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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th/January, through Sunday, 11th/January there were 218 countries active. Countries available: 1A, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5R, 5U, 5W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, 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".

2015 AAW. Look for the 12th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) to take place between February 16-22th. This event is promoted by Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) <<http://www.waponline.it>> each year to improve the world-wide attention about the Antarctic Continent and its related matters, with the aim of staying close to the researchers and personnel who are spending their time away from home and families studying the Antarctic life and its secrets in the so many remote scientific stations in this icy continent. The WAP is also thankful for what the Nations and Research Foundations are doing to protect this still uncontaminated corner of the planet and to share a message of peace among the world. The AAW is a unique event world-wide where Hams (in any corner of the world) sign up and help promote the special attention given to the Antarctica. This worldwide event is open to all radio amateurs wishing to join them using a special callsign which help promote the Antarctica. All SES with a WAP reference number will qualify for WAP ASEA (Antarctic Special events Award). The WAP Ref. number for any special callsign requested/issued for this occurrence can be provided upon request by sending an E-mail to I1HYW (QRZ.com). The list of participants is still open and is available at:

<http://www.waponline.it/AntarcticActivityWeek/tabid/113/Default.aspx>

7Q, MALAWI. Ken, LA7GIA, will once again be active as 7Q7GIA from Lilongwe between February 21-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and

RTTY with wire and vertical antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct (NO IRCs) or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog.

BEST COMMUNICATION AWARD (Press Release). Pasquale, IZ8IYX, Chief Editor/WebMaster of <www.dxcoffee.com>, reports [edited]: For the second year in a row, cDxCoffee will present the Best Communication Award. Just like we did last year, the idea is to acknowledge the Dxpeditio that showed the best communication skills towards the ham community by using dedicated websites, newsletters, bulletins and press releases. We will award that Dx operation that made us feel like we were there with the team, letting us know about the place, the operating conditions and so on. It is not easy to pinpoint a single Dxpeditio as there are many of them that would deserve some sort of recognition, so we will also give special mentions besides the proper award. Of course the goal of any Dxpeditio is to make QSOs and hopefully provide a new one, but communication is also an important aspect of any Dx operation and now many Dxpeditio leaders and members are more and more becoming aware of this. Finally, this award would not be possible without the support of The DX University "A Guide for DXers and DXpeditioners" <<http://www.dxuniversity.com/>>. Everyone involved in Dxing should often visit their website, reading their articles promoting the DXing best practices and much more. Keep watching this DxCoffee Website, as we will present the 2014 edition in a few weeks! To know more about the 2013 edition, please see <www.dxcoffee.com/eng/communication-award/>.

C5X GAMBIA DXPEDITION. Steve Wilson, G3VMW, reports [edited]: "Everything is on schedule for the C5X DXpedition to the Gambia starting on the 15th January through to the 26th January 2015.

The team of four English operators: Steve/G3VMW, Alan/G3XAQ, Don/G3XTT and Iain/M0PCB fly to Banjul on the morning of the 15th January from Gatwick after meeting up there the evening before. They will be operating from the Bungalow Beach Hotel at Kotu, in the Serrakunda district of Gambia on a North-West facing site, close to the Atlantic Ocean.

With two high-power stations, equipped with Elecraft K3 transceivers and KPA-500 amplifiers, the team will be QRV on all bands 160m to 10m on CW, SSB, RTTY and a little PSK31/63. Antennas include two Spiderbeams on the five HF bands and dipoles at good height for the lower bands. Sadly, the public beach area is not suitable for VDAs.

The Clublog Leaderboard will be enabled for this operation and we are more than happy to work everyone on multiple bandslots, but please avoid duplicate QSOs on the same band/mode.

Our QSL Manager, Charles Wilmott, M0OXO, will update Clublog and LoTW daily with our logs. An OQRS system for C5X paper QSLs will also be available via M0OXO's web site at <<http://www.m0oxo.com>> and also from Clublog.

We are not seeking donations, this is a holiday style fly-in, fly-out operation with the emphasis on fun.

We have not specified any TX frequencies by band, and will always try to avoid other DXpeditions that may be active. However, we will ALWAYS work split frequency, listening UP, normally between 1 to 5 kHz. Please do not call on our TX frequency.

