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** SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW): There will not be an OPDX Bulletin next week and "possibly the week after". I will be attending the Dayton HamVention. "IF" I receive a major announcement, I will probably send out a special bulletin. However, PLEASE continue to send your DX information. You never know what I might do....
See you in Dayton! 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 3rd/May, through Sunday, 10th/May there were 219 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL7, 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. Juergen, DL1HRN, is currently active as 3W9HRN from Hanoi. His length of stay is not known, but activity is mainly CW on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. All QSOs are uploaded to ClubLog.

3W, VIETNAM (3W3MD - Press Release #2)[edited]. As already announced Da Nang City, Vietnam, will be the next destination of the Mediterraneo International Dx ClubTeam and so it will be soon on air any mode/any band. With the call-sign: 3W3MD. Antonio, IZ8CCW, the leader and the co-leader Gabriele, I2VGV, will share this new adventure with 24 DX operators coming from 9 countries. Save the dates because from October 31st to November 10th, they will be on air from 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 in the Low Bands, WARC and especially in the Digital modes.

Any donation will be very very appreciated by the team.
For any further news and updates, please visit the official Web site of this new great adventure at: <http://www.mdxc.org/3w3md/>

73's MDXC H.Q.

3Y/B, BOUVET 2016 (Final Update). Mark, ON4WW, sent out the following [edited]: Dear DXer -- Before sending out a press release, I wanted to share the following with those fellow hams who generously pledged to financially support the Bouvet Island "one-man three-month concept".

After press release #3, I was optimistic in terms of securing the required funding for my expedition. Thanks to so many of you, the necessary up-front expenses were getting close to being covered by the pledges received at that time. I was also hopeful that the larger DX associations and foundations would step forward to contribute as we were getting close to realization.

At this point in time, I have no other choice than to report that the funding is not sufficient to move forward. As I am sure you know, there are a number of large DXpeditions being arranged for late 2015 and early 2016, and they are more or less competing for the same resources. I didn't manage to create sufficient interest among potential external (non-ham) donors, and my one-man concept is of course somewhat controversial by nature. Though, I am still convinced that - even if my particular approach is not necessarily the solution - future DXpeditioning has to find other forms in order to remain sustainable.

After having received permission for Bouvet from NPI (Norwegian Polar Institute), my wife (!), my employer (5 months leave without pay) and getting close to the sufficient up-front funding (you), this is a bitter pill to swallow. But I am extremely grateful to all of you for having lived this dream with me. And not the least to my angel sponsor who kept things going.

As I stated from the beginning, don't be sad, someone else will activate Bouvet!

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and devotion to our wonderful hobby.

73 - Mark - ON4WW

5V, TOGO. Mike, SQ3PMM/9G5AG, will be active as 5V7MI from Togo. This is not a DXpedition, but a trip with a camper across Africa. Activity will probably be the same as his Ghana operation on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. He will be using a FT-857 into a multi-band antenna. QSL via SQ3PMM.

5Z, KENYA. Scott, WA5A, will be active as 5Z4/WA5A from Ruaka between May 13th and June 11th. He is there with is XYL to celebrate the first birthday of their new granddaughter 'Karimi'. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/15 meters using an IC-735 into resonant dipoles at about 80 ft. Mode will be mainly SSB, but if he can fit it in, Scott will take a key and try a little CW. QSL via his home callsign.

5Z, KENYA. Members of the Italian DXpedition Team (IDT) are pleased to announce its next DXpedition to the Republic of Kenya. Unlike its previous activities, this trip is dedicated to a specific event: The recent authorization for the usage of 6 meter band in Kenya. Activity will take place between May 21-31st and the team will use the callsign 5Z0L. Operators mentioned are Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA and Stefano/IK2HKT. Pilot stations is Art/IK7JWY and Sergio/IK0FTA (for 6m). The suggested operating frequencies are:

CW - 3530, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24893 and 28030 kHz

