

I.C.P.O. Bulletin (08-15 August 2014)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)

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08/08/2014: Martyn, ZL3CK, is on holiday from the island of Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cook Islands, with his K2 (10w) as E51ZCK until 12th August. Other than what other operating he may do he will come up on 14120 kHz SSB at 7am and 5pm NZ time. QSL via home call. [ZL1BYZ]

08/08/2014: Paul, F6EXV as MJ0EXV and Jan, DJ8NK as GJ0VVK will be active from the isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, Grid Loc. IN89) on 8-12th August 2014. They will be QRV with two stations on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home calls (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [425 DX News]

08/08/2014: Andy, UA3AA (ex-9N7AA), is currently active from Mui Ne, Vietnam (WW Loc. OK40cw), as XV2G until 23 November 2014. He is using a IC-706 with LDG IT-100 autotuner and city-window 40100 antenna. Andy does not participate in LotW or eQSLing. Direct QSLs only to: Andy Gromov, PO Box 873, Brooklyn, NY 11230, USA. No bureau cards. No IRCs. US stations - SASE + \$1, all others - SAE + \$2. [DxCoffee]

09/08/2014: Paul, 2E0EME (RFARS #4712), has planned a holiday activation as 2M0EME from the Isle of Mull (IOSA NH15, SCOTIA CN10, WLOTA 2485), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), to include other small islands, from 9-16th of August 2014. Activity on LEO Satellites, Fuji-OSCAR 29, VUSat-OSCAR 52 and FUNcube-1 / AO73. Paul will be doing walk on activations of the Isle of Iona (IOSA NH16, SCOTIA CN01) and the Isle of Ulva (IOSA NH18, SCOTIA CN05) - see www.qrz.com/db/2M0EME for updates. QSL 2M0EME direct to 2E0EME (Paul Smith, Olivers Hill, Cherhill Wiltshire SN118UR, England). [rsgbiota.org]

09/08/2014: Look for The Siam DX Group (contest call) E2A to be active in the WAEDC CW Contest (9-10 August) from Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand (WW Loc. OK03fq). QSL via E21EIC (direct) or LotW. Log search will be hosted by ClubLog. [QRZ.com]

09/08/2014: Per, LA7DHA, will be QRV holiday style from Alcudia, island of Mallorca (DIE E-021, WLOTA 1902), Balearic Islands (EU-004) between 9-17th August 2014. Activity will be on the HF bands, propagation permitting, using a random wire vertical. Per will also try to activate SOTA Talaia d'Albercutx (EA6/MA-044) if time and family business allows it. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Website: www.la7dha.no/ [rsgbiota.org]

09/08/2014: Erhard, DL5JQ, tells I.C.P.O.: "We are a Danish/German team and got the chance to work the WAEDC CW Contest (9-10 August) from a clubstation at Trabzon (WW Loc. KM69kw), Turkey, using the callsign TC7T. Members are: Kenneth OZ1IKY, Erhard DL5JQ, Franta DJ0ZY and Jo DJ3CQ. The logfile will be uploaded to LotW and eQSL shortly after the contest. If paper cards are urgently needed send your card via the bureau or even direct (Juergen "Jo" Kantowski DJ3CQ, Pilsenseeweg 24, Groebenzell 82194, Germany)." [DL5JQ]

10/08/2014: Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, informs that he will be active from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) as JA0JHQ/VK9L between 10-12th August 2014 (short vacation). QRV mainly on 17m and 15m, SSB. Will try 12m and 10m if conditions allow. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

10/08/2014: Yutaka, JQ2GYU and his wife Miho, JJ2VLY will once again be active as NH0J from the J-Tinian Radio Space Club, Tinian Island (USi NI-003S, WLOTA 3108), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), between 10-15th August 2014. QRV on 80-10m (WARC included) CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to JJ2VLY (Mihoko Sakurai, P.O. Box 1, Suyama, Susono city, Shizuoka, 410-1290, Japan). [DX-World]

10/08/2014: Max, IZ2ZTQ, will be on holiday with a sailing vessel between 10-20th August 2014. He will stay some days in the Meganisi Islands, but all Ionian Islands EU-052 will be activated if the weather permits. Follow his position from www.y2ksblog.com. Website: www.qrz.com/SV8/IZ2ZTQ [rsgbiota.org]