We are aware of the real possibility these days of DQRM and will make frequent checks on our TX frequency, and if necessary, move a few kHz lower or higher to clear the QRM.

We look forward to many enjoyable QSOs."

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Bob/N4BP (C6AKQ), Tim/N4UM (C6ARU) and Mike/K4RUM (C6AUM) will be returning to Freeport beginning February 27th. They will be joined by Chris/NX4N (C6AWW) the following week. Bob and Mike will be active in the CQWW RTTY WPX Contest (February 14-15th). Bob, Chris and Mike will be active in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). Look for C6AKQ on 160m, C6AWW on 80m and C6AUM on 40m. Their activity will end on February 24th.

C6, BAHAMAS. Eric, K9GY, will once again be active as C6AYM this time

from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080) between May 27th and June 1st. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, CW and SSB. Also look for him during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via K9GY, direct or by the Bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW.

CEO, JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND (Update to OPDX.1193). Members of the Provins ARC (F6KOP), who were recently active from Tromelin, will activate Robinson Crusoe Island (SA-005, aka Juan Fernandez Archipelago) between February 20th and March 8th. Callsign is pending. The DXCC entity is rated #60 on Clublog, #45 for DX Magazine and #32 at DARC. The last DXpedition on this IOTA (SA-005) was in 2013. The team composed of 20 operators plans to be active with 8 stations on the air at the same time from 160-6 meters, using SSB, CW and the Digimodes. A special effort will be made on low bands. Some WSPR activity is also planned. They target 100k QSOs. Their stations will have about 700W into Spiderbeams on the higher bands and verticals on the lower bands. The team plans radio contacts with schools to show their passion and promote the hamradio activity. Logs will be uploaded on a daily basis on Clublog and LoTW depending on the local internet access. QSL policy is to answer every request, direct or by the Bureau. The operators are well-known as participating in DXpeditions like Réunion, Mellish Reef, Bangladesh, Clipperton, San Andres, Bonaire, Cameroon, Uganda... Operators mentioned are Alain, F5JTV (Leader), Tony/F8ATS (Co-leader), Jean-Luc/F1ULQ (Co-leader), Norbert/DJ7JC, Heye/DJ9RR, Jeremy/EI5GM, Dave/EI9FBB, Patrick/F2DX, Jimi/F4DLM, Michel/F5EOT, Antoine/F5RAB, Stéphane/F5UOW, John/F5VHQ, Gilles/F6IRA, Günther/OE3GCU, Karl/OE3JAJ, François/ON4LO, Eric/ON7RN and Kenneth/OZ1IKY. Pilot stations are Col/MM0NDX, John/K6MM and Andre/V51B. Look for a Web site to be online soon. A FaceBook page is now available at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/JuanFernandez2015/747628888649765> More details will be forthcoming.

CQ NEWS.....

* CQ Combining January/February Issues, Closing CQ Plus Digital Supplement - January 9, 2015, -- CQ magazine today announced that it will be publishing a combined January/February 2015 issue and will be ceasing publication of its "CQ Plus" digital edition supplement as of the March 2015 issue. Both moves are intended to help restore the magazine's normal schedule for its print edition and to strengthen its foundations moving forward as it enters its eighth decade of publication, said Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA. "These decisions were not made lightly," he added, "but in recognition of the realities of the publishing industry. It's a tough time to be in the magazine business, and we appreciate the patience and loyalty of both our readers and our advertisers."

CQ will continue to publish both print and digital editions, but the digital edition will no longer contain the 50-60 additional pages each month that constituted "CQ Plus." Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, noted that he hopes to include some former CQ Plus content within the pages of CQ, but says ham radio will remain the magazine's primary focus, as it has been for the past seven decades. CQ is marking its 70th anniversary of publication as of its January/February issue.

As a consequence of the changes, CQ Plus Editor Richard Fisher, KI6SN, will be leaving the CQ staff after serving for many years as a columnist for, and then as editor of, Popular Communications, WorldRadio Online and CQ Plus. He was also CQ magazine's Emergency Communications Editor. "We will miss Richard's many contributions to CQ's products," noted Moseson, "and thank him for his many years of service to our readers."

