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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 19th/April, through Sunday, 26th/April there were 227 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/c, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, 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, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, 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".

3W, VIETNAM (Press Release). The Mediterraneo Dx Club released the following info on April 24th [edited]: (Press Release #1) - Do you know Da Nang? Maybe yes, maybe not. Da Nang city is one of the major port cities in Vietnam, situated on the Est Sea, but, overall, Da Nang will be the next destination of the Mediterraneo International Dx Club Team, and so it will be soon on the air any mode/any band. Great news to save in your DXCC scheduled logbook. First of all the callsign: 3W3MD

The leader Antonio, IZ8CCW, and the co-leader Gabriele, I2VGW, are happy to announce to the DXer Comunity that, with the great help of a local friend, Bac, XV2A, from October 31st to November 10th, they have planned the new DXpedition on the beach of Da Nang.

According to the evaluations that they have done, they are confident to give to a lot of DXers the possibility to work this Country on the Low bands, WARC and especially in the Digital modes.

At the moment the team is already full of skilled operators, as a matter of fact: 20 people coming from 8 (eight) countries. On the air will be five stations around the clock.

For any further news and updates please stay tune because the official web site of this new great adventure is coming.

73's MDXC H.Q.

8P, BARBADOS. Bill, K2HVN, will be operating from Barbados between May

5-11th. Callsign is pending. Activity will be on 20- 10 meters using 100 watts into a vertical antenna. He suggests the following frequencies: CW - 14040, 10115 and 18085 kHz, and for SSB - 14260 and 18128 kHz. Bill does not know the frequencies for 12 and 10 meters yet. QSL via K2HVN, direct (with SASE) or by the Bureau. NO LoTW or eQSL.

B3/B7, CHINA. Look for special event stations B3CRAC and B7CRAC to be on the air May 3rd to celebrate the 75th "Chinese Ham Day". Hams in China were gathering on air on every May 5th since 1940. QSL via BA4TB.

C6, BAHAMAS. Dan, N8YSZ, will be active as C6ASZ from Long Island between May 9-16th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

CR6, PORTUGAL. Members of the Clube Radioamadores do Entroncamento, will use the special callsign CR6AG on May 16th, from the Castelo de Alegrete (WCA reference CT-0096, DCFP reference C-096, DMHP reference PG-006 and DMP reference 1214 for the Portuguese Castles Award). Operation will be on the HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes. Castelo de Alegrete is located in the Province of Portalegre.

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS (by Tim, K3LR).....

\* The annual Dayton Topband dinner will be held Friday (May 15) night during Dayton Hamvention at the Crowne Plaza. Great place to meet Topband ops - it is a super dinner event. Our special guest speaker this year is Bob, K4UEE, presenting Topband experiences from Navassa Island, K1N. All the details are here: <http://topbanddinner.com>

\* The annual Dayton Contest Dinner will be held on Saturday night May 16th at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Dayton. Contesters from all over the world will attend. Master of Ceremonies is WWOF Chairman John Dorr, K1AR. Our special guest speaker is ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. CQ Contest Hall of Fame class of 2015 will be announced by CQWW Contest Director Randy Thompson, K5ZD. Main prize is the Icom IC-7600 high performance transceiver (thanks Icom America). All of the Dayton contest dinner details are here: <http://contestdinner.com>

FT/X, KERGUELIN ISLANDS (VK0EK PRESS RELEASE). Rich, KY6R, reports on April 22nd: We have just received the exciting news that permission has been obtained for the expedition to visit the French island of Kerguelen, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerguelen\\_Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerguelen_Islands) lying 250 nm NNE of Heard Island. The visit will be done after the conclusion of the operations at Heard Island. It is not yet determined whether a radio operation will be authorized, and we are pursuing this possibility.

[From Wikipedia] Kerguelen comprises a group of 300 islands and islets, with total area about the size of Puerto Rico. The climate is raw and chilly with frequent high winds throughout the year. The surrounding seas are generally rough and they remain ice-free year-round. There are no indigenous inhabitants, but France maintains a permanent presence of 45 to 100 scientists, engineers and researchers. There is no airport on the islands, so all travel and transport from the outside world is conducted by ship.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-073. By the time you read this, Victor, R6AF, will be active as 9M2/R6AF/P from Redang Island until April 29th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS under the callsign 9M2/R6AF/P\_AS073. The log will be uploaded daily on Clublog.

