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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 5th/March, through Sunday, 12th/March there were 237 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, 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, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

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

3B8, MAURITIUS. Nigel, G3TXF, who was active as 3B8/G3TXF in this past weekend's Commonwealth Contest (BERU), will continue to be active until March 21st. Outside contests, Nigel will be mainly on CW on the 30/17/12 meters bands. Look for him to possibly be in the Russian DX Contest (March 18-19th). QSL via ClubLog's OQRS for direct and Bureau QSLs.

3D2/P, ROTUMA. Antoine, 3D2AG, will once again be active as 3D2AG/P from Rotuma Island between March 25th and April 22nd, pending shipping schedule. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, including 60m, using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Operations will be entirely Solar-Powered using Sustain-able Renewable Energy while running barefoot with 100 watts into a Spider-beam and wire antennas. He mentions, "This will be a one-man DXpedition so not on the air at all times . As I will have no internet or phone connection while in Rotuma, please check cluster for spots. Operating at or close to the usual DX frequencies; also will try and cater for novice station band

restrictions by listening split above xx.025 for CW." QSL via his home callsign direct only or PayPal (see QRZ.com). Also, watch QRZ.com for update by Antoine.

5X, UGANDA. Anton, ON6NL, is once again active as 5X8C from Entebbe. The length of his stay is currently unknown. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog.

60 METERS NEWS.....

* Local telecommunication authority in Hong Kong has now allocated 5351.5-5366.5 kHz to amateur radio service on a secondary basis. The maximum EIP is 15 watts.

* A new regulation by the local telecommunication authority in Uruguay as now allocated 5351.5-5366.5 kHz with a maximum power of 25 watts on the following modes:

5351.5-5354 kHz -- CW and the Digital modes

5354-5366 kHz -- all modes

5366-5366.5 kHz -- CW and the Digital modes

The new regulation is in force since February 1, 2017.

BP0, TAIWAN. Members of the Amateur Radio Taipei (ART) will be active from Taoyuan as BP0P during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are: Tang/BM2AAV, Emily/BU2BE, Adam/BU2BF, Zhong/BU2BO, Eddie/BV2DD, Yang/BV3UF, YaoJun/BV5OO, Hsin/BX2AFF, Tzu/BX3ABQ and Ashun/BX3ABT. QSL via BP0P. QSL also OK via ART QSL Service.

C5, THE GAMBIA. By the time you read this, you may have one more day to work Jan, PA7X, as C5/PA7X from The Gambia. He goes QRT on March 13th. Activity has been mainly in the afternoon hours on 20 meters. QSL via PD0RH.

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Bob/K6UDA and Tyghe/W6TJR are now active as C6AKA from Salvador Island (NA-001) until March 18th. Activity will be holiday style and mostly limited to their afternoons and evenings, and on CW QRP using 40/20/10 meters. QSL via LoTW or eQSL. PLEASE NOTE: Their C6AKA callsign is a reissued callsign and was used by Gerd, DL7VOG.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST). Did you remember to change your clocks? Countries in the Northern Hemisphere (most of N. American and some of the Caribbean) who observe Daylight Saving Time should have changed their clocks on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 AM, and should have moved their "local clocks" forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 AM local time. Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 AM. European countries will switch to DST on March 26th. For the history and details about DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
<http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2017.html>

ADDED NOTES: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS. Tim Duffy, K3LR, reports the following [edited]: I am very proud to announce that Nodir, EY8MM, will be the keynote speaker for the 28th Annual Topband dinner in Dayton on Friday, May 19th, at the Crowne Plaza. Nodir will speak about Topband preparations associated with the January 2018 DXpedition to Bouvet Island where he will lead the TopBand operation for 3Y0Z. Nodir is a very accomplished Topband operator having recently confirmed 300 DXCC countries on 160 meters. EY8MM also has con-

firmed all 50 US states and all 40 CQ zones on Topband. He has extensive DXpedition Topband experience as well. Tickets for the Dayton Topband dinner are still available by going to the Topband dinner Web site. <http://topbanddinner.com> ... 73, Tim K3LR

ED9/EG9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Members of Tortugas CW Group will be active as EG9TOR from Melilla between May 18-21st. The group is there for the King of Spain CW Contest (May 20-21st) using the special callsign ED9T. Team members are Toni/EA4PN, Dany/EA3NN, Xavi/EA3HSJ, Felipe/EA4GMX, Juan Carlos/EA5UF, Jaume/EA5IHK, Jose Luis/EA4JJ, Kin/EA3CV, Gul/EA8ZT and Mikel/EA2CW. Before the contest the group will operate mainly CW, but with some SSB and Digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via EA4PN.

