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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th-October, through Sunday, 19th-October there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9X, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8 & 3B9, MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUEZ ISLANDS. Olof, G0CKV, will be active from both Mauritius (AF-049) and Rodrigues Islands (AF-017) starting mid-week through late November. His tentative schedule is as follows:

October 22nd-November 12th - Mauritius; callsign 3B8HA

November 16-22nd - Rodrigues Island; callsign 3B9HA

Olof will use a basic setup (dipoles for 20/15/10m) at Mauritius, operating mainly CW, but will be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op entry before he heads to Rodrigues Island. QSL via G0CKV, direct, LoTW or eQSL.

On Rodrigues Island, he will take a different approach and use his K3 radio into SpiderBeam poles and beverages for the lower bands. Activity will be holiday style.

He will return to Mauritius to be part of the 3B8MU team for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) in a Multi-Op entry. The 3B9MU operators mentioned are Olof/G0CKV, Kazu/JK3GAD, Seppo/OH1VR, Jorma/OH2KI and Olive/W6NV.

3Y/B, BOUVET. The DX-WORLD.net is reporting, "Last Wednesday (a well known op) received word from the Norwegian Polar Institute, that:

'It's a go for a one man DXpedition for 3 months, time frame half

January 2016 through half April 2016 to Bouvet Island."

Bouvet Island (AN-002) is ranked number 3 in the DX Magazine's 2013 Most Wanted Countries Survey (the results of the 2014 survey will not be known until January 2015). The last two operations from Bouvet took place: December 2007 - By Petrus, ZS6GCM, as 3Y0E.

December 2000 - Chuck, N4BQW, as 3Y0C.

Both operations were one man operations. The last large DXpedition that took place there was 3Y5X (December 1989). Stay Tuned For Updates!

4X, ISRAEL. Arthur, 4X4DZ, will be active as 4X2M during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m)/High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

4W, TIMOR LESTE (Reminder). The same group who was active as VK9X/K7CO will be active as 4W/K7CO between October 19-31st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB, as well as participate in the CQWW SSB Contest (October 25-26th). The current team of operators are Jon/K7CO, Christian/K7CXN, Ed/VE4EAR and John/9M6XRO. Four other operators are checking their schedules and finalizing plans in order to commit to the team. QSLs will be available via an OQRS on ClubLog. For more details and updates, watch: <http://www.nielsen.net/4w/>

5B, CYPRUS. Hellmuth, DG1BH, will be active as 5B/DG1BH from Cyprus (AS-120) between October 19th and November 9th. Activity will be holiday style using a FT-817 on 20 meters on PSK and some SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

5R, MADAGASCAR (5R8M Press Release #001). Mediterraneo DX Club reported on Friday, October 17th [edited]: "In less than few days, 5R8M, Nosy Be Island (AF-057) the DXpedition organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club, in Madagascar from October 21st to November 4th, will be on air.

Recently we have had new great arrivals and now our complete team, with so many well know and experienced guys, is the following:

Antonio/IZ8CCW (Team Leader)	Jean-Jacques/F5NKX
Gabriele/I2VGW (Team Co-Leader)	Marco/IZ2GNQ
Francois/ON4LO	Michele/IK5ZUI
Eric/ON7RN	Mario/IK4MTK
Alain/F6ENO	Fabio/IK4QJF
Patrick/F2DX	Karl/OE3JAG
Michel/F5EOT	Ovidio/YO9XC
Henri/F1HRE	Feri/YO5OED

The whole team is very motivated and so ready to work hard 24/24 hours each day to give the greatest number possible of DXers from all over the world the greatest number of possible new ones, bands/modes, with four stations (2 CW-1 SSB and 1 RTTY) plus maybe a mixed station more and really daily time monitoring the Six METers Propagation.

If, as all of us wish, the internet connection will allow it on our official Web-site <www.mdxc.org/5r8m/> , we'll keep in touch every day with the DX community and we'll update our log in real time.

During our permanence on Nosy Be, we kindly ask you to send any question only to our pilots IK7JTF (for Europa), N1DG (for USA) and IK0FTA for Six METers.