10/08/2014: Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active from Gingerbread Hill, St. Peters Parish, island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475, WW Loc. FK86VS), as VP2MPX from 10-28th August 2014. QRV on 160-6m, SSB. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or Bureau. ClubLog OQRS will also be available. Further information at: iz2dpx.jimdo.com/dx-pedition/vp2mpx/ [DX-World]

10/08/2014: Anthony, WP4I and others (Carlos KP4CPC, Rafael KP4ROS and Edgard NP4EG) will be active as WP4I from the lighthouse (ILLW PR0013, ARLHS PUR-004, Admiralty J5608, WLOTA 0770) located on Isla Culebrita (NA-099, USi PR-003), Virgin Passage, Puerto Rico, on 15-18th August 2014, including participation in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (16-17 August, illw.net/). They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via WP4I, Bureau, direct with SAE + sufficient postage and eQSL. [425 DX News]

11/08/2014: Rob, DL7VOA, will be active holiday style as I5/DL7VOA from Lama (AR), Italy (WW Loc. JN53XP), between 11-21 August 2014. QRV on 40-10 metres, using Elecraft K2, Vertical dipoles (10m-20m), Lambda/4 Groundplanes on 30m/40m, mainly during the evening and night hours. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [QRZ.com]

12/08/2014: Robert, 9A8RBX, reports: "I will be active from Kaptol Castle (WCA 9A-0025) and Papuk Nature Geopark (WWFF 9AFF-014) 80-10m incl.WARC. Date: 12-22 August 2014. QSL via DO6SR (QRZ.com)" [9A8RBX]

12/08/2014: Rick, AI5P, plans activity from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718) as J3/AI5P between 12-22 August 2014. QRV on 40-10m, mostly CW, using Icom 706 with 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

13/08/2014: Arasu VU2UR and Laxman VU2LX (CW), Ramesh VU2LU, Poru VU2GGM and Lion VU2JHM (SSB and digital modes) will be active as AT5RP from Pamban Island (AS-173) on 13-17th August 2014. This IOTA group for was activated only once, by AT0RI back in 2004. AT5RP's two stations will be QRV from both the lighthouses on the island: Pamban Channel (ARLHS IND-048, WW Loc. MJ99OG) and Rameswaram (ARLHS IND-058, WW Loc. MJ88PH). The operation will also count for the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park (WWFF VUFF-030). QSL via VU2LU. Further information on QSLing will be available on QRZ.com. [425 DX News]

13/08/2014: Hiro, JS3CTQ plans to be active as JA6TBE/5 from either Tonosho-cho (JCG 36005C) or Shodoshima-cho (JCG 36005D) on 13-16th August 2014. These towns are both located on Shodo Island, Kagawa prefecture, which is expected to count for AS-200 (one of the newly created IOTA groups). On 12-15th September he will be active as JA6TBE/4 from Ama-cho (JCG 32006D) on Nakano Island, Oki Islands (AS-041), Shimane prefecture. QSL via bureau to JA6TBE, or direct to JS3CTQ (email him for PayPal details). [425 DX News]

14/08/2014: Grantham Amateur Radio Club (G6SSN) members Alan G0RCI, Kevin G6SSN, Harry G7DEH, Pete M0USY and Arthur M0GUU will be active as GN0GRC from Rathlin Island (EU-122, WLOTA 0039), Northern Ireland, between 14-20 August 2014. QRV on all bands and modes, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. They also plan to activate East, West and South lighthouses during the week. QSL via the Bureau OR direct with SAE and \$2 to G0RCI. Website: www.garc.org.uk/ [rsgbiota.org]

14/08/2014: Tony, VK3VTH, will be active as VK3VTH/7 from King Island (IOTA OC-233) and the Currie Harbour lighthouse (ILLW AU-0016, ARLHS AUS-063, Admiralty K2189, WLOTA 0860), including participation in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (16-17th August, illw.net/). Activity will be holiday style on 40 and 20 metre SSB only. QSL direct or Bureau to VK3VTH. [rsgbiota.org]

14/08/2014: Trevor, VK3ATX will be active again as VK3ATX/p from the lighthouse (ILLW AU-0080, ARLHS AUS-078, WLOTA 1031, Admiralty K2558) on Gabo Island (IOTA OC-196), Victoria State, Australia, during the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend on 16-17th August 2014. Gabo island is part of the Gabo lighthouse reserve and Croajingolong National Park (WWFF VKFF-119). QSL direct to VK3ATX (see QRZ.com). [425 DX News]

