB
2012 Sep27	2012 Oct04	Tristan da Cunha	ZD9UW	LotW	425DXN 20120901	By G3ZAY M0VFC fm AF-029; 80-10m; QSL also OK via OQRS (please avoid sending cards via Buro)

[CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY](#) (Sep 29-30, 2012) Check here for pre-contest activity too.

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

Dates		Entity	Call Sign	QSL via	Source	Details
2012 Oct01	2012 Oct05	Monaco	3A	G0VJG	G0VJG 20120825	By G0VJG as 3A/G0VJG; HF; SSB; 100w; extensive operating time
2012 Oct01	2012 Oct07	Crete	SV9	DF8DX	VA3RJ 20120906	By DF8DX as SV9/DF8DX fm EU-015; HF; mainly CW; 100w; vertical; side trip to Dia I (EU-187,) Oct 3-4; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2012 Oct02	2012 Oct27	Tanzania	5H2DK	OH2NNE	DXW.Net 20120909	By OH2NNE fm Moshi; 80-10m; SSB; 100w; tribander + dipoles; QSL OK via OH Buro or direct
2012 Oct03	2012 Oct16	Chad	TT8TT	LotW	IK7JWY 20120725	By I2YSB I1HJT IK2CIO IK2CKR IK2DIA IK2HKT; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; focus on JA + WCNA; QSL also OK via I2YSB direct or IK2CIO Buro
2012 Oct05	2012 Oct10	Palau	T88IK	JF1LUT	ATDX 20120818	By JF1LUT fm Arakabesan I, Koror (OC-009 PJ77fi); 17-6m; SSB; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2012 Oct05	2012 Oct11	Saudi Arabia	7Z7AB	7Z1CQ	VA3RJ 20120712	By HZ1BF 7Z1CQ 7Z1SJ HZ1MD HZ1BW HZ1HN HZ1AR HZ1DG HZ1FS HZ1TL fm Al-Dhahrah Island (AS-190 New), Tabuk Province
2012 Oct06	2012 Oct12	Christmas I	VK9XM	OH2YY	OH2YY 20120810	By OH2YY OH1TV; 40-10m; SSB CW; QSL OK via SRAL Buro or direct: Pekka Ahlqvist OH2YY, Vapaalanpolku 8B, 01650 Vantaa, Finland
2012 Oct06	2012 Oct15	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F5NQL 20120802	By F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Huanine I (OC-067); 40-10m; CW; holiday style operation; possibly w/ special call sign
2012 Oct08	2012 Oct17	Sable I	CY0	OQRS	WA4DAN 20120817	By WA4DAN as WA4DAN/CY0 and AA4VK as AA4VK/CY0; QSL also OK via WA4DAN direct
2012 Oct11	2012 Oct15	Fiji	3D2ZY	PY7ZY	ATDX 20120906	By PY7ZY fm Viti Levu I (OC-016); HF
2012 Oct12	2012 Nov01	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	W5JON 20120806	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts (NA-104, PK87pg); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB; dipoles, vertical, yagi for 6m; QSL also OK via W5JON
2012 Oct15	2012 Oct19	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F5NQL 20120802	By F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Raiatea I (OC-067); 30-17m; CW; holiday style operation; possibly w/ special call sign
2012 Oct15	2012 Dec12	Uganda	5X1NH	G3RWF	DXW.Net 20120826	By 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
2012 Oct16	2012 Oct23	Rodrigues I	3B9SP	HB9ACA	DXW.Net 20120704	By HB9ACA HB9BOI HB9BOU HB9BQP HB9CYF HB9HFN HB9SLO HB9TNA HB9TYJ; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital
2012 Oct16	2012 Oct25	West Kiribati	T30PY	OQRS	PY2WAS 20120306	By PT2OP PY1KN PY2PT PY2XB PY2WAS PY3MM PY4BZ PY7XC PY7ZY; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; T30SIX on 6m; QSL also OK via PY2PT, Buro or direct
2012 Oct19	2012 Oct22	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F5NQL 20120802	By F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Tahaa I (OC-067); 40-17m; CW; holiday style operation; possibly w/ special call sign
2012 Oct19	2012 Oct22	Vietnam	XV29FM	TBA	DXW.Net 20120909	By JL7XBN fm Vung Tau; 20 15 10m, focus on 10m FM; SSB PSK RTTY
2012 Oct20	2012 Oct24	Papua New Guinea	P29VCX		425DXN 20120616	By G3KHZ SM6CVX DL6KVA HB9BXE K5WQG fm Emirau I (OC-103)
2012 Oct21	2012 Nov04	Seychelles	S79	See Info	IK5RUN 20120725	By IK5RUN as S79UN, I5OYY as S79YY, I5IHE as S79LC fm Praslin I (AF-024); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL via home_call direct; holiday style operation
2012 Oct22	2012 Oct25	Zimbabwe	Z21GF	ZS6AYU	ZS6AYU 20120823	By ZS6AYU fm Victoria Falls; holiday style operation
2012 Oct22	2012 Oct26	French Polynesia	FO	F6BCW	F5NQL 20120802	By F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Maupiti I (OC-067); 30-17m; CW; holiday style operation; possibly w/ special call sign
2012 Oct23	2012 Oct29	American Samoa	KH8	JA2ZL	JA2ZL 20120829	By 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
2012 Oct23	2012 Oct30	Montserrat	VP2MXU	G3NKC	ATDX 20120703	By G4XUM; HF
2012 Oct26	2012 Nov05	Togo	5V7TH	LotW	ON4CIT 20120830	By ON4CIT fm Lome (JJ06od); 40-6m; SSB CW RTTY; focus on JA; QSL also OK via ON4CIT, Buro or direct; OQRS available