EF9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active as EF9R from Ceuta during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th). QSL via EA5KB direct or LoTW.

EK, ARMENIA. Operators Dmitry/RZ3DJ, Pavel/R2DX, R2DY and Yury/R2DG will be active as EK/RZ3DJ, EK/R2DX, EK/R2DY and EK/R2DG from Armenia between March 12-21st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. QSL via their home call-sign or ClubLog's OQRS. An "Armenia Plaque" is available if you work them on three different bands. See:

<http://www.dxwanted.net/index.php/plaques/other/armenia>

FO & FO/M, FRENCH POLYNESIA AND MARQUESAS ISLANDS. Max, IZ2ZTQ, will be active as FO/IZ2ZTQ from the following French Polynesian Islands between May 1st and July 31st (specific dates not known):

OC-027 -- Fatu Hiva Island, Marquesas Islands; WW Loc. CH09pm; DXCC FO/M
OC-046 -- Tahiti Island, Windward Society Islands; WW Loc. BH52ek; DXCC FO
OC-066 -- Rangiroa Island, Tuamotu Archipelago; WW Loc. BH64hs; DXCC FO
OC-067 -- Bora Bora Island, Leeward Society Islands; WW Loc. BH43dl; DXCC FO

Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15 meters using SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65. QSL via IZ2LSP direct, via IZ2ZTQ by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

FS, ST. MARTIN. Serge, VE1KG, is now active as FS/VE1KG from Saint Martin Island (NA-105) until April 30th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via VE1KG direct only. No Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE. Operators Sigi/DK9FN and Bernard/DL2GAC are now active as H40FN and H40MS, respectively, from Lata, Nendo Island (OC-100), until March 24th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW (Sigi) and SSB (Bernard). QSL H40FN via: S. Hari, P.O. Box 1224, D-63488 Seligenstadt, Germany. PLEASE NOTE (per QRZ.com): "QSL requests for the 2017 expedition must arrive at the QSL Manager before December 31st, 2017, latest." For more details see QRZ.com (especially for prior operations). QSL H40MS via DL2GAC, direct or by the Bureau.

HC, ECUADOR. John, K7HV, is now active as HC1HB and often travels to Ecuador for volunteer work and play. This time around, he will be in Ecuador until April 13th. When he is not on the air in Quito, John will be operating out of Puyo and indigenous communities in Ecuador's Pastaza Province, operating as HC1HB/7. John will be using his Elecraft KX2 QRP rig with solar powered batteries while in the field and will have his Icom IC-718 while in locations with main power. His antenna will be an end-fed wire and an ATU. QSL via K7HV (w/SASE). NON-US stations please send 1 green stamp. John states, "IF I end up working a lot of stations, I might stumble through the process of setting up on LoTW."

IARC HOLYLAND CONTEST. Dov, 4Z4DX, wants to remind everyone that the

2017 Holyland Contest starts on April 14th, at 2100z, to April 15th, 2100z. Complete details/rules can be found at:

<http://www.iarc.org/iarc/#HolylandContest>

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-126. By the time you read this, a group of Thai operators will be close to going QRT (March 13th) as E20HHK/P from Lipe Island. Operators mentioned are E20HHK, HS3NBR, HS9HK, HS8JCV and HS9STL. QSL via E20HHK, direct or by the Bureau. Log search will be available on ClubLog.

EU-048. Members of Charente DX Group (CDXG) will be active as TM2H from Houat Island (DIFM AT16) between April 8-14th. Operators mentioned are Eric/F5LOW, Laurent/F5MKN, Fabrice/F5NBQ,

Bertrand/

F6HKA and Leon/ON4ZD. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via ON4ZD direct. All will be QSL automatically via the Bureau. ClubLog's OQRS will be available. Visit the CDXG Web page at: <http://www.charentedxgroupe.fr>

NA-085. Bruce, K5TEN, will activate Dog Island using the callsign K4D between June 3-10th. Dog Island, Florida, is an extremely rare IOTA because access is controlled by the 20 or so homeowners on the island. There are no hams on the island, and the only activations have been done by Bruce over the last 4 years. Access is by permission only and permission by one of the homeowners. It is only accessible by private charter or single engine fixed wing aircraft. The airstrip is overgrown so private charter is the only real choice. There are no streets, roads, stop signs, trendy cafes, or beachfront bars. If you need it you bring it. Activity will be both SSB and CW, on 40-6 meters. Bruce will be checking 10m and 6m often for Sporadic E. Look for him during daylight USA on 15 and 20 meters, nighttime 30 and 40m. Possibly 80 meters as well, depending if he can safely get the 80m Doublet up. QSL via K5TEN, SASE REQUIRED for state-side and DX (DX 2 USDs REQUIRED). For more details, watch the discussion on Eham.net at:

