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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th-November, through Sunday, 23rd-November there were 217 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, 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, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, 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".

3A, MONACO. Jose, EA5IDQ, will be active as 3A/EA5IDQ between December 28-30th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA5IDQ. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.dxpedition.eu>

3B8 & 3B9, MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUEZ ISLANDS. Jose, EA5IDQ, will be active as 3B8/EA5IDQ from Mauritius between May 10-19th (2015), and as 3B9/EA5IDQ from Rodriguez Island (AF-017, WLOTA 4265, WWFF 3BFF-004) between May 19-24th (2015). Activity from both places will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA5IDQ. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.dxpedition.eu>

4X, ISRAEL. Zvi, 4X6FR, will be active as 4X7R from Herzliya during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. QSL via 4X6OM.

4Z, ISRAEL. Dov, 4Z4DX, will be active with the special callsign 4Z0DX during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). QSL via 4Z4DX.

5W, SAMOA. Hans, DF2UU, is currently active as 5W0UU from Upolu Island (OC-097) until November 30th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using mainly CW and some SSB. He plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). QSL via his home callsign.

5X, UGANDA. Alan, G3XAAQ, is once again active as 5X1XA from the capital city of Kampala until December 4th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW only, but his primary focus is the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15 or 10m) entry. Alan tells OPDX, "We are

experiencing daily thunderstorms which rather limits operating time."
QSL via G3SWH or LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL. Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, 80 kms south of Dakar on the coast, between January 10th and February 5th (2015). Activity will be holiday style using the same station as last time (IC-7000 into G5RV antenna) operating mainly CW on 80-10 meters. If possible, he also hopes to be active on 160m with an Inverted L with a 300 watts solid state amplifier. Look for his low band activity during his local sunrise and sunset. QSL via F6BLP, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. For more details, logs and pictures of his last operation, visit: <http://www.f6blp.org>

AH2, GUAM. Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Nozomu/JE8KKX (AH2K), Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C) and Mikawa/JR7OMD. QSL via LoTW or to JH7QXJ, direct or by the Bureau. PLEASE DO NOT QSL via the KH2 Bureau.

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Joe/W8GEX and his wife Janet/W8CAA will be active as C6ADX and C6AYL respectively, from the Island of Exuma between November 23rd and December 3rd. Activity will be on 60-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. They will be looking towards the Pacific at their evening gray line hours. QSL via their home callsign. ADDED NOTE: Joe is the editor of the 60m News.

CARIBBEAN TOUR (Reminder/Update). Alex, PY2SEX/PY1KS/DL1NX, informs OPDX that he has chosen warm spots in the Caribbean for his next ham vacation (not like JW/PY2SEX in Jan Mayen). His schedule is as follows:

November 25th-December 2nd - Bonaire Island (SA-006); callsign PJ4S; operations will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low-Power entry.
December 2-9th - Curacao Island (SA-099); callsign PJ2/DL1NX; operating QRP with a Buddi-Pole.

Activity from both islands will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using mainly CW, some SSB and maybe RTTY. He will only be using an Elecraft KX3 and a Buddipole. QSL both operations via DL1NX, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW. Logs will be uploaded as fast as possible to ClubLog and LoTW. For more details and updates, watch the following URLs:

<http://pj4s.py2sex.com>
<http://pj2.py2sex.com>
<http://twitter.com/py2sex>

CARIBBEAN TOUR. Operators Bengt "Ben"/SM7EQL and Ronnie/SM7DKF will be active as VP5/SM7EQL and VP5/SM7DKF respectively, from Providenciales Island (NA-002), Caicos Islands, between November 29th and December 6th. They will also be active as J6/SM7EQL and J6/SM7DKF from St. Lucia between December 7-15th. Activity will be holiday style on 20-10 meters CW only using a Elecraft KX3 with 10 watts output and vertical antennas. QSL VP5/SM7EQL and J6/SM7EQL via SM6JSM. QSL VP5/SM7DKF and J6/SM7DKF via his home callsign.