Subscribers to both the print and digital editions of CQ will have their subscriptions extended by one month due to the combined January/February issue.

CQ <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> is the world's leading independent amateur radio magazine, serving the amateur radio community worldwide since 1945. It is published in three languages (English, Spanish and Portuguese) and in both print and digital formats.

* CQ DX Hall of Famer Bob Schenck, N200, Named CQ DX Editor; First Column

to Run in January/February 2015 Issue - January 9, 2015 -- Veteran DXer, DXpeditioner and QSL manager Bob Schenck, N200, of Tuckerton, New Jersey, has been named CQ magazine's DX Editor, magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced today. A 2008 inductee into the CQ DX Hall of Fame, Bob succeeds Wayne Mills, N7NG, who has stepped down to pursue other ham-related interests.

Licensed in 1965 as WN2RJJ, Bob's introduction to ham radio was the annual Novice Roundup contest, and he has been hooked on DXing and contesting ever since. A veteran of more than two dozen DXpeditions to over a dozen countries, he is currently part of the K1N team planning to activate Navassa Island in early 2015. Bob is the team's QSL manager, another major part of his ham radio activities. He has served as a QSL manager for over 100 DX stations and another 100-plus DXpeditions for more than 35 years and is the founder of the QSL Managers Society, which serves as a single point of contact for stations seeking a QSL manager, works to preserve old DX and DXpedition logs, and promote a code of ethics among QSL managers.

Bob is also on the board of directors of the International DX Association (INDEXA), president of the South Jersey DX Association, a charter member of the Old Barney Amateur Radio Club (also in New Jersey) and trustee of a local repeater. He lives in Tuckerton, New Jersey, with his wife, Beth, KF2BQ, and is a father and grandfather.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with Bob," said CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "His dedication to the DXing portion of our hobby is unparalleled, not only in terms of his on-air activities but of the all-important 'final courtesy' of QSLing as well."

"This will be a new challenge for me!" said Schenck. "I look forward to joining the CQ staff and working with my friends in the DX community as well!"

Schenck will begin writing the CQ DX column as of the magazine's January/February 2015 issue - CQ's 70th anniversary edition.

CTU GOES TO THE CARIBBEAN. For the first time, the Contest University will be presenting Contest University Caribbean as part of the ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention <www.arrlpr.org>. The event will take place at the city of Hatillo, Puerto Rico as part of the 3rd ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention activities on January 24-25th, and will feature speakers from 3 different DXCC entities. The event will be free of charge, but you must register in advance. For more information visit ARRL PR STATE CONVENTION (Biggest Hamfest in the Caribbean).

DATYON HAMVENTION NEWS.....

* 23rd Annual Dayton Contest Dinner -- Tim, K3LR, reports, The North Coast Contesters are proud to announce their 23rd Annual Dayton Contest Dinner. The 2015 Contest Dinner tickets are on sale now exclusively via their web site (Thanks to Scott, KA9FOX, and QTH.com for designing, building and running the Contest Dinner web site) at:

<http://contestdinner.com>

Master of Ceremonies for the Dayton Contest Dinner is Contest Hall of Fame member and World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) Chairman, John Dorr, K1AR. Their featured speaker will be announced later. The 2015 Contest Hall of Fame inductees will be announced. The Contest Dinner will be held on Saturday night, May 16th, at 6:30 PM. Cash bar opens at 5:30 PM. Located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Official Contest Hotel) 5th and Jefferson Streets (Next to the Dayton Convention Center), Dayton (Downtown), Ohio, in the PRESIDENTIAL BALLROOM on the second floor. Seating is random. Tables are set in rounds of 10. You can purchase an entire table for your group (purchased group tables are set for 8). Tickets are only available on <<http://contestdinner.com>>. There are no tickets for sale at the door. The 27th annual Contest Super Suite (all FOUR nights during Dayton) details are here:

<http://contestsupersuite.com>

Reminder, Contest University seats are filling up fast. Details at:

<http://contestuniversity.com>

They expect another sold out event for the Dayton Contest dinner.
Get your tickets early!

