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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/June, through Sunday, 19th/June there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, 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, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

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

60 METERS ACTIVITY (Provided by W8GEX & 60m DX News). These are stations that were active or made a SWL spot on the DX Watch Cluster Network: 9K2YM, EA4BDJ, G3KEV, G3SES, GM4WSB/B, LA0NK, LA1DHA, LA9IX, OZ3K and TF1EIN

6V, SENEGAL (IOTA Op). A team of Italian operators will be active as 6V1IS from Ngor and Gor?e Islands (AF-045), Senegal, between November 6-16th. This is a Humanitarian DXpedition. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. Operators and Team members mentioned are Leopoldo/I8LWL (Organizer), Alfredo/IK7JWX (Team leader/QSL Manager), Ampelia/IS0AGY, Christian/IS0BWM, Loredana/IS0FFR, Patrick/IS0FQK, Simon/IZ7ATN, Vincenzo/IZ8FRH, Enzo/IZ8LFI and Michele/IW7EGQ. Log will be available on ClubLog. The operation does have a FaceBook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1707060236221730>

8Q, MALDIVES (Reminder). Wolfgang, DK1HW, will be active as 8Q7HW from Safari Island Resort on Mushimasgali Island (AS-013) between June 20-28th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB and PSK31, and running 100 watts into verticals in the seawater. QSL via DK1HW.

8Q, MALDIVES. James, 9V1YC, is currently active as 8Q7YC from Dharavandhoo Island, Baa Atoll, Maldives (AS-013) until June 21st. Activity is on various HF bands. QSL via W5UE.

9A, CROATIA (IOTA Op). Adrian, YO4HHP, will be active as 9A/YO4HHP from Cres Island (EU-136) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode/12-Hrs/DXpedition entry. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters. QSL via YO4HHP.

BCA PRESS RELEASE (Best Communication Award 2015). [edited] DxCoffee and the DXUniversity assign the 2015 Best Communication Award to K1N, Navassa -- The 2015 Best Communication Award is assigned to K1N, the DxPediton to Navassa, that took place in February 2015.

This Dxpedition deserved our recognition for having captived the ham community in the difficult task to activate this very rare entity after many years' attempts. The Dxpedition's website, <www.navassadx.com>, got us involved in many details. Just see the amount of daily updates during the operation's days, with directions and advices to increase one's chances of a QSO. We have appreciated a lot the several pictures and especially the video, made with a GoPro camera, mounted on Jerry WB9Z's head.

Not just the website, also social media played a role, with an excellent use of Facebook (a lot of news and pictures) and some Tweets.

In addition to the proper award, we have once again considered a few "special mentions" for those Dxpeditions who have stand out as far as communication is concerned. These special mentions will be announced shortly on these pages.

The Best Communication Award, rules:

<http://www.dxcffee.com/eng/communication-award/>
http://www.dxcffee.com/eng/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/dxcffee_comaward.jpg

Fabrizio IU0BMP -- Award Manager

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update, dated June 18th). Randy, N0TG, reports: The countdown is on; just 60 days ?til activation. Procurement of final materials and supplies is in process and being shipped to team member K8LEE ? Wayne. Wayne and Jay-K4ZLE will rent a cargo van for transport of most of the gear to our staging area in Canada departing their homes around 12 August. Phil, VA3QR, will be driving to the staging area with the generators and several other items. And, lastly Murray, WA4DAN, will also drive to Dingwall, Canada, with several yagi?s. Other team members will be flying.

The team is excited and looking forward to a very inclusive operation, i.e, satellite, 2 meter EME, RTTY, CW, SSB. We also have plans to include working Tech and General Class. We appreciate the visits to our website and those who have taken the ?NEED SURVEY?. We are gearing up to assure we meet the band and mode needs expressed, as well as, concentrating on successful contacts on the long and difficult propagation paths to various locations in Oceania, Japan, India, Asiatic Russia, western USA and VE, etc.

