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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28th-August, through Sunday, 4th-September there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, CY9, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, J8, 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, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, 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".

3B8, MAURITIUS. Bernie, ZS4TX, will be active as 3B8TX from the northwest coast of Mauritius Island (AF-049) between September 16-19th. He reports to DXNews.com: "Mauritius is not rare in Europe on 6m (WW Loc. LG89sx). My operation will favor NA/SA moon-rise and ZL/VK moon-set. Please send me an E-mail for any special time/sked that may not be covered in the proposed time frames. I will also be running a beacon during the daytime looking for possible Tropo openings towards Africa." His equipment is an IC-7100 and 6M8GJ. QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign.

3W, VIETNAM. Operators Jose/EAlACP, Gen/EA5HPX, Francisco/EA7FTR, Carlos/EA1DVY, Oleg/US7UX and David/EB7DX will be active as 3W2R from Mekong Delta between October 20-28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters on all modes. QSL via EB7DX.

5U, NIGER. Yves, F5PRU, is now active as 5U7RK from Niger for the next few months. Activity will be limited to his free time because he is there working. Operations will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-50 HF transceiver into a dipole antenna. QSL via his home callsign, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

5X, UGANDA. Andy, DL3YM, will once again be active as 5X8B from Entebbe starting September 20th and October 1st. He is there again on business. Activity will be limited on various HF bands using CW. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW (preferred). He does send all QSLs automatically via the Bureau.

5Z, KENYA. The Daily DX reports that Tom, DL2RMC, will be working the next 3 years in Kenya starting October 1st, and he plans to be active as 5Z4/DL2RMC. Activity will probably be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

6Y, JAMAICA. Operators Tom/VE3CX, Harry/VA3EC, Dennis/VE3JAQ and Tony/VE3RZ will be active as 6Y3T from Jamaica (NA-097) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via VE3CX.

8P, BARBADOS. Operators Mitsumasa/JH4IFF and Takai/JH4CES will be active as 8P9JH and 8P9IP, respectively, from Barbados (NA-021) between November 3-9th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Look for JH4CES (with some help from JH4IFF) to be active as 8P9IP during the IPARC Contest (CW -- Nov. 5th, between 0600-1000 UTC and 1400-1800 UTC, and SSB -- Nov. 6th, between 0600-1000 UTC and 1400-1800 UTC). For details, see: http://dl0ipa.darc.de/IPARC-Contest%202016%20_engl_.pdf QSL both callsigns via JH4IFF direct.

9M59, MALAYSIA (East/West). Members of Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter Society (MARTS) are now active with 14 special event stations (starting with 9M59Mx) on the air until September 16th. To encourage ham operators to participate in this event, MARTS will be issuing a special award certificates. Activity will be on all amateur HF bands including the WARC bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Repeater, satellite, eQSO, Echolink or other relay methods are NOT permitted. Awards are:

- Golden Award -- 10 (ten) station with 9M59Mx can be contacted
- Silver Award -- 7 (seven) station with 9M59Mx can be contacted

Award can be applied by submitting valid LOG with details list of QSOs, which consist of callsign of contacted station, date & time in UTC, band, mode and communication report both ways. All awards will be sent in pdf, after the end of this activity via email. Award submission date no later than October 16th, 2016. For QSL cards, PLEASE do not send your QSL card to MARTS HQ, but send it direct to 9M59xx stations. Submit LOGs, preferably by E-mail to: admin@marts.org.my

Manual post are not preferable. The special callsigns to look for and the QSL info can be found on QRZ.com page:

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| 1. 9M59MY | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MY | West Malaysia |
| 2. 9M59MB | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MB | West Malaysia |
| 3. 9M59MA | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MA | West Malaysia |
| 4. 9M59MK | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MK | West Malaysia |
| 5. 9M59MD | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MD | West Malaysia |
| 6. 9M59MC | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MC | West Malaysia |
| 7. 9M59MW | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MW | East Malaysia |
| 8. 9M59MR | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MR | West Malaysia |
| 9. 9M59MS | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MS | East Malaysia |
| 10. 9M59MJ | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MJ | West Malaysia |
| 11. 9M59MN | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MN | West Malaysia |
| 12. 9M59MM | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MM | West Malaysia |
| 13. 9M59MT | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MT | West Malaysia |
| 14. 9M59MP | - https://qrz.com/db/9M59MP | West Malaysia |