SSB - 14270, 18155, 21310, 24975 and 28420 kHz

6m - 50102/CW and 50123/SSB

RTTY - 14083 kHz

QSL via I2YSB. The IDT will leave in Kenya the 5JXX6 5 elements antenna to Daniel, 5Z4/EA4ATI, to continue the activities on 6m after the end of the DXpedition. An OQRS will be available on their Web page. For more details and update, see: <http://www.i2ysb.com/joomla5>

8Q, MALDIVES. Just a reminder that Sascha, DG4ABE, will be active as 8Q7BI from the Maldives (AS-013) between May 10-17th. Activity will be holiday style on 20-10 meters using mostly the Digital modes, but with some SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

9N, NEPAL. It has been reported that operators Dale/BA4TB and Ni/BD4TR

are now active as 9N7TB and 9N7TR. They are members of the Chinese earthquake rescue team in Kathmandu. Activity will take place when they are not doing emergency traffic operations. QSL via their home callsigns.

C5, GAMBIA. Alan, G3XAQ, will once again be active as C56XA from The Gambia between May 16th and June 4th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW. Also, look for Alan to participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st). QSL via G3SWH.

CR2, AZORES. Operators Antonio/CU8AS, Hermann/CU8FN, Hans/DF5AN, Siggi/DL2HYH and Lutz/DL8MLD will be active as CR2W from Graciosa Island (EU-175) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Multi-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via HB9CRV, by the Bureau or LoTW.

CW150, URUGUAY (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club Uruguayo will be on the air with special event station CW150ITU between May 15-30th. Various stations will operate on all modes and bands celebrating the ITU's 150th anniversary. QSL via CX1AA, direct or by the Bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Jos, PA3FYC, will be active as D44TCA from Boa Vista between May 10-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS.....

- * Tim Duffy, K3LR, has put together a short video detailing Contest University 2015 and Contest activities at the 2015 Dayton Hamvention. It can be viewed at:

<http://wwrof.org/webinar-archive/2015-contest-university-and-contesting-activities-at-dayton-2015-tim-duffy-k3lr/>

- * Topband: Dayton Hamvention activity update - See Special Bulletins Below

- * HamVention Program - If you are going to Dayton, the HamVention program is now available online (in PDF format) to print or view at:

<http://hamvention.org/hamvention-program-maps-published-for-2015>

- * VK0EK Heard Island News (ANGEL FUND WILL WORK AT DAYTON) - Rich, KY6R, reports: During the International DX Convention in Visalia, California, in April, the Angel Matching Fund received \$5050 from direct donations. Doubled by the Matching Fund, this raised \$10,100 for the DXpedition. The administrator of the Fund, Dr. Anders Jepsen, now reports that the Angel has agreed to repeat the offer: Any donations of \$100 or more made at the Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio, during May 15-17, 2015, will be eligible for dollar-for-dollar matching.

To be eligible for matching by the Angel Fund, the donation must be received at the convention. You can make your donation in cash or check, or if you are caught short, make it by PayPal or bank transfer (see instructions here http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_donations.html).

- * NCDXF Press Release (May 9th) [edited] - For immediate release
NCDXF Northern California DX Foundation at Dayton Hamvention --
ICOM America has agreed to generously donate an IC-7100 for NCDXF to raffle off at the Dayton Hamvention again. NCDXF will be at Booth NH0253.

This is an excellent chance to renew your support or become a new contributor to our organization. All new and renewing contributors at Dayton will also receive special gifts, courtesy of 9V1YC and the estate of Vince Thompson (while supplies last).

In the past 12 months NCDXF has granted over \$175,000 to the DXpeditions going to the most needed entities. Now in our 42nd year NCDXF has granted close to \$2,000,000 to hundreds of rare DXpeditions.

Come by and say hello. If you cannot attend the Dayton Hamvention, please visit our website, www.ncdxf.org.

Your gifts and support make rare DX happen!!!