AS-079. Take, JS6RRR/JI3DST, will be active from Miyako Island between 0900z, April 29th and 0000z, May 6th. He states that he will use two different callsigns on the island: JS6RRR (Main) and JI3DST/6 (Sub). Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, FM, RTTY and PSK31. Operations may vary in case of heavy rains or other conditions. QSL routes are as follows: JS6RRR via JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 via JI3DST. Via the Bureau is best. Please check QRZ.com for more details.

ADDED NOTE FROM TAKE: He states that he is sorry for the delay of past operations. Suggests to please wait. He will send QSLs via Bureau in August (July). For SASE, he will send QSLs in June.

- EU-008. Operators Allan/2M0VNW, Jason/GM7VSB, Gordon/GM7WCO, Paul/GM0PJD, Arthur/MM0DHQ, Graham/MM0GHM and Marcus/MM0ZIF will be active as MM0KLR from the Isle of Muck (IOSA NH06, SCOTIA DI18, Worked All Britain NM48) between April 26th and May 2nd. QSL via MM0GHM. QSL via Bureau and eQSL via MM0KLR.
- NA-199. Phalier, FS5PL, will be on Tintamarre Island this coming weekend starting on Friday around 2200z.
- SA-024. Operators Marcelo Pera/PY2AE, Murilo/PY2DS, João Carlos/PU2KKE, Willian/PU2XIZ and Flávio/PU2KFL will be active as PW2C from Cambriú Island (DIB SP-15) between May 1-3rd. The island of Cambriú will be activated for the first time; it belongs to São Paulo State West Group and will be a new DIB to Brazil, SP-15. Cambriú is a tiny island in south of São Paulo state without any kind of infrastructure, and there is no energy power or portable water. The landing is done on the rocks and the weather and sea conditions usually are not good. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10/2 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via PY2DS, direct or by the Bureau.
- SA-024. John Paul, PU2POP, will be active as ZW2WCA from Cananea Island (DIB SP-009) between April 31st and May 3rd. Activity will be on 80/40/15/12/10/6/2 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via PY2DS, direct or by the Bureau.
- SA-071. Members of the CDR Group DXpedition Team will be active as PW2G from Gatos Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th). More details will be forthcoming.

IR2, ITALY. John, IK2JYT, and other members of A.R.S. Radio Club "Como-01, Brughiera Comasca" will be active as IR2EXPO to celebrate the 2015 Universal Milan Exhibition "EXPO" between May 1st and October 31st. A special QSL card will be sent if at least three (3) HF bands are worked. Look at the HRD online log service to make sure you have at least 3 effective contacts on different bands. QSL Manager is IK2TTO for DIRECT QSLs. For Bureau via 9A8ARS or [ik2tto@asrcomo01.it](mailto:ik2tto@asrcomo01.it).

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For May). The following ISWL club call signs will be used throughout the month of May 2015:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Eastbourne, in East Sussex, by Peter, G0NQZ. (/A WAB Square TQ50 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Clacton on Sea, in Essex, by George, G1IPU. (/A WAB Square TM11 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841). George will also operate as MX1SWL/P during the month and will give his WAB square if requested.

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on [www.iswl.org.uk](http://www.iswl.org.uk) or [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) or via [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc). NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see [www.iswl.org.uk](http://www.iswl.org.uk) for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

JW, SVALBARD. Alexander, UA3IPL, will be once again active as JW/UA3IPL from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) between April 28-29th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW (slow speed), SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. Equipment will be a Yaesu FT-857D with FC30 tuner into a G5RV antenna. QSL via RW6HS direct.

MARCONI DAY STATION. The International Marconi Day event is now in its 28th year, and the team WK3N/IMD will be operating as one of the special event stations for the 28th annual International Marconi Day held for the 24 hour UTC period on April 25th. Operators will be KE3JP, KA3LUN, KM3P and WK3N. Information on the event and award are available at WK3N/IMD or <http://g4usb.net/IMD/>.

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE (Palmyra Atoll). NCDXF announces major grant to KH5 Palmyra Atoll DXpedition -- April 21, 2015 -- The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce a contribution of \$20,000 to the KH5 Palmyra Atoll DXpedition planned for January 2016. Palmyra (KH5) is in the Top Ten Most Wanted and is #2 Most Wanted in Europe. See <http://www.palmyra2016.org> for more information.

Without major financial support from NCDXF, DXpeditions like this to challenging or rare locations would not be possible.