Our thanks for the financial support; that helps greatly on the upfront cost of the dxpedition. Website: <http://www.CY9DXpedition.com>

D4, CAPE VERDE. By the time you read this, Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as D44TWO from Praia, Santiago Island (AF-005) until July 13th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He states that he works mostly on the Digital modes (PSK31, JT65 and RTTY) and slow CW. Equipment is a FT-450D into a home-made HEX BEAM and a dipole for 40 meters. QSL via M0OXO (OQRS available).

D6, DOMOROS. Operators Pavel/OK1FPS, David/OK6DJ, Pavel/OK1GK, Ruda/OK2ZA and Petr/OK1BOA will be active as D66D from Comoro Islands (AF-007) between mid-September and begin-October (September 18-30th). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Antenna/radio setup is 3x Elecraft K3, 2x PA, Antennas 2 x Spiderbeam including WARC, 1x vertical 40/30m, 1 vertical 160/80m + special RX antenna for low bands. QSL via OK6DJ, LoTW or eQSL. For more details and update, see:

http://www.cdxp.cz/?page_id=512

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY (Reminder). Operators Dave/W9DR and Tom/W9AEB are now active as FJ/W9DR and FJ/W9AEB from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA 0377) until June 29th. Look for W9DR as FJ/W9DR on 6 meters only (50.115 MHz), CW/SSB with a 6m Beacon (50.115.7 MHz). Look for W9AEB as FJ/W9AEB on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via their home callsigns.

I0/S53R GOING SILENT. Robert, I0/S53R, posted on the FOC mail reflector, "I am off from I0 tomorrow (June 14th) to a land that is very high on the most wanted list (within 10%), but as you can imagine licensing is a problem. Hence, I0/S53R is off the air for the next two years. Wonder if I should give in my FOC credentials... I will have a fairly strict schedule, meaning 4 weeks in and 1-2 weeks out so I may pop up occasionally. Of course some contest activities from other countries are being planned so see you on the bands."

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-070. Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) will be active as R70ASIA from Gusmp Island between July 29th and August 2nd. Operators mentioned are Vasily/R7AA and Yuri/R2DG. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. Their activity will also include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). The team is looking for funds. QSL via R7AA or OQRS.

EU-076. Martin, DL5RMH, is now active as LA/DL5RMH from Lofoten Island until June 25th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

EU-076. Ad, PB3A, is now active as LA/PB3A/p from Lofoten Island until June 25th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. He plans to activate one or more SOTA references. QSL via PB3A, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-102. Operators Vladimir/RV1CC and Mike/UA1QV will be active as RV1CC/P and UA1QV/P, respectively from Kashin Island between June 23-27th. They will also use the Russian St. Petersburg University club callsign -- RC1M/p. Activity will be on 40-15 meters with a focus on NA, OC and Far-East. QSL via operator's home callsign.

EU-120. Operators 2E0HDG, Bryant/G3NVB, Colin/G4GBP, Andy/G4JNT, Brian/G0UKB, Liz/M0ACL, Rhodri/M0RHO and M1ENU will be active as G0IVR/p from Lundy Island between July 27th and August 1st. Their activities will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.g4gbp.co.uk/lundy2016.html>

EU-127. Operators Axel/DB1WA, Marc/DL1MRD, Joe/DM4DL and Christoph/DM5HF will be active as DR0F from Neuwerk Island between July 28th and August 1st. QSL via DM4DL by the Bureau.

NA-035. Dan, HR2DMR, is once again active as HQ8S from Swans Island

until about June 30th. Activity will be limited to his spare time (there working) on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via KD4POJ.

NA-067. Operators Nathan/N4YDU and Keith/W4KAZ will be active as K4C from Core Banks Island, NC, between July 29-31st. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via N4YDU, direct or LoTW.

NA-128. The NA128 Contest Group will be active again this year as XL2I (Multi-Single) from Ile-aux-Coudres, Quebec, Canada, between July 28th and July 31st for the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via VE2CQ and LoTW few days after the contest. For more details and updates, see: <http://qsl.net/na128cg>

NA-134. Al, F6ACH, will be active as OX/F6ACH from Uummannaq Island between July 21-27th. Activity will be on 20-10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL.