Glenn Johnson W0GJ - NCDXF Vice President

- * DAYTON HAMVENTION DX HOSPITALITY SUITE. The Northern Ohio DX Association

(along with Janeen Hire, W8ZET) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite (19th year) at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (Look for signs!). All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

HA45, HUNGARY (special Event). The members of The Regionalis Radios Sportklub Puspokladany (HA0KHW) will activate the special callsign HA45KHW until the end of this year. Activity is to celebrate the club's 45th anniversary. Operations will be on all HF bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV modes. QSL via OQRS, via HA Bureau or direct via QRZ.COM address.

IOTA NEWS.....

- EU-009. Members of the Orkney Amateur Radio Club (OARC) will be active as MM0MWW from Flotta Island (IOSA OR13) in the Orkney Island Group between July 17-19th. No other details were provided. Visit the OARC Web page at: <http://www.eu009.com>

- EU-029. Ric, DL2VFR, will be active as OZ0FR/P from Mon Island between July 11-31st. He plans to be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) using the callsign OZ0FR as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via DL2VFR. He also mentions that he will be active before and after the contest using the callsign OU0POLIO (via OZ1ACB).

- EU-047. Mario, DJ7MH, will be active as DJ7MH/p from Baltrum Island (DID/GIA N-06) between May 22-24th. Activity will be on 40/30/20 meters CW, using QRP. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau (preferred). QSL via eQSL and LoTW.

- EU-051. Just a reminder to look for operators Giovanni/IK5BCM and Andrea/IU5BLZ to be active as IE9B from Ustica Island between now and May 16th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via IU5BLZ, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

- EU-073. Vin, IK7IMO, will be active as IJ7V from San Pietro Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/24 Hrs/High-Power/DXpedition entry. QSL via IK7IMO.

- EU-074. Just a reminder to look for operators Francis/ON8AZ, Geert/ON7USB, Tim/ON5HC, Lieven/ON4PQ and Pat/ON7PQ to be active as TM5U from Ile Brehat, France, between May 10-16th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ON8AZ. For more details, see their Web site at: <http://www.eu074.be>

- EU-174. Laci, HA0HW, will once again be active from Thassos Island (GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA LH-4186, QRA KN20HS), as SW8WW (ex-J48HW) between May 29th and June 8th. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY, on the HF bands (usually on 40/30/20/17/12/10 meters) and on 6 meters. He will enter the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. His rigs are usually a FT-840 with a MOS-FET amplifier (300-400 watts) and an IC-706 (for 6m only). Antennas are a monoband Gps, dipoles on SPIDER, and dipoles on fishing poles. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the HA Bureau, or by the OQRS via ClubLog is 'OK' as well.

- NA-248. (Update/New IOTA) Cezar, VE3LYC, who is planning to activate Melville Island sometime between the period August 3-10th (Exact dates TBA). Landing permission and logistics have been granted. On May 8th, Cezar announced, "Industry Canada have just approved the special callsign I have requested for this operation. My plan is to operate from the east part of the island, which is administered by the province of Nunavut, and the callsign will

be VY0M. All contacts will count for CQ Zone 1." Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog for both direct and Bureau QSL. There is now a Web page available at:
<http://vy0m.weebly.com>

KH5, PALMYRA (DXpedition 2016). "Rumors" surfaced this past week that the callsign for the January 2016 operation is to be K5E.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA (Cancelled). Masahiro, JH3PRR, announced that he has cancelled his KH8B activity from the Turtle & Shark Lodge in Pago Pago during the CQWW DX SSB and CW Contests. The reason give - "the QTH is no longer available to rent."

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

OX, GREENLAND. Michael, OZ1KZX, will be active as OX/5P1KZX from Greenland (NA-018) between May 15-25th. Activity will be limited to spare-time after his work duties, on 40/20/15 meters on the Digital modes. Radio will be an IC-706Mk2g with 10-20 watts into a G5RV or End-feed long-wire. QSL only via LoTW or eQSL. NO PAPER QSL.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Ed, WA1ZAM, will once again be active as PJ7PL from the Royal Palms Beach Resort between October 17-31st. Activity will include some operations in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry [look for him in the morning most of the time]. Outside of the contest, activity will be holiday style using SSB and RTTY, possibly CW -- depending on what he brings down. QSL WA1ZAM.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 11-17th)....