Within the last year, NCDXF has given \$175,000 in grants to operations in Iran, Andaman, Navassa, Eritrea, Tromelin, South Sandwich, South Georgia, Chesterfield, and Heard, all of which are in or near the Top Ten Most Wanted.

We have been doing this for the past 42 years, making rare DX happen and bringing fun to DXers everywhere. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs, who believe in supporting NCDXF.

Have you contributed yet? It is easy at <http://www.ncdxf.org>!

73, Glenn Johnson, W0GJ - NCDXF Vice President

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Pasi, OH3WS, will once again be active as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) between May 23-31st. He is there as a as a voluntary worker and will operate during his spare time. Activity will be on 40-10 meters mostly CW, but some SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

OX, GREENLAND. Operators Tom/DJ6TF, Manfred/DK1BT, Sigi/DL7DF and Frank/DL7UFR will be on an "Arctic DXpedition" and active as OX/DJ6TF, OX/DK1BT, OX/DL7DF and OX/DL7UFR, respectively, from Tasiilaq Island (NA-151) between June 3-12th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. If possible, they we will operate on 6m with a FT857D. Equipment consists of 2 transceivers K2, 2 power amplifiers OX1000, 18 m lowband vertical, a R7, a spiderbeam for 20/17/15/12/10m and a 5 element yagi for 6m. QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the Bureau. They will upload the full logs of the DXpedition to LoTW within 6 months after the DXpedition. For more details and uploads, see: <http://www.dl7df.com/ox/index.php>

P4, ARUBA. Operators David/K3LP, Peter/VK3FN and Chris/VK3FY will be active as P40CD, P40FN and P40FY, respectively, from Carl's, P49V (SK), "Cook's Radio Retreat" <http://www.p49v.com> on Aruba (SA-036) between May 19-26th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via M0OX0.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 27th-May 3rd)....

Apr/27th AN	Apr/30th HN	May/02nd AN
Apr/28th AN	May/01st AN	May/03rd AN
Apr/29th HN		

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 PolSAR system used by NASA.

PT70, BRAZIL (Special Event). Rony, PS7AB, will activate special event station PT70FEB between May 1-30th. Activity is to celebrate the 70th anniversary of World War II and to remember the importance of PEACE. The special callsign is also in honor to all who participated in the war, especially the Brazilian Expeditionary Force - FEB, on the battlefields in Italy. Operations will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters using SSB and CW/Digital. QSL via PS7AB, direct (2 USDs), by the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW. A special certificate will be sent in 2016 via E-mail to stations who made contacts with at least 10 Special Event Stations by mode (SSB, CW or Digital), or mixed (3 modes). Each month in 2015, Ronaldo will activate a different callsign and also send 12 different QSLs. PT70FEB is the fifth special event station to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015. For more details, see:

<http://qrz.com/db/pt70feb>

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. A member of the CDR Group DXpedition Team, Celso, PU2WDX, is planning to activate ZW0FWA from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003). Look for details soon.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....  
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (April 26th)

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3Z70VD via SP5KOG                    II7AQP via IZ7ECL                    UP120R via UA3DX  
407TC via UA3TCJ (d)                J79AUS via F6AUS                    UP70MIR via RW6HS (d)  
5P00/P via OZ1GDI                    J88PI via GW4DVB                    VI4AE2 via VK4QS  
9M2/R6AF/P via R6AF                LT7H via EA5GL & (L)                VP9AD via W3HNC  
A92AA via IZ8CLM                    LW6DG via LW6DG (B/L)                VQ9ET via DU7ET (d)  
AM190AST via EA1AST                LZ883PI via LZ1KCP                W4C via WP4DT (d)  
AM190FCH via EA1FCH                OS4U via ON4DN                    YN/WJ20 via N2ZN  
AM390RKM via EA3RKM                P4/DL2MLU via DL2MLU                Z81Z via K4ZW  
AM890CNR via EA8CNR (L/e)            PJ7/KR4NV via KR4NV                ZA/DJ8QP via DJ8QP  
AO2015WRD via ON7LX                PS70FEB via PS7AB                ZA/IK2RLM via IK2RLM  
AO590AN via EC5AN                    R175PIT via RK4W                    ZD8N via G3ZVW  
AX9NT via VK2CA                    R90IARU via UA6YW                ZW150ITU via PR7AYE  
CS5/OK2PVF via OK2PVF                SC80SM via SM5ELV                ZW70FEB via PT2ADM  
CX90IARU via W3HNC                SU9VB via UA4WHX                ZW8T via PS8HF (d)  
DX0P via WA6LOS                    SV5/F5JSD via F5JSD  
EG8TRV via EA8URA & (L)            TC23TC via TALAYZ  
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (\*-B) DX's- Bureau  
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