A3, TONGA. Joshua, VA7YM, will be active as A31YM from different locations

and IOTAs between September 3-21st. He states, "I have a plan in Tonga to swim with whales on Sep 2016 with my diving buddy. Tonga is the best place to swim with the great creature in the world especially on the season. We will take alot of pictures and video with them." Using an Icom IC-7000 into a R7 antenna, Joshua will be active from the following locations:

September 3-5th -- Tongatapu Island (OC-049)

September 5-13th -- Haapai Island (OC-169)

September 13-21st -- Eua Island (OC-049)

QSL via his home callsign direct. Watch QRZ.com for updates.

A5, BHUTAN (Reminder). Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again travel to Bhutan with Champ/E21EIC and Franz/DJ9ZB later this week. Their main purpose of this trip is to support the launch of the Paralympic Committee in Bhutan with the Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC). The callsign A5A will be activated again between September 8-17th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with two stations on the air (2xTS-590 + 1.3K-FA), using a tri-band beam (20/15/10m) and wire verticals for other bands. QSL to JH1AJT; PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan. An OQRS will be available at ClubLog after Zorro's return to Japan.

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Operators Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX and Esa/OH7WV will be active as AH0K from Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) between September 7-11th. Activity will be focused on preparing the station for CQWW DX SSB and CW Contests. They will be on the air as time permits. QSL via OH6GDJ.

BALKAN TOUR. Mek, SQ3RX, will be traveling through the Albanian and Balkan areas and plans to be active during September. His travels will take him from Corfu Island, Greece, to Skopje, Macedonia via Albania. His tentative schedule is as follows:

September 17-19th - Callsign SV8/SQ3RX; from Corfu Island, Greece (EU-052)

September 19-25th - Callsign ZA/SQ3RX; from Sarande & then Tirana, Albania

September 25-27th - Callsign Z38/SQ3RX; from Ohrid, Macedonia

He will use a TS480Sat (w/100w) into an Inverted Vee's for 40-10 meters plus a 1/2 G5RV. Activity will be mostly on CW with little SSB and possible

RTTY. QSL cards will be available via ClubLog's OQRS (preferred method), or his callsign via the Bureau or direct. After the DXpedition, Mek will upload to LoTW. Some details can be also found on QRZ.com.

C8, MOZAMBIQUE. Arnold, WB6OJB, is once again active as C81AK from Mozambique until September 9th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via WB6OJB direct.

CE0X, SAN FELIX (Update/DXpedition 2017). The following was posted on <DXNews.com> on August 29th: An update by CE5WQO -- After my experience in CE0Z Juan Fernandez Isl 2014 as CE0Z/CE5WQO I decided to make all efforts to put another Chilean most wanted ON AIR, so San Félix Isl is on my mind.

A few months ago I announced information of my next activity to CE0X San Félix Isl. The original idea was a small team of three operators, but after receive many e-mails from different stations around the world proposing the idea of forming a large Team, I have been in contact with some US stations to make this possible.

After hard work in The Chilean Ministry of Telecommunication and The Navy, authorizations and permissions are granted - for now just need to take care of the logistical details to put this entity on air.

Then came a team of world-renowned operators, with whom I worked with. Today, the relations with the team are broken, for a lack of trust, and the lack of support in logistics since most of the work I've done myself, and

is easy to receive news at the other side of the desk, while one who makes efforts and spends money for this project it is one, guess who...

I decided to announce that the team will be only for three operators: Dima/RA9USU on CW, other operator for Digital/CW, and me on SSB.

We will cover from 160 - 6 meters in SSB CW RTTY.

I need to confirm that this entity will be on air in 2017, with or without a large team, and the exact date is still not defined.

My efforts will be for the chance that I have to put this entity on air, to bring a new entity to many Hams in the world, 14 years have passed since the last dxpedition, and will pass another 14 years, because this opportunity must not be wasted, it is very difficult to get these permits especially for foreigners.

The second press release will include information with more details.