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| May/11th HN | May/14th LN | May/16th AN |
| May/12th LN | May/15th HN | May/17th AN |
| May/13th DIS | | |

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.

PW0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Ville, PY2ZEA (OH1MM), will once again be active as PW0F from Fernando de Noronha between May 12-20th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. He mentions that he is sorry but no RTTY this time or 6 meters. He also adds, "80 and 160 not sure due to the high noise level and limited space available at the QTH. Furthermore, it is almost summer in the Northern hemisphere, thus the propagation on the low bands is not optimal." QSL via OH2BH only. The logs will be merged with previous PW0F logs in due time (ClubLog and LoTW).

PY0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. If you worked PY0NY this past week, it was

Janio, PY4NY, from Fernando de Noronha. The special callsign PY0NY was used to celebrate the anniversary of the Airspace Control Unit of Fernando de Noronha and also Janio's 35 years of activities as a radio amateur. Activity was to end on May 9th. QSL via eQSL and LoTW. For more details, see QRZ.com.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (May 10th)

4K9W via DL6KVA JG8NQJ/JD1 via JA8CJY RP700 via R2EA
4X/G3TXF via G3TXF LZ70VZ via LZ1ZF RP70RO via RU3DM
9N7TB via BA4TB OL20150 via OK2JS RP70TM via UA9LDD
CT9/DF5AU via DF5AU OZ5MAY via OZ1ACB RP70VG via RA1QJR
DL3YM/VP9 via DL3YM PA45AH via PA0FAW SL7BT via SM7GUY
EV70GA via RW6HS (d) PA45FREE via PA1WBU TM4JD via F8KGS
EV70M via EW2M PA600TEXEL via PE1ODY TN/D2FJZ via CT1FJZ (d)
HS0ZKG via F6AXX R1200 via UA4HTT VK100ANZAC via VK1WIA
IQ6TC/P via Bureau RP70DS via UA3RA YT90IARU via YU1SRS
JA0JHQ/VK9X via JA0JHQ RP70GR via RK9CYA YU90IARU via YU1SRS
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

E41MT & E41WT QSL ROUTE CHANGE. Mai, E41MT, informs OPDX that both her and husband have changed their QSL route, and KB9GSY is no longer their QSL Manager. She states, "We accept our QSL Cards direct to the address: Al Nasser neighborhood Khalid al Hassani St P.O. Box 1323 Gaza Strip ISRAEL"

K4C (WAP-253) QSL STATUS. Bob, K4MZU, reports: All K4C QSL card requests received so far were sent out this morning (May 6th). Several late QSL requests for last year's K4K (WAP-176) went sent out as well.

The LNDX reports: After ten years in Thailand on Koh Sami Island (AS-101), and only had a license for 3 years, Alain F6HBR/HS0ZKG is back in Europe. He has logged 16,200 QSOs (78% in CW, 12% RTTY and 10% PSK).

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4K9W, 7QAA, 7X3FG, 8P6DR, A61CK, DL1NRS, E30FB, EA2AAZ, EA3NW, F4ELI, HA7GN, HR5/F2JD, HS7BHK, LA2MOA (EU-141), K1N, LZ1MS, OA40, OE8TLK, PD3JAG, PJ4LS, PQ0T, SK3W, SV1CEI/8/P, UA6LCH, VK9NT, YB3MM/9 (OC-241), YD4IRS (OC-143), YF1AR/7 (OC-166) and YV5EAH