CARIBBEAN TOUR 2015. Once again operators Mek/SP7VC, Ted/SP3IPB and YL Kate/SQ7OYL will be on a Caribbean tour but will also have operators Bogdan/K2RPF, Zbyszek/SP3CFM and Jerzy/SP7TF join them. They plan to activate several islands between January 24th and February 14th in the new year 2015. The tentative schedule, islands and callsigns have been announced:

January 24-26th - Martinique (NA-107); FM/SP7VC and FM/SP7TF
Jan. 27th-Feb. 3rd - St.Lucia (NA-108); as J6/homecalls
February 4-5th - St.Vincent (NA-109); as J8/homecalls
February 6-7th - Grenada (NA-024); as J3/homecalls
February 7-8th - Carricou (NA-147, Grenada IOTA); as J3/homecalls
February 8-9th - Union (NA-025, Grenadies IOTA); as J8/homecalls
February 13-14th - Martinique (NA-107); as FM/homecalls

Activity will be holiday style on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Their equipment consists of TS-590, FT-847, FT-857 and with three Amp (500W). Antennas: Inv-L for 80-160m, 2 phased verticals

160/80/40m, HexBeam SP7IDX Technology, VDA antennas and verticals R-7000.
QSL via their home callsigns. Watch for updates on Mek's Blog pages at:
<http://expedition.sp7vc.pl>
<http://www.sp7vc.dxing.pl>

CO, CUBA. Carlos, CO2CW, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry.
QSL via EA7FTR.

CO, CUBA. Carlos, CO2CCA, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/Low-Power entry.
QSL Manager info is OK on QRZ.com.

CO, CUBA. Juan Carlos CO8TW, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low-Power entry.
QSL only via direct, info is OK on QRZ.com.

CQ NEWS (John Bergman, KC5LK, Named CQ WAZ Award Manager Succeeds Floyd Gerald, N5FG) [(Hicksville, NY) dated November 18, 2014] -- "John Bergman, KC5LK, of Brandon, Mississippi, has been named the new CQ Worked all Zones Award Manager, effective January 1, 2015, it was announced today by CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. Bergman will succeed fellow Mississippian Floyd Gerald, N5FG, who has served the DXing community in the position for the past 11 years.

John has been licensed since 1978 (originally as KA5AFT), and holds an Advanced Class license. He has been heavily involved in DX and DXing for over 20 years, is a charter member of the 599 DX Association, former member of the Magnolia DX Association, and a member and past president of the Jackson Amateur Radio Club. He is also a volunteer examiner and a card checker for both ARRL and CQ awards. John also dedicated 10 years to working with the W5 incoming QSL Bureau.

He holds DXCC (338 current entities; 344 total); 5-Band DXCC with endorsements for 30, 17 and 12 meters; has 1680 band/entities in the DXCC Challenge, is a member of the DXCC Mixed and Phone Honor Rolls, and has 5-Band WAZ with 179 total zones to date.

'We wish Floyd well in his retirement from WAZ and thank him for his decade-plus of dedication to the DXing community,' noted CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. 'I am looking forward to working with John as he assumes the leadership of the most prestigious award program in all of amateur radio. WAZ is the second-oldest active award program in ham radio, and one of the most difficult to achieve. I am confident that John will do an excellent job of preserving its heritage while also promoting its future growth.'

'I am very appreciative of Rich and CQ magazine giving me this opportunity to serve CQ and the DX community,' said Bergman, 'and will strive to continue the high standards of WAZ Awards program.'

As of January 1, any correspondence relating to the CQ WAZ Award program should be directed to: John Bergman, KC5LK, P.O. Box 792, Brandon, MS 39043, USA; or via e-mail to <kc5lk@cq-amateur-radio.com>."