* RTTY Contest Dinner 2015 -- Fred, WW4LL, announced that the RTTY Dinner for the Dayton HamVention will be on Thursday, May 14th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (address above). Time was not provided. Ralph Fedor, K0IR, will be the keynote speaker at the dinner. There will be prizes and probably awards. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

* TopBand Dinner - 26th Annual Event! -- Tim, K3LR, Dayton Top Band Dinner Chairman, reports [edited]: Continuing the great Top Band dinner tradition that George/K8GG and George/W8UVZ started, I am proud to announce the 26th Annual Dayton TopBand dinner. Dinner reservations are now available for 2015!

Friday evening May 15th, at the Crowne Plaza in the Presidential Ballroom - downtown Dayton, Ohio. Top Band Social hour is at 6:15 PM and Dinner starts at 7:15 PM. Come and have dinner with the guys you work on 160 meters and enjoy great TopBand discussions.

The excellent Top Band program is being assembled. I will update the website soon.

Dinner reservations are available on line with credit cards and PayPal. Use the contact us information from the web site if you need to make other arrangements.

The 2015 Dayton Top Band Dinner details are here:

<http://topbanddinner.com>

Scroll down to make your reservations.

Four nights of great Top Band, DX and Contesting hospitality are also at the Crowne Plaza Contest Super Suite. Details are here:

<http://contestsupersuite.com>

Slots are filling up fast at Dayton Contest University:

<http://contestuniversity.com>

If you enjoy making QSOs on the 160 meter band, the 26th Annual Top Band Dinner is for you!

Hope to see you at the 2015 Dayton TopBand Dinner.

EP, IRAN (Reminder). Look for the Rockall DX Group to activate Kish Island (AS-166), Iran, this week, possibly between January 16-31st. Activity will be on all bands and modes, having 5 stations on the air. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1823.5, 3503, 7013, 10123, 14033, 18083, 21013, 24903 and 28033 kHz
SSB - 3763, 7083, 14183, 18143, 21283, 24953 and 28493 kHz
RTTY - 7042, 10136, 14082, 18102, 21082, 24922 and 28082 kHz

PLEASE NOTE: The above is an overall frequencies list. A separate list for JA and NA can be found at: <http://www.rockall.be/index.php/frequency-list>
For more information and updates, visit QRZ.com or <http://www.rockall.be>.

HH, HAITI (Reminder). Tom, KC0W, will be active as HH5/KC0W between January 11th and February 3rd. Activity will be on 160/80/40 meters using CW only. Antennas will be over salt water using 500 watts and dedicated RX antennas. QSL direct via KC0W.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Jamie, WP3A, will be active as HI3K from the Loma del Toro Contest Club in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KB2MS.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-203. Igor, UA9KDF, and possibly others are planning an operation from Ostrov Dobrzanskogo. Stay tuned for details.

EU-009. Col, MM0NDX, will be active as MM0NDX/p from Orkney Island (IOSA OR01, SCOTIA OI14, WLOTA 1652) between January 16-18th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via IW7EGQ.

EU-145. Operators Colin/CT7ACG, Andy/M0GAV, Sharon/M3VCQ and Cliff/G0MMI will be active as CR5CW from Culatra Island (DIA AI-01, DIP AL-001, WLOTA 0144) between July 24-27th. The team will be active from the Cabo de Santa Maria Lighthouse (PT-505, DFFA FA-06, ARLHS POR-041, Admiralty D2206) for the duration of the RSGB IOTA Contest (25-26 July) on 80-10 meters. Culatra Island is also part of the Parque Natural da Ria Formosa (WWFF CTFF-007). QSL via CT7ACG and LoTW.

J3, GRENADA. Gregory, W2BEE will be active as J38GA from Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718) between January 31st and February 28th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and the Digital modes. Equipment is a K2/w100w, RigBlaster+, 160m CFD with 450 ohm open line. QSL via his home callsign and LoTW. Look for logs to be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog no later than March 2015 or sooner if Internet access is available. QSL via mail, please include SASE. See details on QRZ.com <www.qrz.com/db/J38GA>.