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3W2JK (AS-130), 5W0KJ, 5Z4/DF3FS, CX6VM, FJ/NN2DX, FJ/WW2DX, OX3LX (NA-220), K1N, P40CX, V31AT, YB200T (OC-150), YB4IR/7 (OC-252), YB7AM/P (OC-269) and YB8RW/3 (OC-250)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3DA0ET, 3Z4EASTER, 4L50, 4S7DFG, 6W/G3TXF, 6Y9X, 8P8T, 8Q7KB, 9M6/KM00, A35X, AL7CE, CQ7P, CY0P, DG150ZRS, DJ60DXMB, DM20KIDS, DM700LSW, DQ0HARZ, DR60INN, EA6/AA5UK, EA8/DF8NY, EY8MM, FO8WBB, FS/DL7DF, H40FN, HB0/DL5YM, HC1WDT, HF50WLA, HK1NA, J38XX, J7A, JW/DL2JRM, K9W, KH6MD, KH6/K1YR, KH6/AA4V, K9W, KL2ZZ, KL7IWC, K5KG/KP2, LX2SM, MZ5A, N7ET/DU7, NH8S, NP2B, NP3K, NU1AW/3, OA4/K6ZH, P43T, P4/DL6RAI, PJ2/N0YY, PJ2/W1ASB, PJ4H, PJ5/N5WR, PJ7/AF6WU, PJ7/G3TXF, SN110RAEM, SN2012GD, T30YA, T31A, T33A, TG7WW, TI8/AA1M, TF/DL2JRM, TX6G, UN0LL, V51WH, VK9CZ, VP5T, VP9/N1SV, VQ975FOC, W4T, WH0/K0BBC, WL7E, XE/K6PT, XO2C, ZD9XF, ZF1AA and ZF2AH

T2, TUVALU. Stan, LZ1GC (C21GC, 3D2GC), will be active as T2GC from the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel in Funafuti between September 24th and October 14th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. The preferred method for a QSL or LoTW requests is via his PayPal. There will probably be a OQRS on ClubLog. Look for more details and Web page to be forthcoming.

T6/YI, IRAQ. Moustafa, F4HGL, will be in Baghdad, for six months starting

at the end of June. He is currently awaiting his license, and he will be active during his free time mostly on SSB. QSL via F50WK.

TN, REPUBLIC OF CONGO. Paulo, CT1FJZ/D2FJZ, is now active as TN/CT1FJS from the Republic of Congo. Activity has been mainly on 20 meters SSB, Paulo informed OPDX that he will be working on all bands for voice every day commencing at 1900z. He also mentioned that he is 90 km of the National d'Odzala Park. All QSLs will be sent after July 19th, when he returns to CT. For any information check QRZ.com under CT1FJZ. QSL card is ONLY direct via CT1FJZ.

TO5, MARTINIQUE. Martin, OL5Y, will be active as TO5Y from Martinique (NA-107) between May 22nd and June 1st. Activity will include participation in CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry from FM5BH station. QSL TO5Y via OL5Y.

V4, ST. KITTS. John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87SG), located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between June 13th and July 22nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. He will also be active during the IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 11-12th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: a 80-10m Multi-band Dipole, and metal roof mounted S9, 18' and 31' Verticals and 3 element Yagi for 6m. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. Operators Barry/N0KV, Ken/W0ETT, Greg/W0ZA and Jim/W0E will be active as VP2MKV from Gingerbread Hill, St. Peters (grid square FK86), between June 10-18th. Activity will be on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also participate in the ARRL VHF Contest and some satellite operations (FO-29 only on selected passes). The two primary radios will be Elecraft K3's with 500 watt amplifiers. Antennas include a Mosley Classic 33 on 10/15/20, a folding hexbeam by Folding Antennas (Germany) on 20-10 meters, verticals on 30 and 40 meters, a dipole on 75-80 meters, and an M2 5 element 6 meter beam. They will run 500 watts on 6m SSB/CW and FSK441. A 6 meter beacon is planned and will be on 50.102 MHz when the station is not manned, and receive will be active between beacon transmissions to listen for calls.