15/08/2014: Peter ON8VP, Christian ON4LAN, Michel ON6QO, Jean-Pierre ON5JT, Cecile

ON5TC and Ronald ON5TQ plan activity on the island of Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146, WLOTA 3089) as PA/ON8VP/p. This will be a one day operation between 09:00z-18:00z on 15th August 2014. QRV CW, SSB and Digi-modes, on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL to ON8VP via the Bureau is preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

LOOKING AHEAD -

16/08/2014: Northern Viking DXers Markus OH1MN and Janne OH1SDR will be active as OH10TA from Lovo Island (EU-096) on 16th and 17th August 2014. Main bands/focus will be on 2m and 6m from the locator KO19fx. Working meteorscatter, SSB/CW if condx vy good! They will also take some HF gear with them but if conditions are good on the mainbands 6/2m then they will not be QRV on HF. QSL via OH1MN, Bureau or direct. Website: www.sral.fi/oh1mn/oh10ta [rsgbiota.org]

16/08/2014: Radio Amateur Association of Dodecanese (www.sz5rds.gr) members Padelis SV5AZP, Chritos SV5DDT, Stathis SV5DKL and SV5KKA plan activity as SZ5RDS/p from Stroglyi Islet (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-001, MIA MGD-022, WW Loc. KM46tc) on 16th and 17th August. Their main focus will be on the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) with activation of the Ipsili lighthouse (ILLW GR0003, ARLHS GRE-123, WLOTA 1653) on 80-10m. QSL will be via SV5AZP. Logs will be uploaded to eQSL and ClubLog, right after the end of the DXpedition. [DxCoffee]

16/08/2014: Geoffrey, F4FVI, reports that he will be active as TM3NOI from 16 to 17 of August 2014 from the island of Noirmoutier (EU-064, DIFM AT-020, WLOTA 1224). QRV from 80m to 10m SSB. APRS on 144.800 MHz. QSL via Bureau, eQSL, LotW or direct via F4FVI (SAE). All information and online log on QRZ.com. [DxCoffee]

16/08/2014: Operators Mauricio CE7FKG, Jorge CE7HHM, Marcelo CE7TCC, Luis CE7PTH, Rolf CE7HER and Bruno CE7PGO will be active as XR7FTC from the Punta Tres Cruces Lighthouse (ILLW CL-TBA, ARLHS CHI-115, WLOTA 0750) during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) on 16th and 17 August 2014. The lighthouse is located on the island of Chiloe (SA-018, DICE ICE-701, WW Loc. FE38GE). Plans are to be QRV 40m, 20m, 17m, 10m, 2m (146.880 MHz FM). QSL direct or Bureau to CE7PGO. Website: www.qrz.com/db/XR7FTC [rsgbiota.org]

21/08/2014: Look for Francisco EA7FTR, Eugene EA5HPX, David EB7DX and friends to be active from ARRAM in Rabat, Morocco, using the special callsign 5E7R between August 21-24, 2014. They will try all bands and modes possible. QSL via EB7DX. [DX-World]

24/08/2014: Christo, LZ3FN, will be active as SV9/LZ3FN from the island of Crete (EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) between 24th August and 7th September 2014. Activity will also include an entry in the YO DX HF Contest (30-31 August). Outside the contest look for Christo to be QRV on all HF bands, mainly CW. QSL via LZ1PM, direct or Bureau. [NG3K]

18/09/2014: Members of the Verona DX Team Group plan to be active as 9A/IQ3VO between 18-21 September 2014 from Porer Rock (EU-110, IOCA CI-090, MIA MC-313, WW Loc. JN64WS). Activation will also count for the Porer lighthouse (CLHA CLH-111, ARLHS CRO-014, WLOTA 0240). Team members include Walter I3VJW, Ampelio IK3JBP, Mauro IK3SCB, Flavio I3JRF, Marco IW3ICK, Roberto IZ3JKI, Cale IW3ILP and Luca IU3BXI. They will be working with two stations on 80-10 metre CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65A and PSK31. In addition, they will be very active with one station on 6 metre CW, SSB, MS, JT65A and EME. For EME and MS operations, skeds can be made through the ON4KST's chat website. QSL goes via IQ3VO, ARI Bureau preferred. Further information and updates at: www.ari.verona.it/forumnew/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=3569 [rsgbiota.org]

18/09/2014: Jose, EA5IDQ, will be active from the island of Malta (EU-032, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113) as 9H3JA between 18-25th September 2014. QRV holiday style on 40-10 metre SSB and Digi-modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [NG3K]