K1N NAVASSA DXPEDITION NEWS. Sean, KX9X, reports that he heard from K1N Navassa DXpedition member Gregg Marco, W6IZT and states, "We will be bringing an HT and an Arrow antenna in hopes of making some QSOs on SO-50. Dates and times of operation will be dependent upon operator availability at the time of a viable pass." Operation will only be on SO-50; no other satellites are being considered. The K1N Navassa DXpedition is the number one most-needed country in the world by HF DX'ers. Exact dates are still being determined, but the operation is slated for the first two weeks of February. Complete info can be found at: <http://www.navassadx.com> This will be an extremely rare opportunity to work K1N on satellite, possibly once in a lifetime. Please consider sending them a donation to cover expenses.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Operators Jim/WB2REM, Bob/N4PSK, Cliff/N4SIA and Nancy/K9DIG will be active as KG4HI, KG4RQ, KG4AS and KG4YL, respectively, from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015, WLOTA 0358) between February 6-13th. Activity will be on all bands, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL KG4RQ and KG4HI via WB2REM. QSL KG4YL via K9DIG. QSL KG4AS via N4SIA.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA. After his business trip to Hawaii (KH6), look for Zorro, JH1AJT, will be active as KH8Z from Tutuila Island (OC-045) between January 12-19th. His activity will be holiday style and mainly SSB on 40-10 meters using 600W into verticals. QSL via JH1AJT direct or by the JA Bureau.

MJ, JERSEY. Richard, M5RIC, will once again be active as MJ5RIC between February 11-16th. Activity will be focused on 30/17/12 meters using SSB and RTTY. He plans to be in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Single-Op signing MJ7C. QSL both callsigns via M0OXO (OQRS preferred), see QRZ.com for details. Visit his Web page at: <http://m5ric.co.uk>

OH, ALAND ISLANDS. Anton, OG2K, will be active as OH0/OG2K (possibly OH0/OH2JCP or OH0/OH2FTJ) from Aland Islands (EU-002) between March 19-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 17-12 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via OG2K. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.og2k.com>

PJ4, BONAIRE (SA-006). Operators Martin/W1MD and others (possibly from the FCG and YCCC) will once again be active as PJ4X during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL PJ4X via LoTW or direct to W1MD. Look for operators to be active outside of the contest with their own individual callsigns (homecall/PJ4). QSL via their home callsign.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Members of the Uruguay Team Group are planning to activate St. Maarten as PJ7C sometime later this year. QSL via EB7DX. Look for details to be forthcoming.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 12-18th)....

Jan/12th AN Jan/15th AN Jan/17th HN
Jan/13th AN Jan/16th AN Jan/18th HN
Jan/14th AN

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

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 PolSAR system used by NASA.

PS06, BRAZIL (Special Event). The Aroeira DX Group will participate in 6th National Scout Jamboree in Brazil between January 11-16th, using the special callsign PS06J. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK modes. The International Scout frequencies will be used: CW - 3590, 7030, 14070, 21140 and 28190 kHz

SSB - 3740, 7090, 14290, 21360 and 28390 kHz

There will also be VHF bases operating in 145.710 simplex and repeaters nearby. Echolink contacts will also be available on Conference JOTA-P. Live video streaming from the station will be available at www.radioescotismo.com.br, clicking on TV Escoteira, at right side menu.

A team of Scout Hams, supported by state section of the Brazilian National Amateur Radio League (LABRE) and Local Associations, will be promoting special moments to participants (more than 4,000 people) throughout the period of the VI National Scout Jamboree in Brazil, between 08:00 am and 17:30 PM (local time = UTC -3). When visiting the Radio Scouting Base, young people will receive information about Amateur Radio and operate the stations, and thus they will also experience our hobby. This is a special opportunity for all to participate in this great event by contacting the PS06J station and helping to motivate our young people for entering the amateur radio service as well help them in the conquest of the many specialties and insignias related to radio communication. The PS06J station will be operated as much as possible, day and night. QSL via PR7JP.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA (Update to OPDX.1196/Press Release). Ron, AA4VK, updates us on January 5th [edited]: Three of the five member 1992 Navassa DXpedition Team, Ron/AA4NC, Will/AA4VK, and Murray/WA4DAN are planning a "reunion" DXpedition to PY0F, Fernando de Noronha between October 18-27th, including operating in the CQWW Phone Contest. An all-band operation is planned on 160-6 meters with SSB, CW and RTTY. AA4NC will enter the contest as a Single-Op. A decision will be made later on whether to enter in a Multi-Op category. More details later.