We'd like just to remind you that any help and donations will be very very appreciated because all the planned costs are already increased at the check-in for the luggage weight and the severe rules of the airline. We suggest that you spend a minute time to time visiting our Web site <www.mdxc.org/5r8m/> to stay tuned and to insert your comments, suggestions, etc. We are waiting for you on air.... 73's de 5R8M team"

AFRICAN TOURS (Update). As mentioned last week, Nick, G3RWF, is heading back to Southern Africa for a 5 week holiday starting in Lesotho and being active as 7P8NH between December 11-14th. Nick informs OPDX that this is "real holiday" with the entire family coming to Southern African between Christmas and the New Year. However, he will be there longer with his wife, Liz. Nick states [edited], "I shall be on the air from South Africa from about December 18th to January 5th as ZS1/G3RWF, and then from Namibia from about January 6-13th as V5/G3RWF. All CW only (taking my K2)." Listen for him on the higher bands on CW (no SSB). He "doesn't anticipate any 80m or 160m (and not 6m for those who always ask)." Nick also mentioned one other thing to OPDX that his 7P8 license is good for a year and he may well return there sometime not too far off. QSL via G3RWF.

C3, ANDORRA. Members of the "Andorran Amateur Radio Union (URA)" will once again be active as C37NL during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via C37URA.

C6, BAHAMAS (IOTA Op). John, 9H5G (KK4OYJ), will be active as C6ATS from the Bahamas's IOTA during winter 2014 and spring 2015. He informs OPDX [edited], "Largely the operation will be similar to last year's 9H5G/C6A operation. This year we intend to be in the Bahamas from about Thanksgiving time through the end of April. We are traveling by sailboat but all operations (except the /MM) shall be from land and will therefore count for DXCC and IOTA. However, we will be subject to the weather and I shall be operating beach-side and 'vacation style'. There are therefore no hard and fast dates. However, I shall endeavor to operate from all the IOTA groups and on the bands in my blog. Obviously on contest weekends, I shall operate on the WARC bands. I intend to operate a number of modes including RTTY, PSK, SSB and perhaps even some JT-65. To keep abreast of what's happening, I recommend subscribing to my Twitter feed (@KK4OYJ) and my blog. I prefer to post there rather than writing E-mail to many addressees since its immediately available for all to see. I will endeavor to keep the blog updated as we travel around!" On John's Blog, he mentions the following IOTA groups: Great Bahama Bank group (NA-001), South Bahamas group (NA-113), Berry Islands (NA-054) and Bimini Islands (NA-048). John states, "Some of these are rarer than others, but since I will be traveling by boat, I am required to validate NA-054 and NA-048 through the IOTA Committee. I also hope to activate some islands that are not on the list, even although they seem to qualify (Hogsty Reef)..... I hope to have more information on this soon." He will be using a TS-480HX or K3 with Vertical dipoles on 17/15/12/10m and maybe 20m. Power from a deep-cycle 5035Ah battery recharged daily. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Clublog and to NI5DX as time and available internet permits. He will not always be able to update the Grid Square there remotely - you may have to enter the information in your software manually. QSL direct to Buzz, NI5DX. An OQRS on ClubLog is active for this callsign - if you need a bureau card, please request it through the OQRS and he will sent it when he can - probably also once per year. For a more responsive paper QSL, please QSL via NI5DX who operates a very timely service. For more details and possibly updates of his activities, visit his Blog or Twitter page at:

<http://kk4oyj.wordpress.com>

<https://twitter.com/@KK4OYJ>

CO, CUBA. Frank, CO2IR, will be active during the CQWW DX SSB (October 25-26th) and CQWW DX CW (November 29-30th) Contests as a Single-Op/ Single-Transmitter/Single-Band (20m)/QRP entry. Frank states, "I will be also active especially on CW after and before the contests. QSL via the info on QRZ.com: <http://www.qrz.com/db/co2ir>

CQ NEWS RELEASE (CQ Policy Statement on Stations in Crimea Using Russian-Issued Call Signs in CQ Contests) [Hicksville, NY - October 17, 2014] --

"After considerable deliberation, CQ has determined that the best course of action regarding Crimea and CQ contests is to follow the lead of the United Nations and the United States government, both of which continue to consider Crimea to be part of Ukraine, until such time as the political situation there is resolved. Therefore,

'Logs will not be accepted for any CQ contest from stations in Crimea operating with Russian-issued call signs. Contacts made by others with those stations will be removed from contestants' logs without penalty.