Thanks to all the friends that has send support and friendship to make this project happen..... Felipe Gutiérrez CE5WQO

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). The CY9C DXpedition went QRT on August 29th. They made a total of 64,231 QSOs with 21,352 unique callsign. Breakdown is: 30144/CW, 29726/SSB, 4318/RTTY, 1/JT65, 21/PSK, 11/** and 10/FM. (** Unknown on ClubLog) Breakdown by continent is: 442/AF, 1/AN, 2493/AS, 26557/EU, 33126/NA, 259/OC and 1353/SA. All QSL information has been posted on their Web site. <www.CY9Dxpedition.com>

D4, CAPE VERDE. Laszlo, HA5NT, is planning to be active as D44TUB from Sal Island (AF-086). Specific dates have not been announced yet. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

DX2, PHILIPPINES. Operators Gil/4F2KWT, Jim/DU3JH, Larry/DU3LA and Edilberto/DV1XUK will be active as DX2R from 4F2KWT's beach house at San Fernando City, LA Union, Philippines, during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) as a Multi-Single/All-Band (80-10m)/Low-Power entry. QSL only via LoTW.

EARLY FALL GRID TRIP (Sat Op!). NODXA member Bob, K8BL, states, "My annual Fall Grid Trip will be early this year due to other upcoming personal plans.

Between 9/5 and 9/11, I'll travel from Ohio north to Sault St. Marie and make a loop through the following Grids: EN76/86/87/88/98/99/89/79/78/77 Operations will be on F029, S050 and A07. I may check out a couple XW's before I leave to see if I can work them. I usually go about 15 kHz up from center on Linear SATs. I'll be moving across a lot of territory, so some Grids may only be operated ONCE. However, I HOPE to work as many folks as possible that NEED these Grids.... C U Soon, 73, Bob K8BL
P.S. I have a low tolerance level for rude/inconsiderate operations on Single-Channel SATs. If I encounter too much of it, I'll just go QRT on them."

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-028. Giuseppe, IK5WWA, is now active as IA5C from Capraia Island until September 9th. Activity will be on 80-2 meters using SSB. He also plans to participate in the IARU Region 1 VHF Contest. QSL via IK5WWA, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-038. Marcel, PD5MVH, is once again active as PD5MVH/p from Ameland Island until September 17th. Activity will be on 40/20/10 meters using CW, SSB and JT65. He also plans to be in the WAE DX Contest using the callsign PD38EU. QSL for both callsign via PD5MVH, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-108. You still have a few more days to work operators Jeremy/EI5GM, Declan/EI6FR, David/EI9FBB, Nobby/G0VJG, Scott/MM0LID and Col/MM0NDX who will be active as MS0UKI from Lunga Island, Treshnish Islands, until September 6th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via M00XO direct or ClubLog's OQRS. Visit their Web page at: <https://eul08.wordpress.com>

EU-191. Operators Dan/YO9FNP and Mihai/YO9BPX will be active as YO9KXF/P from Insula Fericirii between September 6-10th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via YO9FNP direct or OQRS (see QRZ.com).

OC-021. Budi, YF1AR, is once again active (since August 31st, for several days) as YF1AR from Java Island until sometime this week. Activity will only be 80 meters CW using 2 element full size yagi on a 40m self supporting tower running 100 watts. QSL via YF1AR or the OQRS. For updates, see: <http://www.yflar.com>

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Stu, K4MIL, will once again be active as KG4SS from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) between September 13-26th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, including an entry in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest. QSL via home callsign or LoTW.

KL7, ALASKA (Special Event). Shanley, KL5AJK, President of the South Peninsula Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) in Homer, Alaska, announced that SPARC will be hosting their 2nd annual "North America's Most Westerly Contiguous Highway Point" located in Anchor Point, Alaska. The event starts on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 19:00 UTC, and ends Monday, Sept. 26th, at 0:400 UTC. Their club will be portable at the Halibut Camp-ground in Anchor Point. They will be running 100 watts and using dipole antennas. Their suggested frequencies are 14249, 21349, 18149 and 28349 kHz, or close to these frequencies as possible and if conditions allow. If they have digital operators set up, they will be on 14070 and 18100 kHz. They do not have any CW ops in their club. They are a small club but will try to work as many contacts as conditions allow. Visit their club's Web site at <www.KL7HOM.org> for more information, QSL info, updates or changes. They are listed in September's QST under special events. You can E-mail Shanley at <KL5AJKALASKA@gmail.com> or leave comments there. She also states, "We hope to have people spot us on DX Summit and other spotting networks, so if you hear us please give us a spot! We will have our dipoles pointing down to the lower 48 and in Alaska at the fall equinox it is the best time of the year for DX propagation, that is if the solar flares will give us a break that weekend. Fingers crossed for good band conditions and no SNOW!!!"