A multi-card color QSL with island scenes, similar to the QSLs for their recent CY0 operations is planned. WA4DAN will handle "Direct" QSLs. An OQRS service is being considered. Until a dedicated PY0F website is created, updates will be posted at <http://www.AA4VK.com> and at the various DX bulletins.

The idea for this "reunion" trip merged just sitting around talking

during the SEDCO/ W4DXCC Convention in September, 2014.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (January 11th)

407CC via UA4CC DL60BUND via DB3JHF OPOP via ON6DP
5P0MF via DF5LW DM700LSW via DH3FEN OT7X via ON7XT
5B/SQ2MGM via SQ2MGM (d/L) DM750FOR via DL9UJF (*) PG200KMAR via PA9LUC
6W7SK via F6BLP DU1/HB9BAJ via HB9BAJ T88RR via JA6UBY (d)
AH2Y via HL1IWD EA8/DF4WC via DF4WC TC150ITU via (TA-B/L)
C98RF via DL6DQW EA8/DJ9BN via DJ9BN TC150ITU via (TA-B/L)
CT7/F8BBL via F8BBL FM/F2VX via F2VX YO/UT5UDX via UT2UB
CT7/PA4LA via PA4LA JY4CI via K2AX (d) YT90NS via YU7BPQ
DG150ZRS via DL1MIL OE/R2AJY via UA3DX
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only
(O) QORS only (C) ClubLog only (*) QSL not necessary

OPERATIONS WRAP-UP. Kasimir, DL2SBY, informs OPDX [edited]: "My activities 2014:

Febr 2014 from the Maldives as 8Q7KB about 4300 QSOs on CW/SSB/RTTY
Sept 2014 from Liechtenstein as HB0/DL2SBY about 3600 QSOs on CW/SSB/RTTY
Oct 2014 from Seychelles as S79KB about 5200 QSOs on CW/SSB/RTTY
QSLs for direct-QORS and direct-QSL-requests have all been answered!
E-mail to dl2sby@arcor.de if you are missing your QSL card. Now I will confirm all QORS-Bureau & Bureau-Requests. It was very nice to be a new one for many of you guys! Thank you and hope to meet you again in the air!" ADDED NOTE: Kasimir also informed OPDX that he received confirmation from Sharon Taratula, ARRL Administrative Manager, that his operations as 8Q7KB and S79KB, have been approved for DXCC.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4A5XX, EA1PO, EA2JE, EW8W, HB9LCW, JA1SCE, JA7IC, JE1LFX, JH4MGU, SK8A, SV2CXI, UA1CFE, VK9/G7VJR, YB4IR/8, YL3FX and ZL2B

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3A2MW, 3D2RA, 3W7CW, 4U1ITU, 4W/N1YC, 5H1KR, 5R8M, B9/BY9GA, C21GC, CE0Z/UA4WHX, CN2AA, E30FB, E51CDW, GW3YDX, HB9MHR, HC8ART, J6/DL7VOG, J79L, J87GU, JY9FC, OZ0IL, PP0MAG, R7AL/1, RU6DX/P, S01WS, T10VB, T30D, VK9NT, VK9XSP, VQ9XR, VU4CB, XW3DT, YB8RW/p, ZD7DC, ZK3E and ZK3Q

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4W6AL, 5B/IZ4AMS, 5H3MB, 8Q7IU, 8Q7GS, AM04CFG, AM05AOP, CQ2I, CQ3T, CQ7A, CQ9T, CQ0ODX, CQ35MD, CR5C, CR5100AM, CS2HD, CT/UA4WEC, CT3FQ, CT3HF, CT3KN, CT3KU, CT3KY, CT3MD, CT3NA, CT6C, CT6B, CT6P, CU2AF, CU2AP, CU3AA, CU3AN, CU3BL, CU3EJ, CU4/CT1FMX, CU6AY, CU7AA, CU7AJ, CU7MD, CU8F, CU8FN, CU30AA, D2CQ, EA6AIF, EA6AIS, EA6EE, EA6XQ, EA8AF, EA8AJ, EA8AJO, EA8AJY, EA8BU, EA8CER, EA8CSG, EA8CZK, EA8EZ, EA9PY, EE1K, EF50HQ, EX/HB9DUR, HB9WARD, HB14SAF, HB0/IN3ADW, HE5LC, HZ1TT, IP1/IQ1SP, IS0BOY, IS0MNR, IS0MVE, IS0T, IS0YTA, OA6/IZ7ATN/P, S79SG, S92FM, TO2D, T70A, YR8IOAA and ZD8O