OQRS FOR P4/IV3IYH. QSL Manager for P4/IV3IYH is IK2ILH, direct or by the Bureau. Online QSL request for P4/IV3IYH (April 2015) is available at: <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/P4/IV3IYH>

T6TM QSL ROUTE. Mike, W2GR, reports, "I am effective immediately the new QSL Mgr. for T6TM for all contacts past and present...via W2GR and direct via CBA is appreciated with appropriate means to get the card back to you."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2XT, 4U0ITU, 4Z1UF, 4Z6TT, 5V7JH, 7X0DX, 7X3FG, 7Z1SJ, 9Q0HQ, A71AM, A92GE, AT150ITU, EALYG, EG8TFE, HB0AON, HR9/K6TOP, LZ9W, PJ7K4BDR, R120RR, RI1ANR, SV2CXI, T6T, TF3ARI, VP2MLL, VP8DOZ, WP4N, XE1MM, XX9LT, YS1BJL, YW5X (SA-054), Z21DXI and ZL7AAA

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 1A0C, 3B9FR, 3D2XT, 8J1RL, 9M8DX/2, C5/M1KTA (AF-060), C98RF (AF-061), CA3CBM, DG00ME, EP6T, G6NYG, HZ1SK, J3/SP3CFM, JE5JHZ, JG2MLI/ANT, JJ5HUD, LT5X (SA-049), LU8XW (SA-008), RI1ANR, S79KB, TC0MI (AS-201), TX7G, VA3IED/VY0 (NA-047\*), VP8DOZ, VP8RAF, YJ0X, YW4V, YW5X, ZD8D and ZD9ZS

\* (ed. was informed - This NA-047 op not valid because Island name is

not printed on card)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 7X2ARA, A25KW, CF3A, CJ3T, PR7FB, RI1ANR, TO8Z, V84SMD, VA3AQB, VA3DXA, VA3FS, VA7XB, VC3Z, VC6Z, VE1BB, VE1CHW, VW1MU, VE2DQO, VE2HAY, VE2OCH, VE3BR, VE3BZ, VE3DC, VE4DXR, VE4TV, VE4WSC, VE5EIS, VE6BBP, VE6BF, VE6IHS, VE7BV, VE7CFZ, VE7GHW, VE8EV, VE8GER, VE9FX, VE9LC, VE9RK, VO1BB, VO1BQ, VO1JNS, VP2EEJ, VX9MOSKVA, VY2RAC, VE7DP/WL9, XL3T, YO9GJY, YP9L and Z81D

RM30, RUSSIA. The regional department of the Amateur Radio Union of Russia (SRR) and the amateur club Activity Smolensk Group will activate the special callsign RM30SM between May 1st and June 12th. Operations will be during a hamradio marathon called "SMOLENSK A HERO CITY" from the city of Smolensk. Activity is to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the hero-city honorary title awarded to Smolensk on May 6th, 1985. The organizers have also launched the following awards diplomas, bannerette flags, and plaques. QSL via R3LO (OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, Bureau). For complete details see: <http://rm30sm.ru/en>

TX3X CHESTERFIELD ISLAND DXPEDITION (Press Release 4, Dated April 23rd).

TX3X - Chesterfield Islands 2015 DX-pedition (OC-176) -- The TX3X project is progressing well. Eleven of the twelve team members met at the International DX Convention, Visalia. We are pleased to make several significant announcements.

On-Island Team: Invariably, scheduling a DX-pedition requires team members to make commitments which sometimes conflict with unforeseen business / family activities.

Joining the team:

\* David Greenhut, N6HD -- An active DXer and contester, David first earned his Novice license call WN6ICK in 1974, he now holds an Amateur Extra license. His amateur radio interests are DX, contesting and emergency communications. He enjoys building his amateur radio station, working new countries and serving the community. David's current station is an Icom 756 Pro III, Henry Amp., 4 element Steppir with a single 40 meter trombone element, 80 meter dipole, 160 meter series/shunt loaded 60 foot tower and various VHF/UHF equipment. Previous DX operations include: 2013 T33A Banaba Island, 2012 NH8S Swains Island, 2011 4X/N6HD, and TG7/N6HD - KH6/N6HD.