The primary callsign for the operation will be VP2MKV, and VP2MTT will probably be used on 6 meters. Near 24 hour operation is planned. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW soon after the group returns to the US. Paper QSLs via N0KV, direct or via the bureau. US addressees send SASE; addressees outside the US send SASE plus 2 USDs for return postage. Use of ClubLog has not been finalized at this time. Additional information will be posted under VP2MKV on QRZ.com.

XT, BURKINA FASO (Reminder). Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as XT2AW from Ouagadougou between May 20th and June 25th. Activity will be holiday style on CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS (Reminder). You only have a few more days to work Alain "Al", F8FUA (5U7NU, 9J2AE, TZ6NU, XT2BR, Z21KM), as ZL7/F8FUA from Chatham Islands (OC-038) until May 13th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F8FUA, direct (w/SAE + 2 USDs or 1 IRC [new one!]), by the Bureau or LoTW. NO eQSL!

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Additional Bulletins for OPDX InterNet Subscribers.

The popular internet TV show Ham Nation with Bob, K9EID will be live at the Crowne Plaza Dayton on Wednesday evening May 13 (starts at 9 PM EDT) in the Contest Super Suite. Go to <http://live.twit.tv> to watch the show live on Wednesday night. The Contest Super Suite is here:
<http://contestsupersuite.com>

Four days of Dayton 2015 contester activities are outlined here
http://contestsupersuite.com/page_contest_related_events.html

There is a WPROF Webinar about 2015 Dayton activities here:
<http://wprof.org/category/webinar-archive/>

Selected segments of Dayton Contest University (CTU) will be live streamed (and recorded) on the Internet all day Thursday May 14 from 8 AM to 5 PM EDT. Seats are still available for students at Dayton CTU. Go to <http://contestuniversity.com> for late registration. There is already a "button" on the CTU home page to connect to the live stream thanks to Icom America.

The Hamvention Antenna Forum will be held in Room one at HARA on Friday afternoon, May 15. This will be the first year there is a live stream available (and recorded). Go to the Icom America web site on Friday, May 15 for the link to watch the presentations:
<http://www.icomamerica.com/en/amateur/dayton2015/>

You can see Dr. Tamitha Skov's May 7th (latest) propagation forecast here:
<http://spaceweather.tv>

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A behind the Scenes Tour The World s Largest Antenna at Arecibo , Angel Vazquez, WP3R
A Look at Antenna Analyzers , Joel R. Hallas, W1ZR
The Science of Predicting Space Weather and How it Affects Propagation , Dr. Tamitha Skov
Quadcopter Drone Assisted Real World Antenna Pattern Measurements , Greg Ordy, W8WWV

Bob, K4UEE will speak about 160 meter operations from K1N Navassa Island at the 26th Annual Top Band Dinner on Friday night, May 15. Tickets are still available: <http://topbanddinner.com>

The Spurious Emissions Band will play a live concert starting at 10 PM Friday (May 15) at the Dayton Crowne Plaza Presidential Ball room. Members of the band are all Ham radio musicians. Come early - as the place was packed last year. Here is one of their songs from 2014:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg_S5RujMn8

Noted contester and ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN will speak at the 23rd Annual Contest Dinner on Saturday May 16 at the Crowne Plaza. A few tickets are still available:
<http://contestdinner.com>

Thanks to Scott KA9FOX at QTH.com for all you do to make these websites work.

73 and see you in Dayton,
Tim K3LR

For your consideration or posting to websites and/or local/regional/
association e-mail lists. Thanks and 73, John/N0FCD

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(May 3, 2015) The 63rd annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet will be held September 11-12, 2015, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, the event is an ARRL-approved operating specialty convention. One new addition this year is a Contest University program that will join the DX University on Friday. Both tracks will have presentation for new and veteran DXers and contest operators. The daylong convention on Saturday will feature a full program of speakers, exhibits, QSL card checking, a CW pileup contest and many prizes. The Banquet on Saturday evening is a time to relax with keynote speaker Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, former FCC Special Counsel for Spectrum Enforcement, as well as the DX Countdown and grand prizes. The convention is scheduled one week earlier than normal because of hotel availability. Woodfield Mall, which offers a wide array of shopping, is one traffic light south of the convention site.