Being a DX Hog – Just Because You Can, Should You?

By Fred Moresworth AF7S

The following article was posted January 21, 2012 in the “guest author” section of the DX World.net. The question is as pertinent today as it was on the day author Fred Moresworth, AF7S, posted it and it is reprinted here in its entirety with the author’s permission. – NW4C.



I just saw a comment from a station stating that he’d worked an in-demand DXpedition in 20 band [slots](#) during the first three days. The first thought that popped in my mind was “WHY?”

Probably because he could. He probably has the power and the antennas to work through the big pileups and make the contact. But, is this necessary? Or is it simply being piggish?

For the various awards such as DXCC, you only need one per band and one per mode. That’s 9 if you include everything from 160-10m. In all likelihood, these will be a mix of SSB and CW, so even if you add one more for digital, that’s a max of 10, and you have virtually everything covered.

So does the fact this station has 10 more than mentioned really necessary, especially in the first three days, mean that other stations had to go without?

In the recent discussion regarding VK0TH and his temporary decision to go QRT, it was cited that some stations had worked him as many as 22 times, while so many others got no opportunity whatsoever, perhaps due to time, or propagation – or maybe because they couldn’t break through the wall of big guns who worked him over and over again.

It was presented that one of the previous stations on Macquarie, a station particularly high on the “Most Wanted” list allowed only one contact by each station in order to spread the wealth as wide as possible, knowing full well that there was a huge [demand](#) that he could never completely fill.

Perhaps part of the incentive is from sites like Club Log (which I LOVE) has “leagues” where individuals and clubs compete for the most contacts. It ranks members within the same club by how many contacts they have with a certain station.

I admit that I too have worked some recent DXpeditions 14 or 15 times – even with my 100 watts and dipole – because I could, and I like to fill up the band slots while they’re there. These were typically stations in the Pacific which are relatively easy for me to work.

But this was generally over a three or four week period, and many of these contacts were well into the DXpedition, when the CQ’s were being sparsely answered. So it’s highly unlikely that I deprived anyone else of an opportunity to work them.

It seems to me, and this is just my opinion, that the true ham spirit would cause us to make sure that as many stations had the opportunity to work these rarer countries as possible, and to not be a DX hog.

I have no problem with 22 band slots – as long as the rest of the worldwide demand for at least one QSO is being substantially met.

What do you think?



ClubLog’s Most Wanted DXCC List Updated



ClubLog has posted its latest list of the most wanted DXCC entities. The order of the listed wanted ‘countries’ in the ClubLog report differs in some respects from the annual report compiled by the *DX Magazine* and is due primarily to the way the information was compiled.

The *DX Magazine* information comes from a survey of DXers of the countries they need including the bands and modes they need them on.

The information generated in ClubLog’s report is empirical, compiled from DXers logs that have been posted to their web site with *more than 150 DXCCs worked*.

Additionally, only those QSOs that have confirmed QSLs are considered to be ‘worked’, and only logs active in the last 15 years are used. To view the complete list of 340 entities in order of need go to: <http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

Five Contesters "Withdraw" Their Logs from CQ WW SSB 2011

The CQ WW DX Contest Committee crackdown on rules violators has snared several top operators, as five amateurs withdrew their entries after being asked about possible rules violations in the 2011 CQ WW SSB contest, including the defending SSB Assisted champ - the rules issue surrounded multiple signals by a single operator. For more go to:

<http://www.radio-sport.net/cqwwssb2011.htm>



CQ Contest CQ Contest..

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



Bob Cox, K3EST

CQ Magazine has announced that Bob Cox, K3EST, has retired as Director of the CQ World Wide DX Contest and as CQ's Director of Contesting. Cox has been at the helm of the CQ World Wide DX contest for 35 years.

During his tenure he guided the competition through numerous changes in technology and growth to become the world's most popular amateur radio contest. Cox's retirement is effective immediately. A successor has not yet been named. (CQ)

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. The entity list is CQ. If you use the back arrow to come back here from the log page, you must refresh the page.