\* Walt Wilson, N6XG - Walt is an experienced DX-peditioner and contester. His most recent DX-pedition was TX5K Clipperton Island. He was licensed as a Novice in 1959 as WV6HUR. His introduction to radio was a 40M dipole, single tube oscillator/transmitter and an entry level Heath receiver. He subsequently upgraded to WA6HUR and in the 80s to the call of N6XG. He is a member of the Northern California Contest Club. Upon retirement he traveled and operated extensively throughout the world on vacation style DXpeditions. In 2001 he joined Team Vertical and has been on five DXpeditions to 6Y and 2 DXpeditions to C6. Walt's current interests are contesting, physical fitness, travel, and business consulting. He lives in Los Altos Hills, CA with his wife.

\* Alan Maenchen, AD6E - First licensed in 1962 as WN6BID upgraded to General in 1963 and became WB6BID, was QRT for many years after high school. About 1980 regained interest in the hobby and bought a QRP rig, started chasing DX with 5W and a low dipole. Current station includes a K3, P3, Acom 2000, and another K3, TenTek Hercules II. Member of the Northern California Contest Club, chairman of the California QSO Party <see <http://www.cqp.org>> for 10 years, and was initial chairman of the CWops CW OPEN competition <<http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html>> DX operations include: AD6E/KH9, 4M7X, KH6, DL0MB, TI9M, K7C (Kure), P29NI, 3D2C (Conway), T33A. Alan lives in Hawaii.

News from our Corporate Sponsors:

\* Elecraft - Elecraft founders Eric Swartz/WA6HHQ and Wayne Burdick/N6KR will loan the team six K3 / KPA-500 stations for the DX-pedition.

\* DX-Engineering - Tim Duffy, K3LR, and the DX-Engineering team are donating a significant inventory of necessary equipment, including coax, RF connectors, power supplies, telescoping masts, and other essential equipment.

\* N6BT.com - Tom Schiller founder of N6BT.com is providing his Evolution Series of vertical antennas to the project. Tom's antennas have been used on many DX-peditions with excellent results.

\* MicroHAM - microHAM founder Jozef Urban/OM7ZZ and Joe Subich/W4TV of microHAM USA, will loan 7 DigiKeyer II interface units. Along with our Lenovo T410 laptops and N1MM+ we'll have a fully integrated state-of-the-art networked logging environment.

\* GM0OBX - Billy McFarland, GM0OBX, donated custom made interface cable sets for the DigiKeyer II interface units.  
<http://www.gm0obx.co.uk/online-shop/4584969897>

\* DX-University - We are happy to have Wayne Mills, N7NG, and DX-University as a corporate sponsor.

\* Northern California DX Foundation - In addition to their generous financial support, the NCDXF will loan us several sets of band pass filters.

\* Array Solutions - Jay Terleski, WX0B, is providing a Shared Apex Loop Antenna and offered other support, as required.

\* 6 Meter Antenna - We thank Istvan (Pista) Kolcsey, HA0DU, for providing a 7 element 6 meter beam.

We will announce additional corporate sponsors as agreements are completed.

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73, Team Chesterfield 2015

TX5, CLIPPERTON ISLAND. Jim, F5JY, reports -- Alain, F6BFH, is currently active as TX5P on 40-10 meters until around April 29th. Alain is disappointed in all the total chaos and lack of discipline that is recurring. He reminded once again that if there is no discipline he'll simply go QRT and those who cause the problem will not be in the log. He reports that the team is under extreme temperature, rain and gusts of tropical showers. For electricity he is dependent on generators which run between 2 and 8 hours a day, and sometimes stop without warning when the tank is empty. There is also a problem with sand.....

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Christoph, DL1YAF, will be active as DL1YAF/VK9L from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) between May 30th and June 3rd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters on CW and SSB, using KX3 HF transceiver with KPA 100 watt amp into a vertical and dipole antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. ADDED NOTE: Christoph will be active as DL1YAF/VK on a camping tour which starts May 4th in Perth. His plan is to travel all the way up to Darwin.

VP9, BERMUDA. Andy, DL3YM, will be active as DL3YM/VP9 from the Hamilton apartments of Ed's, VP9GE, between May 28th and June 1st. Activity will be CW only. The operation will be focused on the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. There will be some

additional activity before and after the contest. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL.

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