N4G, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Scott, KK4ECR, will activate the special event station, N4G [9/11/01 -- We Will Never Forget!!!], to honor the men and women who lost their lives, the families of those who lost their lives, and those who risked their lives in the attacks on 9/11/01. Scott will have a moment of silence at the top and bottom of every hour honoring these men and women. Activity will be on 40m, 20m, 17m, 15m, 10m, (SSB) between 0900-1600 EST on September 10th. For more details on a certificate, see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/N4G>

OA, PERU. Tom, DL2RMC, is now active as OA7/DL2RMC until September 10th. Activity has been on 30/17/14 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Martti, OH2BH, informs OPDX to look for OJ0JR to be on

the air between September 10-17th. He states [edited] that this is an "Iron man expedition to Market Reef. It was just Henri, OH3JR, who single-handed put up a new Force-12 permanent beam at Market light-house to serve the multitudes. Following the coming week of Pasi, OH3WS/OJ0W, and Henri will fire up the beam on a variety of bands - with weather being subject for landing. The Market Reef lovers want to thank those who made this undertaking happen; AA7XT at Force-12, OH3JR, OH3WS, OH2BH, OH2BO, OH2PM and OH0XX plus The OH-DX Foundation and SRAL - The Finnish Amateur Radio League. OJ0JR QSL via OH3JR."

PDXG AND UNITED RADIO QSL MANAGEMENT BUREAU (PRESS RELEASE). The following was sent out on August 29th: The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) <pdxg.net> and the United Radio QSL Management Bureau <m0urx.com>, owned and operated by Tim Beaumont, M0URX, have entered into an exclusive relationship for United Radio and its partner M0OXO Online QSL Request Service operated by Charles Wilmott, M0OXO, to use PDXG's QSL Management System. Current, future and legacy callsigns supported by these firms are included in the agreement.

Initially intended for our own use we decided to make the application available to the DX community supported by the United Radio / M0OXO services. This fully integrated cloud based application allows authorized users around the world access to a host of QSL management functions. By dramatically simplifying and automating the process a QSL manager's workload and time commitment are significantly reduced.

To DXers the application presents the familiar functions of Log Search and OQRS. Busted Call and Not in Log inquires are handled by an integrated (form) process that greatly reduces the need for e-mails. The application integrates PayPal donor information with logged QSOs to recognize those who supported the DX-pedition for expedited confirmation handling. Address and QSL card label management functions are seamlessly integrated for ease of use.

Under development for 2 years, the application was introduced during the TX3X Chesterfield Islands DX-pedition. Many enhancements were added since TX3X.

To date, Tim has loaded the logs for 140 DX stations, over 2 million QSOs, Charles will soon begin uploading 150 logs. User feedback has been very positive.

Questions may be directed to Pista/HA5AO or Gene/K5GS at their QRZ.com address.

PJ2, CURACAO. Max, IZ2ZTQ, is now active as PJ2/IZ2ZTQ from Curacao (SA-099) until September 6th. Activity has been on 40/20 meters most evenings using the Digital modes (PSK31/RTTY) and if no noise, some SSB. He informs OPDX that he operates from his boat and states, "so I don't have so much power." He also adds, "I will leave the island by plane and I will be back at the end of October when I will have more time to work on the radio. Next country that I will visit will be Colombia and Panama with the amazing San Blas archipelago." QSL via IZ2LSP or eQSL.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 5-11th).....