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
1800 East Golf Road
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DX University and Contest University Friday

- Contesting Basics: What is radio sport? Why do it? Why should you do it? The language of contesting. Ethics.
- Types and conduct of contests: A discussion of the various types of contests, examples, contest exchanges and contest scoring.
- Hardware and software for the new contester: differences in hardware and ergonomics for contesting, antennas, logging software and on-line resources.
- RTTY contesting: How to setup for RTTY, sample exchanges, how to operate and demos.
- Low Band DXing
- DX Seminar discussion
- Antennas and transmission lines
- Portable DXing
- Daily DXing: The road to multi-band DXCC and tools to improve efficiency

(These sessions will be led by some of the best DX ers and contest operators in the Midwest, including K9CT, K9DX, K9IR, K9EL, N9EP, W9MU, W09S, K3WA and K9ZO.)

Main Convention Saturday (as of now, with more being added)

- K1N Navassa Island DXpedition (W0GJ)
- Operating from Kuwait (W6RGG)
- YK9A February 2001 - What's Happened Since (AE9YL)
- Cycle 24 Update (K9LA)
- ARRL Roundtable Discussion

Registration: Go to [<http://w9dxcc.com/>](http://w9dxcc.com/) and click Registration.

Registration is open now via PayPal or download the form and send a check. Early registration ends August 1. Banquet orders must be received by Sept. 4. Click Location & Lodging for hotel reservations.

Updates: <http://w9dxcc.com/> for new developments.

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** SPECIAL NOTE/REMINDER FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW): There will not be an OPDX Bulletin next week and "possibly the week after". I will be attending the Dayton HamVention. "IF" I receive a major announcement, I will probably send out a special bulletin. However, PLEASE continue to send your DX information. You never know what I might do.... See you in Dayton! 73 de Tedd KB8NW

The following are last minute updates and dated announcements.....

GB6, ENGLAND (Special Event). Look for special event station GB6GEO to be on the air between May 22-23rd, from the Prehistoric Caves, of "Kent's Cavern", England's oldest in Britain. GB6GEO will be situated in the English Riviera (Torbay), that is recognized as having Geo Park status by UNESCO. There are six in the UK, and fifty three in the world. They hope GB6GEO will help to promote geological heritage to the general public. GB6GEO will issue a special commemorative QSL card, and there is a certificate for the paper chasers. Just work one contact with the GB6GEO HQ station or any other two stations. For more details please look up GB6GEO on QRZ.com ADDED NOTE: There will be other Geopark stations on the air during the Geoparks Communication Weekend -- DK0GEO (Germany), EI2GEO (S.Ireland), GB2GEO (Scotland), GB5GEO (Wales), GB6GEO (England), SZ8LSV (Lesvos Island), and 9A1GEO (Croatia).

THE QSL MAN (W4MPY Update). David Carroll, W5QDF, son of Wayne, W4MPY, The QSL Man, wants to get the story out about Wayne and why he dropped off the earth last year with the QSL printing business. He provided the following: The QSL Man is NOT Dead -- Wayne, W4MPY, the QSL man has been gravely ill with cancer, but is still alive.

During his illness the QSL business was taken over by a member of the family that is not a ham, but does know graphic arts and was instrumental in helping Wayne with the software he used for creating the variety of QSL cards.

Unfortunately this family member did not do well with the business and things just spiraled out of control until Wayne, W4MPY, and his XYL Lola, N4KAI, were forced to close the business. We are aware of the money owed many and are working to fulfill our obligation to these loyal customers.

Please contact David Carroll, W5QDF, on this E-mail account <QSLman_Recovery@yahoo.com> and let David see what he can do to resolve things. David, W5QDF, and his XYL Sonya KF5ZRA are taking care of Wayne and Lola and their doing well.