SA-045. Operators Daniel/PT7BI, Roberto/PT2GTI, Nicolas/PT7MM, PQ8UA and Regis/PY2POL will be active as ZY8M from Maraca Island between July 12-17th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via PT7BI.

SA-069. Members of the Chilean DXpedition team will once again be active as XR1T from Santa Maria Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-Single/All-Band/DXpedition entry. Activity will be on all bands using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Domingo/CE1DY, Erik/CE1OEB, Marco/CE1TBN, Pablo/CE1BF, Marco/CE1TBN, Dercel/CE3KHZ, Cristian/CE3PDF, Luis/CD1LEW and Julio/CE3OP. QSL via CE3OP (see QRZ.com).

SA-072. (Update) Operators Ronaldo/PS8RV, Anselmo/PS8AB, Jo?o/PS8PY, Fernando/PU8PSF and Natan/PU8RZB will be active as ZY8D from Canarias Island (DIB-MA03) between July 29-31st. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters using SSB and 100 watts. Operations will also include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). QSL via PS8RV direct.

SA-100. Operators Nando/IT9YRE and Claudio/I1SNW were expected to be active as CE1/IT9YRE and CE1/I1SNW from Pajaros Rocks (Huaira) this past week (June 14-18th), but had to postpone their operation due to bad sea conditions.

J2, DJIBOUTI. Jean-Philippe, F1TMY, will be active as J28PJ from Djibouti starting September 1st, for the next 3-5 years. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via F1TMY.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Steve, NY3B, will be active as J6/NY3B from St. Lucia between June 22nd and July 4th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

KL7, ALASKA (IOTA Op). John, KG4FJC, will be active as KG4FJC/KL7 from Adak Island (NA-039), Alaska, between August 30-31st. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using mostly SSB with some CW. Operations will be with 100w into PAC-12 antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW after his return.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Roger, SM7RYR, will be active as OY/SM7RYR from Faroe Islands (EU-018) between June 19-27th. Activity will be holiday style on 20-10 meters using CW only. His equipment will be a KX3 with 10 watts

into a ground plane (GP). QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign with 2 USDs and an SAE. NO Bureau.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Earlier in the week Dom, 3Z9DX, has received confirmation from the North Korean government to make a return trip to P5 and operate amateur radio with equipment for up to 5 days. The dates of activity are not yet known, but he will receive a very short notice. When Dom receives the short notice, he will have just a few days beforehand to gather his luggage and radio equipment for his stay in P5 land. Dom was told that this would be a single band SSB only operation (possibly on 20/15/10m). ADDED NOTE: Also, read the article on the ARRL Web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/polish-dxer-3z9dx-reported-ready-to-return-to-north-korea-on-a-moment-s-notice>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 19-25th)....

Jun/19th AN	Jun/22nd AN	Jun/24th HN
Jun/20th AN	Jun/23rd AN	Jun/25th AN
Jun/21st AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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

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

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

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (June 19th) <www.qslinfo.eu>

3Z0MCI via SQ9MCI	GB20WM via GM3IBU	OM4X via OM4SX
3Z0MK via SP7PZS	GB90QB via GB90QB (L)	ON25CRD via ON4CRD
4JF1BAKU via 4J4K	GB90QBD via M0KRI	OT4S via ON8SI
4JF1EU via 4J3DJ	H44LG via JE1LGY	OZ/DL1DAQ via DL1DAQ
5Q7DX via PA7JWC	HB9/IW2OBX/P via IW2OBX	P3X via 5B4AMM
5W0COW via KC0W	HF06PSH via SP6TGI	R15EURO via RQ7L
9A701CRJ via 9A1CRJ	HF16URSA via SP5PPK	R20CSKR via RD2D
B7M via BG7LHY	HF25ZIR via SP3ZIR	R60KZI via R5EO
CR5U via CR7AJL	HF35PBW via SP1DPA	R80GYR via RC3M
D44TWO via M0OXO	HG0HEXV via HA5GY	RT73HL via RL5G (d)
DA200FGK via DL2JES	HG2DX via HA8DM	SK3W via SM5DJZ
DL/HB9FIH via HB9FIH	HP3/VY2SS via AC2OV	SM7/DJ2RG via DJ2RG
DL0MFM via DF7PM	ID9/IK3ITV via IK3ITV	SN16UM via SP5PPK
DL50MUC via DF2NU	II3WW via IQ3BM	SP/VE4EA via VE4EA (d/L)
DL800JE via DK4WA	IO1DCI via IK1GPG	SP9/DJ7ZO via DJ7ZO