No contact or multiplier credits will be given.'

We fully realize that our action may very well disenfranchise several Crimean contesters who use Russian prefixes instead of Ukrainian prefixes. As regrettable as that may be, our action is consistent with international law, as well as with our own Rules."

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Steve, KL7SB, will be active as E51RAT from Rarotonga (OC-013) between late November and early December. Activity will be limited as time permits, but look for him during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). QSL via NI5DX.

EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS. Five operators from GMDX group will be active as EA6/GM0EGI from the Balearic Islands (EU-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL info TBD. Operators mentioned are Gordon/MM0GPZ, Jonathan/MM0OKG, Phil/GM0LIR, Colin/GM0RLZ and Brian/GM0EGI. There will be no activity outside of the contest.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS. Mauri, EA8CMX/OHBYS, will be active as EF8S during

the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via OH2BYS.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS. Luis, EA8AY, will be active as EF8X from Tenerife Island (AF-004, DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-band/Low-Power entry. QSL via W2GR.

EI, IRELAND. Olivier, ON4EI, will once again be active as EI8GQB and EI1A until October 30th. He plans to operate from his caravan using green energy. Olivier will activate the EI1A callsign during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/2-Radio (SO2R) entry. You can follow his activity and antenna experimentation on <<http://www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB>> where you will find a live information banner with on air frequencies and information. QSL ONLY via ON4EI by the Bureau.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Marc, F1HAR, will be active as FY5KE during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??) entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to FY5KE. NO MORE QSLs by the Bureau.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Didier, FY5FY, will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??)/Low-Power entry. QSL via FY5FY, by the Bureau or direct.

HR, HONDURAS. Dan, HR2DMR, will be active as HR2WW during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KD4POJ.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. Sam, LY5W, informs OPDX [edited], "I am on Lampedusa Island preparing the IO9Y station for the CQWW DX SSB Contest with friends from Slovenia. I will be on the air when all equipment is finished to be installed. Look for me some evenings trying to make QSOs as IG9/LY5W/P with a wire antenna. Will be on the island until the end of November."

AF-019. Operator Luigi, IK8HCG, will be active as IG9R from Lampedusa Island (with the support from Italian Navy Force), African Italy, during the next CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??) entry. QSL via IK8HCG.

AS-166. A multi-national team of operators from Belgium, The Netherlands and Greece will be active as EP6T (pending) from Kish Island, Islamic Republic of Iran, in January 2015. This will be a "Rockall DX Group" DXpedition. Reportedly, it took nearly 3 years of negotiations and a reconnaissance trip by Patrick, ON4HIL, to Tehran which finally resulted in obtaining a legal license to operate with a team of ten people for fourteens days. The group plans to have 4 (possibly 5) operating stations on the air around the clock for at least 10 days at the end of January 2015. Specific dates will be announced at a later date. Activity will be on all HF bands, 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Some stations during the night time hours will be focusing on the low bands using separate receive antennas and quarter wave verticals near the beach. More information will be forthcoming as well as a Web page for this DXpedition.

EU-047. Volker, DL1WH, is now active as DL1WH/p from Pellworm Island (DID/GIA N-23, WLOTA 1188) until October 28th. Activity will be holiday style and mainly CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-146. Operators Marc/PD7YY, Jan/PE1GNP and Marcel/PG8M are now active as PH146EU from Schouwen Duiveland (WLOTA 3089) until October 25th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (possibly 80m as well) using mainly SSB with some CW. QSL via PD7YY, direct and by the Bureau.