Sep/05th HN	Sep/08th HN	Sep/10th AN
Sep/06th HN	Sep/09th AN	Sep/11th AN
Sep/07th 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.....(September 3rd) www.qslinfo.eu

9A/SP5ELW via SP5ELW	EG8SDC via EA1AUM	T88HR via JH1MLO
9M59MA via 9W2XIO (d)	EG9SDC via EA1AUM	T88TJ via JR1FKR
9M59MP via 9M2CLN	EM2016QU via UW3QU	TC30AZB via TC30AZB

(e/L)

AB1OC/VE9 via AB1OC	HB9/DH8WN/P via DH8WN	TM38CDXC via F5CWU
CX7CO via EA5GL	HF30BLP via SP7PCZ & (L)	TM6U via ON8AZ
E717MFF via E73Y	IK2SGL/OA8 via IK2AQZ	UK/R1ZY via R1ZY (d)
EA6/I1RSA via I1RSA	K0N via K0VXU	VP6J via JF2MBF
EG1SDC via EA1AUM	K0R via AA0FO	VR2USJ via JF1RCY
EG2SDC via EA1AUM	K0Y via KC0TQZ	W0O via W0ZQ
EG3SDC via EA1AUM	K5M via NJ1Z	XX9TYT via IW7EGQ
EG4SDC via EA1AUM	KD6WW/VY0 via KD6WW	YO6/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA
EG5SDC via EA1AUM	OZ/DK6CW/P via DK6CW	ZA/IK2RLM (e/L); IZ2LSP

(d)

EG6SDC via EA1AUM	SM/DG5CST via DG5CST	ZA/OM3ID via OM3ID
EG7SDC via EA1AUM	T88AT via KQ2I (d)	

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

NOT THE QSL MANAGER. WA3FRP is not the QSL Manager for EP4YN.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: F4GYI, HH2AA, HI3K, PY4OY, RM9I and RA3ZH

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: FT4JA, OD5PY, RA1ALA/0 (AS-025), TF/EI9FBB and YB80

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3W4VE, 5W0JY, 8J1ITU, 8J190Y, 8N8HQ, 8N13ARDF, 9J2HN, 9M2TO, 9M2/JE1SCJ, 9M4DX, 9M6XRO, 9V1PW, A35JP/P, A35T, A52AEF, AH0J, DU1CKF, DU7/JH1BXH, F0/JI1WTF, HH0/PS7EB JD1BMH, JD1BOI, JD1BON, JD1BLY, KB7OBU/KH2, N0J (OC-086), P40R, PJ7/K1GI, T88CL, T88DF, T88MZ, T88TJ, TF/NA80, TX6A, V73A, V73YL, VK9EC, VK9EX, K1GI/VP9, VR2KF, XV2CJB, XV9NPS, YB0ANN and ZM90DX

RV6, UKRAINE/RUSSIA (??) [LH Op]. Operators Pavel/RZ6APF, Tolja/UA6BQU and Nickolay/RV6CU will be active as RV6AWZ/5 from Kiz-Aulskiy Lighthouse (New One LH, RDA: RK-20, R6K), Black Sea, Republic of Crimea, between September 22-25th. Listen for QSL info.

T7, SAN MARIO (Press Release - Three Tower Award). The Amateur Radio Association of the Republic of San Marino is happy to announce a special activity from the Three Towers of San Marino, a group of towers located on the three peaks of Monte Titano in the capital, they are depicted on

both the national flag and coat of arms.

This activation that will be held under the patronage of the Ministry of Territory and Environment and the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, will take place in conjunction with a civil protection exercise on September 17th and 18th for 24 hours.

The Three Towers Award is issued in two categories. The Three Towers Award (Standard) is issued to an amateur radio station submitting proof of contact with all the 3 towers on 2 bands. The Three Towers Award Honor Roll is issued to an amateur radio station submitting proof of contact with all the three towers on three bands.

The stations will be active on only 15, 20 and 40 meters. Three stations will be activated by the member and supporter of ARRSM from:

Guaita - First Tower T71A -- The Guaita is the oldest of the three towers, and the most famous. It was constructed in the 11th century and served briefly as a prison. It was rebuilt numerous times and reached its current form in the 15th century during the war fought between San Marino and the House of Malatesta.

Cesta - Second Tower T71B -- The Cesta is located on the highest of Monte Titano's summits. A museum to honor Saint Marinus, created in 1956, is located in this tower and showcases over 1,550 weapons dating from the Medieval Era to the modern day. It was constructed in the 13th century on the remains of an older Roman fort.