18/09/2014: Fred, PA1FJ, will be active as SV5/PA1FJ/p from the island of Karpathos (EU-001, GIOTA DKS 016, MIA MGD-013, WLOTA 1570) from 18-27th September 2014. QRV

SSB, CW and Digi-modes on the HF bands, using Yaesu FT-817 and Buddistick antenna. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

18/09/2014: Rob, N7QT, will be active from Christmas Island (OC-002, WWFF VKFF-098) as VK9AN between 18 September and 2 October 2014. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via N7QT, direct (SASE + \$2 OR IRC), eQSL, LotW and Bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/N7QT [DX-World]

03/10/2014: Rob, N7QT, will again be active from Raivavae Island (OC-114, DIFO FO-122, WLOTA 2581), Tubuai Islands, Australes Archipelago, as TX5Z between 3-13 October. QRV holiday style with primary focus on 80m/40m CW and SSB and digital modes. QSL via N7QT, direct (SASE + \$2 OR IRC), eQSL, LotW and Bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/N7QT [DX-World]

08/10/2014: Kit, JA1NVF plans activity from Tinian Island (USi NI-003S, WLOTA 3108), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), as W1AW/KH0 (ARRL 100 years anniversary) between 8-21 October 2014. QRV on HF+6m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LotW. [DX-World]

25/10/2014: Look for Mark, M0DXR, to be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (25-26 October) as P3F from Pafos, island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051, CQ zone 20), as a SO2R entry. QSL via M0URX, direct and OQRS. [NG3K]

29/10/2014: Rich, M5RIC and Jack, G8DX plan to operate as GJ8DX on the isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818) from 29th October to 4th November 2014. They hope to be QRV on all bands CW/SSB/RTTY with a focus on the WARC bands. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog OQRS or G8DX direct. Cards sent to the bureau will not be answered - please use OQRS. [NG3K]

25/11/2014: Mike, AJ9C, informs I.C.P.O. that he has been going to Granada (WW Loc. EK71au, Nicaragua, for the past few years around CQWW CW time. This year he plans a return (as YN2CC) between 25 November and 3 December 2014. Before/after the contest, he will be active on CW/SSB/RTTY on 160-6m (check ON4KST chat for 6m skeds). QSL is direct to AJ9C, LotW and Bureau. QSL requests can be made via Clublog also. [DX-World]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

08/08/2014: Special event station 8N4ARDF will be QRV on all bands and modes from 8th August until 16th November 2014 for the 2014 All Japan ARDF Athletic Meet. QSL via the Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/08/2014: Celebrating the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Gran Telescopio Canarias, the largest optical telescope in the world, special event callsign AN8GTC will be used from the observatory at Roque de los Muchachos on La Palma, island of Gran Canaria (DIE S-005, WLOTA 0969, WWFF EAFF-078), Canary Islands (AF-004) on 9-10th August 2014. Several stations will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSL via EA8RCP. [425 DX News]

12/08/2014: To celebrate the 73rd annual National UNESCO Heritage Flower Parade of Zundert, several radio amateurs of VERON Section 54 will activate the special callsigns PA73CORSO (Toon PD0RWL), PA73EBP and PA73LOU (Lou PA0LOU). The reason they have chosen the 73 callsign is that it also has a special meaning in the amateur radio world. The station PA73CORSO will be activated between 12th August and 8th September, from Zundert and surroundings. The highlight of this event will be on Sunday, 7th September and Monday, 8th September, when the callsigns will be activated from the exhibition site of Zundert. The station PA73CORSO will be activated on all bands, HF and VHF and on all modes. A special QSL card and a beautiful special award will be issued. For more information on the station, pictures of some floats and details on the 73rd Bloemencorso Zundert Award, see: www.qrz.com/db/pa73corso [OPDX Bulletin]

13/08/2014: Between 13th and 19th August 2014 look for the following station to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/5 will be operated by Sam W5CU, located in Edmond, Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma. QSL preferred via LoTW. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at: www.arrrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