OC-157. Budi, YF1AR, will be active as YF1AR/8 from two islands in the Banda Island IOTA Group during the following dates:
October 23-24th - Banda Naira Island (ARLHS IDO-380 Banda

Naira Light House).

October 25-27th - Banda Besar Island (including the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry).

Activity will be on 40-10 meters, mainly on SSB but some CW and Digital, using a Yaesu FT450D with 100w into a 43 ft. vertical for 40m and HB9CV (20/15/10m) antenna. QSL via N2OO or use ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.yf1ar.com/2014/10/yf1ar8-oc-157-ido-380-banda-islands.html>

IQ8, ITALY (Rare Province). Members of the S.E.S. ARI Vibo Valentia will be active as IQ8HP to celebrate the 40th anniversary (1974-2014) of the foundation of the Vibo Valentia ARI section between November 1-9th. Vibo Valentia is rare Italian Province. Activity will be on all bands (HF and VHF) and modes. A special commemorative QSL card will be sent for all QSOs. The QSL Manager is IW8PQ (direct or by the Bureau). There is a FaceBook page for this operation: <http://facebook.com/iq8hp>

KG4, GUANTAMO BAY. "The Daily DX" reports that operators Bill/W4WV and Keith/KE4KDY will be active as KG4WV and KG4DY, respectively, from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) between October 24-30th. Activity will be on all bands, mostly SSB with some RTTY and PSK. QSL via their home callsigns.

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Philippe/LX2A will be active as LX7I during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the LX2A Web page at: <http://www.lx2a.com>

P4, ARUBA. Operators John/W6LD, Paul/K9PG, Chad/WE9V and Mike/K9NW will be active as P40L from Pos Chiquito during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Mutli-2 entry. QSL via WA3FRP. All P40L logs are uploaded to ClubLog and Logbook of the World. For details about the station, see: <http://www.arubaqth.com>

ADDED NOTE: Mike, K9NW, will be on the island from October 22-30th. Outside of the contest he will sign P40NW. QSL via his home callsign.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Members of the "PJ4 Contest Club" will once again be active as PJ4X from Kralendijk, Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. Operators mentioned are K1QX, Kelly/N0VD, Martin/W1MD and Robert/WA1Z. Look for operators to be active before and after the contest signing PJ4/homecall. QSL PJ4X via LoTW or direct to W1MD.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 20-26th)....

Oct/20th HN Oct/23rd HN Oct/25th AN
Oct/21st LN Oct/24th HN Oct/26th AN
Oct/22nd HN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (October 19th)

3B9/F4HAU via F4HAU	EG8GSD via EA8AAG	SV8/DL7ULM via DL7ULM
4L9QQ via UR9QQ	HB0/DF5MA via DF5MA	SV9/OE6YRG via OE6YRG
5P4DX via OZ4ACK	HI3/PF5X via PF5X	SW44FF via RT9L
9A/DL1FDH via DL1FDH	HK6DOS via (*)	SX1EU via SV1GRM
9A/ON4CDX via ON4CDX	IG9/LY5W via LY5W	SZ8XIO via SV8FCU (d)
AP2NK via W3HMK	KH2L via W3HMK	TA3/DL1VBO via DL1VBO
C5S via ON6EG	LB6B via LA3WU	TC91TC via TA1HZ
CO2GL via CE3KHZ	LZ1000TS via LZ1BJ	TK/DH7SB via DH7SB
CR3ASA via CT1REP	MX0LDG via M0URX	TM0CR via F6FMT
CT9/DF7ZS via DF7ZS	OD5ZZ via NI5DX (d)	V55JOTA via V51Q

D2/HB9EFK via HB9EFK OH10A via OH3WW VC3P via VE3JO
D2QV via R3WA OH9SUF via OH3DP VK9DLX via DJ2MX
DL0WRTC via DF1QR OT100BOL via ON4PRA W2G via W2ANQ (d)
DR60INN via DD2ML PJ2/DL8OBQ via DL8OBQ YP35KZA via YO8RAA
E51NOU via N7OU PS1M via PY1KM YQ555BU via YO3KAA
ED8RCP via EA8RCP PT5ST via DJ2ST ZA/F4DTO via F4DTO
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (*) eQSL only - no more via EA7FTR

NEW QSL MANAGER. Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH and AD5YS, reports: "I am pleased to announce that with immediate effect I am now the QSL Manager for Egill, TF3EO. Please visit <www.g3swh.org.uk/tf3eo.html> for more information.