CV3, URUGUAY. Members of the "Radiogrupo Sur" (Southern Radio Group), celebrating their 30th anniversary of the club, will be active as CV3D during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Mutli-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Lupo/CX2ABC, Federico/CX7BZ, Alex/CX8BR, Daniel/CX9AU, Daniel/LU3CT, Osvaldo/LU3MAM, Roque/LU8QT and possibly others.
QSL direct via CX2ABC.

DU, PHILIPPINES (IOTA/Contest Op). Operators Serge/R7KW and Oleg/YL3JM will be active from the Philippines between November 24th and December 2nd. Activity will be holiday style mainly from Luzon Island (OC-042), with a side trip to Corregidor Island (OC-244), if possible. Operations will be mainly CW. Serge, R7KW, will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) signing DU3/YL3JM as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Oleg, YL3JM, will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) signing DU3/YL3JM as a Single-Op entry. QSL both callsigns via K2PF (OQRS on ClubLog is the better way).

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Reminder). Steve, KL7SB, will be active as E51RAT from Rarotonga (OC-013) between November 25th and December 6th. Activity will be limited as time permits, but look for him on 80-10 meters, primarily on CW with some SSB, RTTY and other digital modes. He will also be in the

CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). QSL via NI5DX.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operator Didier, FY5FY, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via FY5FY.

GJ/MJ0, JERSEY. Mat, MJ0ASP (aka-F5SHQ), will be active as GJ2A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via the LoTW. QSL also via ClubLog's OQRS.

H27, CYPRUS. Tony, RT9T/5B4ALB, will once again be active as H27A, but this time during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via RW3RN. Look for him before the contest signing 5B4ALB.

HC5, ECUADOR. Thomas, OZ1AA, will be active as HD2A from the Huancavilca Radio Club station in Guayaquil during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via HD2A. Visit OZ1AA Web page at: <http://www.cyclingtheglobe.com/oz1aa>

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Update). Operators Alexey/HC2AO (HC2AO/8), Anton/OG2K (HC2OGT/8), Sergey/R4WAA (HC2WAT/8), Alexander/RA1AGL (HC2RAT/8), YL Elena/RC5A (HC2RCT/8), Yuri/RM0F (HC2RMT/8) and Sergey/UA1ANA (HC2ANT/8) will be active from the Galapagos Islands between November 22nd and December 6th. Activity will be on all HF bands, including 30/17/12m bands and 6 meters. The team will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry signing as HC2AO/8. QSL via RC5A or LoTW. QSL all others via their home call signs.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Operators Julio/AD4Z, Ez/HI3EPR, Lorenzo/HI3LFE, Edwin/HI3K and Jamie/WP3A will be active as HI3A from Loma del Toro in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via ON4IQ or LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

HR, HONDURAS. Dan, HR2DMR, will be active as HR2WW during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via KD4POJ.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-072. Watch a short video and stills of the recent 9M2SE Pangkor Island operation which took place November 8-9th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp-LdQHiAaY>

KC4, ANTARCTICA. Gianni, I1HYW, reports that Reinhard "Ron", K6REF, is currently active K6REF/KC4 from the U.S. Yesterday Camp at Ross Ice Shelf (AN-016, WAP New One!), Antarctica. A Team is there for survival training and seismometer installation. They are supposed to be there for another week, maybe more. K6REF/KC4 has been worked by Ws and VKs. Activity has been on 20 meters SSB (14243 kHz around 1900z) . More info as usual at the WAP Web site: <http://www.waponline.it>

KH5, PALMYRA ISLAND (Openings Available To Operate!). "QRZ DX" reports this past week that Laurie Moore, Director of Palmyra Program, states, [excerpts from an E-mail in a response about inquires about Amateur Radio operations/HAM Radio operations on Palmyra Atoll] "Working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service we have developed a plan to accommodate these requests and are able to offer a maximum of two such trips in Winter 2016. Our goal is to facilitate access to The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) preserve on Cooper Island at Palmyra Atoll in a manner that is fair, and with minimal impact to the preserve and station operations." Available time slots are January 11-26th, 2016 (includes set-up, transmit, and tear down), and February 1-16th, 2016 (includes set-up, transmit, and tear down). The TNC will allow up to 12 amateur radio operators. TNC will make arrangements for travel to/from Palmyra via chartered jet service. TNC will provide access to double occupancy cabins with three prepared meals and snacks daily, shower house and toilet block room/board/electrical power, fuel and occasional recreational activity, such as hikes to observe historical sites or wildlife. Total estimated costs 176,000 USD.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators John/K3CT and John/K3TEJ will be active as KP2Q from St. Croix (NA-106) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi/? entry. QSL via K3TEJ.