DP5V via DL5DSB IS0/I4WCK via I4WCK SV/PB5T via PB5T (d/L)
DR160TESLA via DK8ZZ J42OSE via SZ2T (SV-B/d) SV8/OE2LCM/P via OE2LCM
DR777RI via DL8OBQ JT5DX via JT1CO T88AN via EB7DX
E20AX via E21EIC & (L) K5A via K5DB (d) TA2/DL2JRM via DL2JRM
E7C via E77AR KH0R/KH2 via JE6DND TI3/N8JAJ via N8JAJ (d TI-
Adr)

EA6/DK5IR via DK5IR KP2/N5PV via N5PV & (L) TM16EFC via F8ATS
EE5M via EA5GF LA/DL5RMH via DL5RMH TM2C via F8BON
EH4MCG via EA4DCU LX8RTTY via LX1DA TM8FDA via F4KJP
EI1916E via EI3GC LX8SAR via DK4XC W3H via K6ZO
EM0I via UT2IZ MD2C via MD0CCE YB80 via YB8RW
EM25S via UW8SM MM/DL9FBB via DL9FBB YP0C via YO3CZW
ES0/DL5CW via DL5CW OE/OH6MCZ/P via OH6MCZ YR8V via YO8CT
ES0UG via DL3BQA OE2016EM via OE6HLF YT5C via YU7BPQ
EX9T via EX8MLE OG3077F via OH3JF Z3A via Z30A
FJ/W9AEB via W9AEB OH/HB9CPD via HB9CPD ZA/HA2SG via HA2SG
GB100DSC via G7OCK OL1B via OK1FMJ ZM1A via ZL3CW (d)
GB2MOF via GM4UYZ OM41KYSUCE via OM3CND

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

ET7L QSL STATUS. Gary, US0LW, QSL Manager for ET7L, reports [edited]:
"On June 13th, I received cards from the printing house. Now I sent
80% of paper requests and the termination will be on Monday. On Tuesday,
I will begin to process OQRS. LoTW: We sent documents to ARRL for DXCC.
After that we will get access to LoTW. We expect.... 73"

FT4JA QSL STATUS. Flo, F5CWU, QSL Manager for FT4JA, reported, "We just
received the cards this week from the printer and we just started to
proceed the QSL. Once processed, the QSL with special envelopes will
be sent using the French Overseas Territories post office. This is a
bit longer than classic post office service, but it is part of our agree-
ment with French administration. You'll received the special envelope
FT4JA with special stamps and the QSL. I think the QSL will come in July.
Sorry for the delay. 73...."

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 8K2RA, E73Y, JA7XBG, SV1EBV, TG9ADO, TG9AJR,
TG9ANF, SA5K, VP8BTU, XR0YS and XW1IC

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 9M2AX, E44YL, EP2A, UE40SA, VK0EK, VP8STI and
XU7AKC

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

SILENT KEY. It was reported tha Rizal, 9M2RDX, became a Silent Key (SK)
on June 12th. Piju, 9M2PJU, informs OPDX, "He was a good guy, very down
to earth humble, passionated with ham radio, especially on HF operations.
Active scouts leader, teacher and instructors to many including his work-
mates in hospital. He also was a good and motivated QSL manager for 9M2SE.
I will be missing him after this." OPDX and its readers would like to send
out our deepest sympathy to 9M2RDX's family and friends.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. By the time you read this Randy, WW6RG, should be
active V73/WW6RG from Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028) in the Marshall Islands
between June 20-22nd. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using SSB.
QSL via his home callsign.