08/08-16/11 8N4ARDF: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
08/08-12/08 GJ0VVK: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL DJ8NK (d/B)
08/08-12/08 MJ0EXV: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL F6EXV (d/B)
09/08-16/08 2M0EME: Isle of Mull WLOTA:2485 QSL 2E0EME (d)
09/08-10/08 AN8GTC: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA:0969 QSL EA8RCP (d/B)
09/08-17/08 EA6/LA7DHA: Isla de Mallorca WLOTA:1902 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/08-15/08 NH0J: Tinian Island WLOTA:3108 QSL JJ2VLY (d)
10/08-28/08 VP2MPX: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL IK2DUW (d/B)
12/08-22/08 J3/AI5P: Grenada Island WLOTA:0718 QSL H/c (d/B)
14/08-20/08 GN0GRC: Rathlin Island WLOTA:0039 QSL G0RCI (d/B)
14/08-17/08 VK3VTH/7: Currie Harbour ILLW:AU-0016 WLOL:AUS-063
WLOTA:0860 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/08 PA/ON8VP/P: Schouwen Duiveland Island WLOTA:3089 QSL Buro

6 METRES & UP -

08/08-12/08 GJ0VVK: Jersey EU-013 Grid:IN89 CW/SSB QSL DJ8NK (d/B)
08/08-12/08 MJ0EXV: Jersey EU-013 Grid:IN89 CW/SSB QSL F6EXV (d/B)
09/08 OK1WC Memorial Activity 50MHz-241GHz 1000z-1159z
09/08-10/08 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 09 1200z-10 2359z
09/08-10/08 MD-DC QSO Party 6m-70cm classes 09 1600z-10 2400z
09/08 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 1700z-1800z
09/08-10/08 SVHF Fall Sprint 50MHz Fixed/Rover 09 2300z-10 0300z
10/08 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 0900z-1000z
10/08 RSGB 70MHz Cumulatives #5 SO Fixed/Open 1400z-1600z
10/08-28/08 VP2MPX: Montserrat Grid:FK86 6m SSB QSL IK2DUW (d/B)
12/07-13/07 7th 144MHz Meteorscatter Sprint 12 0000z-13 2359z
12/08 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
12/08 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
12/08 SPAC 432MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
12/08 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
13/08 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1800z-2000z
14/08 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
14/08 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
14/08 SPAC 50MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
15/08 Field Day di Ferragosto CW/SSB/Portable 0700z-1300z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_aug.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 3B9FR, 7P8PB, 8J1RL, 8Q7CF, 9L5VT, 9Y4W, A31MA, A61BS, A61OQ, BV1EL, D3AA, D44TLL, E44PM, EL2A, FS/DK5ON, HC4/AL4Q, HK8/AL4Q, HZ1PS, HZ1TT, J87GU, KH8/DL2AWG, KH8/PA3EWP, OD5ZZ, PJ4DX, PJ5J, PJ6/G4IUF, T6JP, T77LA, TI8/DF8AN, V55A, VK9MT, VP2MMN, VP2MTA, VP2MWG, XP2I, XT2AEF, XU7TZG, ZD8D, ZD8UW and ZP3/AL4Q.

QSLs via Direct: 3W1D (SP5PB), 9V1SV (QRZ.com), C21UF (LA5UF) E20HHK/p (E21EIC), EX8MAT (QRZ.com), FP/G3ZAY (H/c), FT5ZM (N2OO), MD/DL9BBE (H/c), VK9GMW (HA7RY), YB4IR/5 [Natuna Besar OC-106] (OQRS), YB4IR/5 [Midai OC-109] (OQRS),

YB4IR/8 [Tidore OC-145] (OQRS) and YB4IR/p [Enggano OC-204] (OQRS).

QSLs via LotW: 4W/NB3MM, 5Q5R, 9A5K, 9J2BO, AA2ZW, AB9M, AB9YC, AC4CA, AD1C, AE6Y, AL1G, CF3NAVY, CW1R, DJ1OJ, DL5AXX, EI3HDB, ES5RR, F1AKK, F5IN, F8AEE, HA6OA, HI3CC, IQ1RY, JF2IWL, K0FX, K0RF, K1ESE, K2ZR, K3KU, K5ZD, K6MR, K7RL, K7WP, K8GL, K9ZM, KB9NW, KD9MS, KG5U, KM6I, KU9V, LY5W, LZ6K, LZ9W, N0AC, N2NS, N3JT, N4DU, N5RZ, N6AN, N6ZFO, N7WA, N9GUN, ND2T, NO3M, NS9I, NW0M, NW2K, NX6T, OK2BFN, ON6NL, PA3ACA, PA3DBS, RL3A, RU4AA, S51A, S51J, S51TA, S54ZZ, SE4E, SI5Y, SM2T, SM5CCE, SM6CUK, UA6HZ, US2YW, UW5Q, UX4U, VA2WA, VA3NE, VA7ST, VE2FK, VE3EJ, VE3KI, VE3MGY, VE3TA, VE3XD, VE4VT, VY2SS, W0ETT, W2FU, W3DQ, W4QO, W5KFT, W6OAT, W7FI, W7TR, WA3AER, WB8SIW, WJ9B, WM9I, WX0B, XE2MX, YF1AR/5 [OC-122], YL2QN, YL5T, YO5LD, YU2A, ZF2DX and ZW8T.