LX, LUXEMBOURG. A team of operators will be active as LX7I during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LX2A. Operators mentioned are Mike/DF3VM, Helmut/DK6WL, Suad/DK6XZ, Ron/DL3BPC, Daniel/DL5SE, Andy/HB9CVQ, Philippe/LX2A, Aurelio/PC5A, Alex/RZ4AG and Andy/YO3JR. Also, visit the following Web page at: <http://www.lx2a.com>

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE (KP1 Navassa Grant). FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION -- NCDXF Announces Major Grant to K1N Navassa Island DXpedition -- [edited] November 22, 2014: The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce an enabling major contribution of \$35,000 to the K1N Navassa Island DXpedition planned for January 2015. Navassa is #1 on the ClubLog Most Wanted List for 2014.

Without major financial support from NCDXF, DXpeditions like this to rare, challenging, and expensive DXCC entities would not be possible.

Navassa is an environmentally fragile area with access strictly controlled by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service since 1996. No approved DXpedition has operated there since that time. The KP1-5 Project has been working for over 12 years to obtain permission. There are strict limitations to the number of visitors and the time allowable on the island. Access has been granted for two weeks in January, as that month has the least bird nesting. However, January weather makes access by sea all but impossible. For safety, the USFWS requires a helicopter landing for all personnel and equipment; hence the cost/budget of this backyard DXpedition rivals that of a Southern Ocean DXpedition. Details of the DXpedition are at:

<http://www.navassadx.com>

For the past 42 years the NCDXF has funded major DXpeditions to many Most Wanted Entities.

The credit for large grants like this goes to NCDXF contributors throughout the world. These are individuals and clubs who understand the economics of DXpeditions to rare entities and who play their part toward making them possible. Have you contributed yet?

73, Tom Berson, ND2T [NCDXF President <<http://www.ncdxf.org>>]

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Dave, WJ2O, and his XYL Chris will be visiting with friends on Sint Maarten and will be active as PJ7/WJ2O between February 18-25th (2015). Activity will be on 40-10 meters, and he plans to be in the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-band/Low-Power entry. Outside the contest, Dave can usually be found on 30/17/12m bands operating CW. QSL via N2ZN and LoTW. For more info and updates, see: <http://www.wj2o.com/index.asp?News=PJ7>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 24-30th)....

Nov/24th HN Nov/27th AN Nov/29th AN
Nov/25th AN Nov/28th AN Nov/30th AN
Nov/26th AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <<http://www.bandconditions.com>>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPP, QRPE and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PoISAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (November 23rd)

4X/R3AR via R1CC	EA9KB via EA7FTR	OR0A via ON6ZK
4X/OG1G via R1CC	GA8VL via GM4FDM	RW0LD via (B)or RW6HS (d)
4S7DLG via DK8ZZ	HC1/W0OR via W0OR	S79VR via DD0VR
4X/R1CC via DJ1ND	HC2AO/8 via RC5A	SN63D via SP8P
7V60R via 7X2ARA	HF1627BPO via SQ5JD	TF/OZ1OM via OZ1OM
9V1XX via (9V-B/d)	HF60KMH via SP2KMH	VK2014TDF via M0OXO
C6ANM via WA2IYO (*)	OO5G via ON4GI	XU7AEZ via RX3F
EA8/DK5AN via DK5AN	OP3VK via ON3VK	YS1/NP3J via EA5GL
EA8/DL3ASM via DL3ASM	OP5MA via ON5MA	ZD8JR via OH3JR