QSL ZV2MAR/MM via PY2AE. Activity was between October 18-19th during the JOTA 2014 event. QSOs are valid for the Brazilian awards: DFB - Brazilian Lighthouses Award (DFB-SP-05), and DFH - Brazilian Fortifications Award (DFH-SP-01).

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: A52O, CT8/DL8MLD, JH1GNU, KH2L, TX5Z, YB9WZJ, ZA/IK2RLM and ZD8RH

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2RA, 3D2RA/P, 3D2TR, 3W4DK (7yrs), 4J3DJ, 9Y4/AI5P, A25TQ, A35CO, A35TR, J3/AI5P, JT1AA, S21ZBC and VK5CE/8

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3D2GC, 4U1GSC, 5W1SA, 9M2TO, E7/9A55AX, HH2AW, HH2/9A7GAE, HL2DC, KH0XH, LZ5X, LZ13FDAY, LZ21EYAC, LZ136LO, LZ1016WIW, LZ1555WNS, LZ1808SNS, LZ1810PPW, LZ1816PAS, LZ2013KM, VK9ANU, Z32ZM, Z6/LZ1BJ and ZK3T

TC, TURKEY. Hartwig, DL7BC, will be active as TC2BC from the Asian part of Istanbul during the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via DL7BC. Also visit DL7BC homepage at: <http://www.qslnet.de/dl7bc>

TO0, MAYOTTE. Vincent, F4BKV, will be active as TO0X from Mayotte (AF-027, DIFO FH-001, WLOTA 0376) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW. After the contest, Vincent will active as FH/F4BKV until October 29th. ADDED NOTES: After this operation, Vincent will be one of operators of the upcoming FT4TA Tromelin Island DXpedition, so you may hear other team members sign FH/homecall.

TO1, FRENCH GUYANA. Herve, F5HRY, will be active as TO1A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

T4, CUBA. Member of Group DX Habana will be active as T42R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as Multi-Op/Single-Transmitter/High-Power entry. Operators will be Carlos/CO2CW, Juan Carlos/CO2JD, and Rey/CO2RQ. Activity will be from the National Association for Amateur Radio of Cuba (FRC) station. QSL via EA7FTR.

TX5, AUSTRAL ISLANDS. Wayne, KK6BT, informs OPDX that he will be active as TX5W from Raivavae Island (IOTA OC-114) in the Austral Islands group between January 5-11th (2015). Activity will be on 40-10 meters, including the 17/12 meter bands, operating exclusively SSB. His primary objective is to work as many amateurs in Central and Northern Europe as possible. Wayne states, "I will provide more details, including my website and QSL information, in the following weeks."

TX7, MARQUESAS ISLANDS (Reminder). By the time you read this, operators Jared/N7SMI, Grant/KZ1W, Keith/VE7KW and Don/VE7DS will be active as TX7G from Hatiheu Village, Nuku Hiva, Marquesas (OC-027), until October 26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and RTTY, with high power to verticals right on the beach. They will focus on lower bands favoring difficult propagation paths to provide as many amateurs the opportunity to get Marquesas in their log as possible. They will also be on the air for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) from Zone 31. ClubLog OQRS is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for direct, LoTW, Bureau and eQSL cards. QSL cards will be a beautiful full-color photo-graphic quality. A QSL priority list

is available (recommended to view it), on their Web page at: <http://TX7G.com>

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND (Press Release). Christian, DL1MGB, reported on Thursday, October 16th: "Sorry for being inactive on the news site. The last days we were very busy in erecting all the stations and antennas. But now we have a setup which produces good signals around the world and also allows us to work on some bands parallel in two modes. Especially having two stations on one band is not an easy task on a 'limited' property of 5 acres.