Montale - Third Tower T71C -- The Montale is located on the smallest of Monte Titano's summits. Unlike the other towers, this one is not open to the public. It was constructed in the 14th century. It is thought to have been constructed to give protection against the increasing power of the Malatesta family in that region. It was also used as a prison, and accordingly, the only entrance to the tower is a door about seven metres from ground level, which was common for prison architecture of the time.

The special QSL card will could be requested via T70A via direct or via Bureau. The request of the award must be sent only direct to ARRSM (T70A) with a fee of 10€/15\$ to cover the expenses (the award will be printed on vellum paper).

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T8, PALAU. Operators Yutaka/JH1MLO and Chusuke/JR1FKR are now active as T88HR and T88TJ, respectively, from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) until September 7th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns. No eQSL or LoTW. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see: <http://www.palau-radio.com>

T8, PALAU. Operators Kenji/JH1BGH and Jiro/7K1HLJ will once again be active as T88WI and T88WH, respectively, from VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between September 11-15th. Specific bands

and modes were not provided. QSL T88WI via JH1BGH and T88WH via 7K1HLJ.

T8, PALAU. Operators Toshiharu/JA3JND and Katsumi/JA3KIO will be active as T88ON and T88XA, respectively, from VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Islands (OC-009) between September 23-30th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. Look for some activity in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest. QSL via their home callsigns.

V6, MICRONESIA. Sho, JA7HMZ, will once again be active as V63DX from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between November 25-30th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, all modes and including the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry signing V6A. He will be looking for European stations on 160m before and after the contest. QSL via his home callsign. No Bureau QSLs.

V633, MICRONESIA. Operators Kaku/JA6REX and Toshiya/JH6HZH will be active as V633KS and V633ZH, respectively, from Chuuk (Truk) Islands (OC-011) between September 19-25th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3513, 7013, 10115, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023 kHz

SSB - 3750, 7082, 14200, 18130, 21285, ????? and ????? kHz

RTTY - 3525, 7035, 10142, 18099, 21080, ????? and 28080 kHz

6M - 50105/CW and 50105/SSB

QSL via V633KS via JA6REX, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

QSL V633ZH via JH6HZH, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://v63.webcrow.jp>

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Les, N1LL, informs OPDX that he will be visiting Lord Howe Island (DXCC: VK9L, IOTA: OC-004) again this year between September 20-27th. He will be active from there using the same callsign VK9LN as the last year. This is going to be a light-weight, holiday style operation - on air as time allows. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW with some RTTY and/or PSK possible. QSL via N1LL (direct, by the Bureau) and LoTW.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS. Reed, W1ADX, will be active as VP5/W1ADX from Caicos Island (NA-002) between September 5-12th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISLAND (Reminder). Look for Uli, DL2AH, to be active as VP6AH from Pitcairn Island between now and November 25th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. Operations will be 100 watts + Triple Leg or Windom antenna. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

XU, CAMBODIA. A Russian team of operators will once again be active as XU7AEZ from Koh Rong Samloem Island (AS-133) between November 16th and December 5th. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via RC3C or LoTW. More details will be forthcoming.

YJ, VANUATU. Tom, KC0W, went QRT as YJ0COW earlier than expected on August 29th. He states on QRZ.com, "I'm going to attempt activating a Top 25 Most Needed entity before starting the T30COW DXpedition. It's NOT Central Kiribati. (T31).....No promises. Wish me luck."

YX0V AVES ISLAND. Steve, W4DTA, still is reporting that this DXpedition is still "ON HOLD", but the team is ready the moment the Navy says go...

ZA, ALBANIA (On Sunny Adriatic Coast, September 7-12th). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following on September 1st [edited]: The group of Jaakko/OH1MA,

Pertti/OG2M, Martti/OH2BH, Driton/Z61DX and Fehmi/Z62FB, will be along the Durres Beach, Albania, building the permanent site and now hoisting the Stepper beams. Along their project they hope to put once world's loudest 40m signal source, Radio Tirana site, back on 7050 kHz. You will find them sporadically testing their site using the portable calls. QSL to their home calls.

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