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (*) LoTW preferred

QSL EG8ARC via EA8URL. Special callsign to be used between November 17-23rd for the 2014 Atlantic Rallye For Cruisers (ARC). The ARC attracts many sailors, over 200 boats and 1200 people every year to sail 2700 nautical miles across the Atlantic Ocean from Gran Canaria to Saint Lucia.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4W/K7CO, 5J0R, DF3GY, DL2FHO, EA1DR, EA7GDC, EI8FH, F4FEP, FK8DD, FT4TA, G5LP, HA5VZ, HB9CXK, HD8A, HK3JJB, KL7SB, M0BJL, OE1PMU, OK2JNB, OP5SWA, PE1NCP, RN3QN, SM5DJZ, TO4R, UT3UA, VA3MJR, VK9DLX, VK9LM, VK9X/K7CO, VP8NO, W1AW/KP2, Y11RZ, YJ0X, ZS6AI and ZS6P

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: AP2TN, BO0D, KC4AAA, R3RRC/1, RI20ANT, TF2MSN, TX5Z, TX7G, TY1AA, VK9AN, XV1X and XW1IC

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!

S7, SEYCHELLES. Eric, OE4AAC, will be active as S79AC from Mahe (WLOTA 3286) and Praslin Islands (WLOTA 2862) in the Seychelles Island group (AF-024) between January 17th and February 10th (2015). Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters on CW. QSL via OE4AAC, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

T8, PALAU (Update). Kaoru, JH7WER, will be active as T88ER from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between December 3-6th. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters using mainly SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

T8, PALAU. Tevfik, TA1HZ (T5TC/ZA1TC/ex-TB1CAK), member of the TCSWAT, will once again be active as T88HZ from Koror Island (OC-009) between March 5-12th. The requested "TC" suffix has not been issued, but it will still be a TCSWAT activity. Operations will be from the West Plaza by the Sea Hotel, working with Kenwood TS-570S, ALS-600 PA, into a 3 element beam and wire antennas. Activity will include the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. The log will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible, direct requests via TA1HZ, but as TCSWAT QSL is 100% via the Bureaus. The QSL cards will be sent out in June 2016 to the Bureaus.

TF, ICELAND. Siggj, TF3CW, will be active as TF2CW in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX1NO direct only. No QSL via Bureau.

TI9, COCOS ISLAND. Operators Dom/3Z9DX, Jon/K7CO and Jorge/TI2HMJ will be active as TI9A from Cocos Island (NA-012) between February 16-23rd (2015). It has been 6 years since the last TI9 operation, and it is ranked 26th on the most wanted list. Boat trip to the island will take place February 14th (2015), and it takes 30 hours from Costa Rica. Their Radio Permit is issued for 7 days only. That means they can operate for only about 6 days (24h/day operation). They are in possession of the second permit, which allows them to stay on the island overnight. The team will have 2 radios on the air operating on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via 3Z9DX, direct, by the Bureau, the OQRS on ClubLog or direct PayPal request (no need to send a paper card). QSL requests with insufficient postage will be returned to the sender via Bureau. They are looking for funds. A survey/vote for bands/modes needs is available at the following Web page, as well as more details and updates, see:

<http://www.nielsen.net/ti9a>

TX8, NEW CALEDONIA. Operators Sam/FK8DD, Dom/FK8CE and Mic/FK8IK will be

active as TX8C from Noumea during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Op/All-Band/Single-Transmitter entry. Listen for QSL route.

V6, MICRONESIA. Just a reminder that operators Sho/JA7HMZ (V63DX) and Akio/JA7ZP (V63ZP) will once again be active from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between November 28th and December 4th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. Sho will be looking for EU on 160m. QSL via their home callsigns. Also, look for both operators to be in CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) -- Sho signing V6A as a Single-Op/All-Band entry, and Akio signing V63ZP as a Single-Op/All-Band entries. Again, QSL via their home callsigns.