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Operators Henri/OH3JR and Seppo/OH1VR will be active
from Anguilla between November 21st and December 1st. Callsigns will
be announced later. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB
and RTTY. They plan to be an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November

26-27th). QSL cards will only be direct CBA.

XT, BURKINA FASO. Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as XT2AW from Ouagadougou sometime in/between October/November. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He states that he works mostly on the Digital modes (PSK31, JT65 and RTTY) and slow CW. Equipment is a FT-450D into a home-made HEX BEAM and a dipole for 40 meters. QSL via M0OXO, direct or OQRS <http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/>.

XW, LAOS. Bruce, 3W3B (HS0ZCY/XU7ADF/XW1B/AA4XR), who lives in Da Nang, will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between June 30th and July 12th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. He informed OPDX several weeks ago, "I will be active as much as possible on CW and, mainly, RTTY and JT65 as there seems to be more of a demand on digital." QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

YASME NEWS (Press Release dated June 15th). THE YASME FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO SUPPORT YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN AMATEUR RADIO -- The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce three grants in furtherance of Yasme's goal of encouraging youth participation in amateur radio and operating activities. The Yasme Foundation encourages amateurs to support activities that promote amateur radio and result in new licensees around the world.

The sixth edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) conference will take place in July 2016 in Wagrain, Austria www.ham-yota.com. Over 100 young amateurs from all IARU regions will gather in the Austrian Alps to participate in a series of programs and workshops about amateur radio as well as inter-cultural exchanges and social interaction. Gatherings such as YOTA exemplify the ability of amateurs to work together across national borders and ethnicities in the best "ham spirit" of friendship. The Yasme Board is pleased to assist in helping young amateurs attend this meeting that otherwise would be unable to attend.

1. Amateur Radio Association of the Republic of Kosovo (SHRAK)

The Yasme grant will enable two youth amateur radio operators from Kosovo to attend the YOTA conference. This will be the first time these amateurs will have travelled outside their home country. SHRAK was recently admitted to the IARU as a member society, an additional step toward enabling Kosovo to be added to the ARRL DXCC entity list.

2. Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society (EARS)

Two youth operators from EARS will also be attending the YOTA conference. This extends Yasme's support of the ET3AA station and the previous grant enabling travel by EARS members to participate in the 2016 ARI International DX Contest from Estonia. EARS member participation furthers amateur radio activity from eastern Africa and encourages interest in amateur radio by other African youth.

3. North American Participants

Three young amateurs from the United States will also attend the YOTA meeting with the assistance of the Yasme grant and a similar grant from the Northern California DX Foundation. As invited members of IARU in ITU Region 2, it is the hope of both Boards that they will return with ideas for extending the successes of YOTA to young North American amateurs.

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The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to support 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 www.yasme.org.

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ZONE 2 (Update). A team of nine members of the VE2UMS Amateur Radio Club will put four stations on the air from "North of 50" CQ zone 2, between July 25th and August 1st. Their DXpedition will use the special callsign VC2Q. Operators mentioned are Normand/VA2NQ, Gabriel/VA2QA, Jacques/VE2CYJ, Vittorio/VE2HAY, Serge/VE2HLS, Julian/VE2AWW, Mike/VE2OV, Normand/VE2GKL and Jacques/VE2ESM. QSLs will be issued for every QSO. Activity will be on all bands, 160-6 meters, including 30/17/12 meters, and one 60 meter channel if conditions are favorable. Operations will be CW, SSB and the Digital modes. There are more details on QRZ.com.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLAND (Update). Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as ZL7/W1XGI (not ZL7/JA1XGI as first announced) from Chatham Islands (OC-038) between November 24th and December 1st. Activity will probably be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands, using mainly CW with some RTTY, JT65 and PSK. Equipment is an IC-7300 into two different verticals. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). QSL via JA1XGI, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. For more details and updates, watch:

<http://island.geocities.jp/chathamholiday>

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