TYPOS IN OPDX.1214. There were two typos in OPDX.1214. First the BID number was wrong - should be \$OPDX.1214 (not \$OPDX.1213). The second typo was under "TN, REPUBLIC OF CONGO" the callsign TN/CT1FJS should be TN/CT1FJZ.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND (Press Release). Rob, N7QT, sent out the following [edited]: An international team of amateur radio operators will activate DXpedition station VK9WA from Willis Island, November 12-21st, 2015. Willis is currently #34 on the ClubLog's most wanted list and has not been activated since 2008.

The team will depart Cairns, Australia, on the "MV Phoenix" vessel for the 30 hour trip to Middle Cay Island in the Willis Islets. The island is only 4 acres in size and uninhabited. They will operate high power CW, SSB, and RTTY on 10 through 80 meters (possibly 160 meters) for 10 days (subject to weather, etc.). The primary focus will be providing all time new contacts with this highly demanded, rarely activated entity.

Additional details are available at: <http://VK9WA.com>

Initial team members include Rob/N7QT, Jared/N7SMI, Sandro/VE7NY and Adam/K7EDX. Additional team members (up to 8 total) are being considered.

While this is a small, budget-conscious DXpedition, activating Willis requires significant expense for a charter boat and equipment. We kindly invite you to donate to the cause and support us. Donation and sponsorship details are available at: <http://VK9WA.com>

VP8SGI/VP8STI DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release from the Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team). Paul, N6PSE, sent out the following: The Intrepid DX Group's VP8SGI/VP8STI team is pleased to announce our operating strategy which will allow us to work as many unique callers as possible during each of these activations.

During our voyage to South Sandwich, which is the first island that we will activate, we will use our newly donated BGAN terminal to access solar data. We will also check in with our US, EU and JA Pilots to determine which bands are currently propagating well. We will then select a band; possibly 20, 17 or 15 meters and we will be QRV with one station on this band for the duration of the Dxpediton. This will give everyone a chance to work us at least once on the selected band.

In addition, during our final 24 hours of QRV from each island, we will announce and only accept contacts from new-first time stations on this selected band. Those chasing band slots can work us 10-160 meters on the other bands; however we feel that it is of critical importance that our primary strategy includes a means for everyone to make at least one contact with these rare islands.

We are pleased to announce our "Early Donor" program for donations prior to departure to the Islands.

For all donations of \$25 or more, we will perform an early LoTW upload and we will include all \$25 or more donors in the first batch of QSL processing. Our OQRS will be live during the Dxpediton. Direct QSL cards and bureau QSL cards will be processed last.

Our plans are moving forward in all aspects. We are about to make our

second installment of \$113,000 to the Braveheart. The Dxpedition Team has committed to paying half the costs of this Dxpedition and our Team's contribution is \$210,000.

To date, we have raised \$105,000 towards our goal of raising \$215,000. This puts us at 47% of our target. We would welcome additional support from the many DX Clubs around the globe.

At the time of our activations, South Sandwich will be the #3 most wanted entity, while South Georgia will be the #7 most wanted DXCC entity.

All information about our plans can be found on our website:

<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>

Lastly, many of the VP8STI/VP8SGI Team members will be attending the 2015 Hamvention this weekend in Dayton, Ohio. We look forward to meeting and sharing our plans with everyone interested in VP8STI/VP8SGI.

Thank you, The Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Operators Bill/NZ5N and Pete/N8PR will be going to Cayman Islands to operate mainly EME on 2 meters between May 20-25th. Their callsign will be ZF2EM. (Could not get ZF2EME since they only have 2x2 callsigns.) They will be on the HF bands when the moon is not up, mainly in the mornings local time. Probably JT65 and SSB. Bands will be determined by what antennas are available at the club station when they arrive (160-6m). QSL via N8PR, direct with SASE or via LoTW after their week is over and they return.

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