NFDXA		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	◇KB4CR	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

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

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The Ultimate Contact Sport

The Question - As posed on a popular DX chat site:
What's the origin of the term "SLIM"? Is it an acronym?
The Answer - The one coming closest to what most 'old timers' remember:



Origin Of Slim

"The origin of the term SLIM is, I believe, as follows: On a date I cannot recall in the mid-1960s, an operator showed up on 20m CW, identifying himself as 8X8A, claiming he was located on "Cray Island," an



island that had just emerged from the ocean floor following a major undersea volcanic event. The operator said his name was "Slim." Huge pileups endured for a few days, then "Slim" was exposed as a pirate and he disappeared from the bands. Ever since, Pirates have been called "Slim." What made "Slim's" claim even partly credible in the first place was the emergence of Surtsey, an island near Iceland in (I think) 1964. Surtsey rose from the floor of the Atlantic as a result of undersea volcanic activity. It was a major news event at the time. I never heard any of this at the time as I was four years old and not yet a ham. I read the reports in QSTs and 73 Magazine of the time." —Dave VE2ZP

ODDS & ENDS

Credit for much the DX news, illustrations and information contained in this publication goes to a variety of sources including, but not limited to the following:

The Daily DX (<http://www.dailydx.com>),
NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX Page (<http://www.ng3k.com/>),
OhioPenn DX Bulletin (<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>),
DX World of Ham Radio (<http://www.dx-world.net/>),
The DX Magazine (<http://www.dxpub.com/>),
DX Italia (<http://www.dxitalia.it/>),
DARC DXNL (<http://www.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

RADIO BANGLADESH VACATES 7.105 MHZ



Some good news for users of the low end of 40 meters. The Radio Society of Great Britain reports that Radio Bangladesh has left 7.105 MHz after the broadcaster finished its experimental transmissions and is now using 7.250 MHz in the shared portion of the band.

The move is likely due to the many amateur radio operators worldwide who reported the infringement on the band. Particular thanks go to the German telecommunications authority which filed the official complaints to Radio Bangladesh. —GB2RS via AR Newline

FCC to Congress: No Need to Pre-empt CC&Rs



The FCC has told Congress that there is "no compelling reason" for it to revisit its previous decisions not to extend its limited pre-emption of restrictive state and local antenna laws to private land use regulations.

These CC&R, or Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, are imposed by developers and homeowners' associations on purchasers of homes in many areas. The report to Congress released on August 20 is the result of a study mandated earlier this year - with the ARRL's strong backing - of the value of amateur radio emergency communications and impediments (including CC&Rs) to effective amateur communications.

The Commission said commenters disagreed over the impact of CC&Rs on amateur radio emergency capabilities and that "a review of the record does not indicate that amateur operators are unable to find homes that are not subject to such restrictions." The report also said the FCC does not believe Congressional action is necessary regarding CC&Rs or other impediments to amateur communication.

—CQ Newsroom

New World Record!

The UK's special event station 2012L went QRT at 21.33z on Sunday 9th September, at the conclusion of the Paralympic Games, exceeding their QSO target of 60,000 contacts and finishing just short of 70,000 QSOs.

This is a new World Record number of contacts for a Special Event Station! The previous record established by DQ2006X was exceeded on 21st August when the QSO total reached 49,791. The QSL card has been designed, and will be printed in the next two weeks.

QSL via G4WNF

It's the Law!

Law of Gravity

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

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And so it goes . . .



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Cooked Components

The Last Word - NW4C

It's been a loong road but I'm happy to say I'm almost there. I've worked the currently required 331 entities (with one 'extra' for insurance) to qualify for DXCC Honor Roll. All that remains now is to have five QSL cards in my possession certified by a card checker and my DXCC endorsement application submitted. As the saying goes, the job's not finished until the paperwork is done. Then, good Lord willin' and the creeks don't rise, I'll be able 'order up' my Honor Roll plaque.

Before I go any farther I want to thank my friends and fellow-entity chasers who kept after me with encouragement and calls when a 'needed' one was on—and especially, Richard Mann, KB4HF. One a number of occasions Rich came to my rescue with an invitation to come use his station when my OCF dipole up 35 feet wasn't cracking the pile of a needed one, like Glorioso, or most recently, Spratly Island. Usually I do pretty well, but yes, a TH7 up 80 feet makes a BIG difference...

If it all works out I'll make it at about the same time as fellow NFDXA DXer, my friend Cory McDonald, NIWON. Cory had his required Honor Roll entity numbers some time back and had submitted his application. But, before the paperwork was acted on, the ARRL deleted one of his already-credited entities, RMI Malyj Vsotskij Island! Talk about a bummer. When one gets to this level there aren't that many entities left to choose from—and most of them are quite rare and haven't been activated in some time.

But Cory hung tough and he, like me and thousands of other DXers world-wide got an unexpected gift when super-rare 7O6T Yemen was activated by a crack team of Russian ops last May! When they posted our contacts recently on LoTW we knew we'd made it.

Now, to get all the 'i's' dotted and 't's' crossed before Kosovo gets admitted as a 'new' entity—in which case we'll have to do it all again. But this time we'll have had practice. :)

— Warren NW4C