BITS & PIECES -

9N, NEPAL -

Toshi, JA8BMK, will again be active from Kathmandu, Nepal, as 9N7BM in October 2014 (exact dates to be confirmed). Holiday style activity using verticals+amp. QSL via JA8BMK. [DX-World]

FY, FRENCH GUIANA -

FY/PA3FHD & FY/DL3LUM - Galileo FOC-1 launch coming!

"The Galileo FOC-1 launch is approaching (foreseen on 21st of August). Giuliano and Paul are already in Kourou, French Guiana, for launch preparation and they are going to activate the station in their free time with Giuliano's callsign FY/PA3FHD. Joerg is also going to join them around mid of August, so there will be the chance to hear him on air with his callsign FY/DL3LUM. QSL via home calls. Also the other three ESA (European Space Agency) stations (PI9ESA Noordwijk, Netherlands; DL0ESA Darmstadt, Germany; and IZ0FEJ Frascati, Italy) will be active in the period for the award, compatibly with holidays period of various operators. QSL via the information on QRZ.com. Period valid for the award is from 1st of August to 15th of September 2014. Check the cluster for spots and stay tuned!!!" [DxCoffee]

V7, KWAJALEIN ATOLL -

Dennie, KC4QNW, is stationed in Kwajalein until June 2015. Although not currently active he does plan to operate on an irregular basis depending on work schedule and propagation conditions.

Dennie also states "we are planning on doing a major upgrade of our antenna/coax system so might be down for a few weeks but once upgraded, the club station should be operating at 100%." [DX-World]

YJ0 Vanuatu DXpedition 2014 Press Release #2

Only 9 weeks to go until members of The Quake Contesters: Phil ZL3PAH (Team leader), Paul ZL4PW, Geoff ZL3GA along with Gordon G3USR will be in Vanuatu for a Dxpediton.

Dates are 3 Oct to 15 Oct 2014. Flights are booked and we have secured a seafront QTH - Villa Chelle. Geoff ZL3GA completed a recce trip over the weekend of 25-28th July. This has confirmed that we have an excellent site with some very tall palm trees, low noise levels and close access to good amenities.

Callsign: YJ0X has been confirmed and we have received a copy of the licence from TRR. LoTW and Clublog registrations are complete.

Equipment: 2 HF stations (K3s + amplifiers) plus a reserve (FT-450D) on CW, RTTY & SSB as well as an FT-450D for 6m.

Antennas: foldingantennas.com hexbeam and VDAs for 10/12/15/17/20m and verticals for 30/40/80m near the sea. 6m Delta Loop (beacon) and a 6 el yagi for openings. We are likely to try 160m later in the week however this will depend on noise levels and demand on the higher bands.

QSL: ClubLog online log (near real-time) and OQRS will be available. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW within 3 months. Phil ZL3PAH is our QSL manager.

Phil's, Geoff's and Gordon's XYLs will be along with us but this is NOT a 'holiday style' expedition so whilst there will be some down time for the ops, we are looking to make a high total number of QSOs. We will be operating in both SSB and CW weekends of the Oceania

DX Contest (www.oceaniadxcontest.com).
Please visit <http://yj2014.wordpress.com/> for more info.
73 - see you in the pile-ups, ZL3PAH, ZL4PW, ZL3GA, G3USR

XV, VIETNAM -
Toshi, JA8BMK, again plans activity as XV7BM from Nha Trang resort, Vietnam, in November/December 2014 (dates to be finalised). QRV this time with improved RX antennas. QSL via JA8BMK. [DX-World]

XW, LAOS -
Toshi, JA8BMK, again plans to be active from Laos as XW8BM in November 2014 (start/end dates flexible). Activity from a new QTH with low noise area. QSL via JA8BMK. [DX-World]

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73 and Good DX!
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