VK6, AUSTRALIA. Kevin, VK6LW, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via VK6IR direct.

VK6, AUSTRALIA. Operators Bernd/VK2IA, Brian/VK3MI, Phil/VK4BAA, John/VK4EMM, Dave/VK4NDX, Eric/VK4NEF, Alan/VK4SN, Trent/VK4TS and Gary/ZL2IFB will be active as VK4KW during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via LoTW, direct or Bureau QSLs go to N3SL or eQSL. Bureau is not available.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. After his New Caledonia activity, look for Nobuaki, JA0JHQ (ex-JH1QJU), to be active as JA0JHQ/VK9N from Anson Bay Lodge, Norfolk Island (OC-005), between December 20-22nd. Activity will be mainly on 17/15 meters and 12/10 meters depending on band conditions. Possibly 20m (depending on the antenna). Mode will be SSB. QSL via JA0JHQ, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at:
<http://pandasan.jimdo.com>

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. By the time you read this, John, G3VPW, will be active as VP8KF from Stanley, Falkland Islands (SA-002), with his XYL for the holiday until December 12th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. He plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), mainly on 40 meters. Also, look for him to use the special callsign VP8KF/100 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands Islands. QSL via G3VPW or LoTW. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog.

VP9, BERMUDA. Alan, N3AD, will once again be active as VP9/N3AD from Bermuda (NA-005) starting November 23rd. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK.

VU4, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS (VU4KV Press Release)[edited]. Sent out at 01:45 GMT, 22 Nov 2014, from Neil Island -- Krish, W4VKU, reports that he now has 6 stations up and running. He has problems with low voltage on the 240V supply under load, and he has the resort electrician working on this issue. Stations 1 to 4 are working OK on high power. Station 5 has been on low power because the Elekraft KPA500 amp has been tripping out on the low voltage. Station 6 is coming on line now that another op has joined the team. This station is also suffering low voltage trips but the resort electrician is working on this as well.

The Acom 1500 has been performing OK with the low voltage. The Elekraft KPA500 has tripping issues and the Ameritron AL80B has relay closure problems with the low voltage. The team is addressing these issues.

Today the team will be installing the 2 element 80m array and plans to get at least one element of the 160m array in operation. These arrays will be installed in the salt water and because of this installation, activities on these arrays has to be performed at low tides which will occur after local noon today.

Internet data connection has been an ongoing issue, but Krish is taking steps to ensure that the logs are uploaded as quickly as possible through the use of memory sticks and e-mail but some delay is to be expected.

Krish is interested in how the 40m 4 Square is working and is asking for some real reports from NA stations on this band.... (de Mark, N1UK)

YN, NICARAGUA. Mike, AJ9C, will once again be active as YN2CC from Granada, Nicaragua, between November 25th and December 3rd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Also, Mike will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct and by the Bureau to his home callsign. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW upon his return home and QSLs can be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog.

ZA, ALBANIA. Kéki, YT7DQ, will be active as ZA/YT7DQ during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/High-Power entry. QSL via YT7DQ.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Operators John/K6AM and Kevin/N5DX will be active as ZF1A from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via K6AM, direct, by the W6 Bureau or LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (Update/Reminder). Henning, OZ1BII, will be active as ZF2EE from George Town, Cayman Islands (NA-016), between November 27th and December 1st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands and mainly CW using an Elecraft K3 w/100w into Cushcraft R6 vertical and a 110 ft Long Wire. He plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via OZ1BII. For more details and updates, visit: <http://www.oz1bii.dk/dx-zf2ee.htm>

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. Kai, KE4PT, will be active as ZL/KE4PT from hilltop locations in New Zealand between November 30th and December 16th. Activity will be holiday style operating portable QRP, mainly JT65 and CW. QSL via LoTW or to his home callsign.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA. Bernie, ZS4TX, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or K3FN.

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