At the moment our setup consists of 9 stations (yes, we already lost one transceiver; investigations are ongoing). Each station is equipped with a Elecraft K3, amplifier, notebook, microHAM MK2 interface and a lot more accessories. The antenna field consists of 16 antennas: Titanex vertical V160E for 160m, a full-size 4-square for 80m, a 4-square and a VDA on 40m and 30m, 2 3ele yagis on 20m and a yagi and a VDA for the bands from 17m to 10m. Also the first beverage to Europe is up for low band operations.

On 160m we still have a RX problem. Of course the conditions are not the best for the low bands these days, but with a S7 noise level it makes it even harder to copy those weak signals. We try to locate the source to make a serious low band operation.

Yesterday morning we had a heavy rain fall. 20 cm of rain came down within one hour. We even had a water ingress in one of our shacks, but were able to fight against it with towels and buckets. The main thing: The antennas did survive the storm.

Regarding 6m we try to put up the antenna the next days. No special plans for this.

Online log will be uploaded twice per day as internet connections permits. So far there are over 33,000 QSOs in the log.

Feel free to visit the DXpedition website on <<http://www.lordhowe2014.org>> and subscribe to our newsletter to stay informed.

No idea who the Lagunaria DX Group is? Just visit <<http://www.lagunaria-dx-group.org>> and learn more about the group, the people behind it and their goals."

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Reminder/Update). A Polish team of operators are now active as VK9XSP from Christmas Island (OC-002) until October 31st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are listed in OPDX.1168 or can be found at:

<http://www.vk9xsp.dxing.pl/qrg>

They will have two to three stations on the air 24 hours a day, and pay special attention to the lower bands and to areas where VK9X is the most difficult to work from. Also, look for one station to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). QSL via SP6EQZ. For more details and updates, watch: <http://www.vk9xsp.dxing.pl>

VQ9, CHAGOS. Bob, N7XR, who is expected to be active as VQ9XR from Diego Garcia Island (AF-006), reports that he is not sure when he will be active and states, "My dates are like a super-ball, bouncing all over the place. Can't get the guy to submit the entry approval correctly which is delaying the trip. It's going to happen, that's for sure." Look for possible updates on: <http://www.wake-diego2014.org>

YE2, INDONESIA. Members of the ORARI Semarang Contesting Team will be activating YE2C during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned YL Sri/YB2BSE, Jon/YB2ECG, Bambang/YB2ERL, Pur/YB2FNT, Agus/YB2TX, Heribertus/YB2UU, Johannes/YC2DOT, Joko/YC2FLR, Adi/YC2PST, Edi/YC2PWL, Muhammad/YC2RXB, Bobby/YC2SBG, Hariyanto/YD2HRT and Sentot/YD2STT. QSL via LoTW ONLY. For more info on the YE2C station, see: <http://ye2c.wordpress.com>

YJ, VANUATU (YJ0X Press Release). The following was released Friday, October 17th [edited]: "You can now use Clublog to search for your QSO and request a QSL card using the OQRS (Online QSL Request System).

1. Visit our log page <<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/YJ0X>>
2. Enter your call in the 'Callsign to check' field.
3. Click on Request QSL card and follow the instructions. (You need to be signed into Clublog to proceed further). If you are a member and have already uploaded your YJ0X QSOs into the 'Your Log' database, OQRS will auto-fill some of the fields making OQRS easier.

If you are not a Clublog member, it is free to sign up. This will allow

you to use Clublog's OQRS (which is used by a significant number of DX-peditions) as well as the many other useful tools.

We would greatly appreciate small donations to cover the costs of this DXpedition.

If you do not wish to sign up to Clublog, please make a Paypal donation via our Support Us page. All sponsors will have their cards posted. Remember to give us your callsign and brief QSO details (Date, Band, Mode, Time).

Many thanks..... YJ0X Team"

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