T8, PALAU (Reminder). By the time you read this, operators Mike/JA6EGL, Hirotaka/JA6KYU, Yasu/JA6UBY and Yu/JE6DND will once again be active as T88SM, T88HS, T88CP, and T88HK, respectively, from Koror Island (OC-009) until January 15th. Activity will be 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsigns (direct only).

TCSWAT 10th ANNIVERSARY AWARD WINNERS. Bekir, TA2RX, TC Special Wireless Activity Team (TCSWAT) Awards Manager, has announced the "TCSWAT 10th Anniversary Award" winners at:

<http://www.tcswat.org/awards/TenthAnniversary/index.html>

WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. John, KK9A, will be active as WP2AA from the USVI Contest Club Gallows Bay Station on St. Croix (NA-106) during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band

entry. He will be on the island between March 2-9th. Activity outside of the contest will be on CW and SSB. QSL via WD9DZV.

XW, LAOS. John, KB4FB, will be active as XW4FB from Vientiane between January 13th and February 12th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW. All contacts will be uploaded to LoTW in March.

XW, LAOS. Ken, K4ZW, will once again be active as XW4ZW from Laos between January 23-30th. Activity will be focused on the lower bands. QSL via K1SE direct (with SAE/SASE). Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. Ken states, "All Bureau cards received will be answered, but it is time consuming and expensive. Please note that I receive cards from the Bureau on average once or twice per year. It takes up to 1 year to answer the cards. You will need to be patient."

YASME NEWS (THE YASME FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND OTHER ACTIONS FOR 2014). Dated January 5th [edited]: The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following actions and awards:

1. The Yasme Excellence Awards -- The Yasme Excellence Award is presented to individuals who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper.

Yasme Excellence Awards have been made to the following individuals during 2014:

- a. Kimo Chun, KH7U, for his 20 years of behind-the-scenes support to DXpeditions to Pacific entities, including logistics, organization, equipment, local contacts and planning.
 - b. Dick Flagg, AH6NM, for his years of working with the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) and Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) groups and in supporting NASA's Radio Jove project, all designed to introduce amateur radio to the public, particularly students of all ages.
 - c. Florin-Cristian Predescu, YO9CNU and Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, for their work in organizing and promoting Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) and amateur radio youth activities.
2. California Historical Radio Society -- The Board made a grant of \$9,500 to the California Historical Radio Society (CHRS) to fund the Maxwell Library and Maxwell Archives Room in support of Jim Maxwell's, W6CF (SK), efforts to maintain the history of amateur radio.
 3. Foundation for Amateur Radio -- The Board made a grant of \$5,000 to the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) to be used in FAR's scholarship program.
 4. International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 -- The Board made a grant of \$5,000 to IARU Region 1 in support of youth activities in amateur radio.
 5. Bruce Horn, WA7BNM -- The Board made a grant of \$2,000 to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, for providing Web-based services to the Amateur Radio community. The Board encourages others to add their support of online services which are often freely provided to the amateur community by individuals who develop and maintain the services at their own expense.
 6. Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society for Development (ERASD) -- The Board made a grant of \$2,000 to IARU Region 1 earmarked for the support of the Egyptian Radio Amateur Society for Development (ERASD).
 7. World Wide Radio Operators Foundation -- The Board made a grant of \$2,000 to the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) in recog-

dition of their support for the Yasme Foundation and other amateur radio groups, its support of international radiosport activities, and for providing webinars to the amateur radio community.

8. ARRL Foundation -- The Board made a grant of \$3,000 to the ARRL Foundation in support of the Foundation's scholarship program.
9. ARRL Second Century Campaign -- The Board made a grant of \$4,000 to the ARRL Second Century Campaign for the support of Amateur Radio in the next 100 years.

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing (long distance communication) and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. For additional information about The Yasme Foundation, visit our website at: <http://www.yasme.org>

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