<http://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php/topic,113944.0.html>

NA-221. (Update) Operators Ismael/XE1AY, Andres/XE1SGW, Ricardo/XE1SOV and YL Paty/XE1SPM (Team Leader) will be active as XF2L from Isla de Lobos (MEX-035) between March 24-26th and May 26-28th. All operators are members of the PueblaDX and AREPAC groups. Operations will also be during the CQWW WPX CW and SSB Contests. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL requests are via PayPal account [<ricardoorozcoc@hotmail.com>](mailto:ricardoorozcoc@hotmail.com) or via QSL Manager XE1SOV direct (no IRCs).

J5, GUINEA BISSAU (IOTA Op!). Operators Josep/EA3BT and YL Nuria/EA3WL will be active as J5B and J5W, respectively, from Rubane Island, Bijagos Archipelago (AF-020), between April 7-15th. Last operation from this IOTA reference was in 2010 (more than 7 years ago !!!!!). Activity will be on 40-6 meters, possibly 80m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL both callsigns via EA3BT or ClubLog's OQRS.

MJ, JERSEY. Kazu, JK3GAD, will once again be active as MJ0CFW from Jersey (EA-013) between March 17-19th. Look for activity in the Russian DX Contest (March 18-19th). In the contest he will sign MJ5Z. QSL via LoTW, M0CFW or via the OQRS (ClubLog).

OE17, AUSTRIA (Special Event). The Amateur Radio Section of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archive Radio Communications/ QSL Collection will operate, for 72 hours only, a special event station with the callsign OE17M on Friday, April 21st/Sunday, April 23rd (00:00-24:00 UTC). OE17M is an official "International Marconi Day" station. Contacts made on Saturday, April 22nd, are valid for the IMD Award. QSL info available at: <http://www.qrz.com/db/oe17m>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 13-19th).....

Mar/13th AN Mar/16th HN Mar/18th AN
 Mar/14th AN Mar/17th HN Mar/19th AN
 Mar/15th 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>

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF.. (March 12th) www.qslinfo.eu

3V8CB via LX1NO	FY/F6CKD via F6CKD	LZ139LO via LZ1KCP
4Z5FW via RW6HS (d)	GP0STH via G4DIY (d)	LZ303MA via LZ1KCP
5B/G3VYI via G3VYI	GP0STH via G4DIY (d)	OM/IT9RGY via IT9RGY
8P9AL via KG9N	H40FN via DK9FN	OR100LCI via ON8ZL
8Q7LH via DK8ZZ	HH2AA via NR6M	PJ7TM via K2GSJ
CQ7XYL via (CT-B)	HK0/WJ2O via N2ZN	R8700 via RK3AW
CS2YLS via CT2KJU (d/e)	II0MPO via IQ0XV	TI5/MODXR via MODXR
DL0DY via DL4DE	II1ICS via I1SAF	TM0CXX via F6FMT
DP9A via DK4WA	II1IGG via I2AZ	TM7F via F6KRC
EA8/G4BUD/M via G4BUD	II9ICF via IT9MRM	VR2USJ via JF1RCY
EA8/IK1PMR via HB9FKK	IQ9MY via IT9CAR	XR5M via IK2DUW
EE7P via EA7ATX	IQ9PA via IT9TQH	XT2SE via IK3GES
EO25RAN via UZ1RR	KL7/VE7ACN via VE7ACN & (O)	YO13IPA via YO3AS
FS/VE1KG via VE1KG	LZ/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA	
(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only
(O) OQRS only	(C) ClubLog only	(L) LoTW only
		(*-B) DX's- Bureau
		(*) No QSL Needed

PDXG QSL MANAGEMENT PLATFORM (Press Release/Update, dated March 4th).

Gene, K5GS, reports: "For over 2 years the Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has been developing a 'QSL Management Platform' designed to simplify and automate the tasks QSL Managers perform to answer the thousands of confirmation requests they receive." To see the complete details, see the following Web page:

http://pdxg.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65:pdxg-qsl-management-cloud-platform&catid=28&Itemid=455

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B8/G3TXF, 9G5X, A45XR, C31KC, CP6UA, CY0/VA1AXC, DK1MBY, G5D, G0DBE, H74W*, KL7RA, OE9ICI, OJ0DX, OM5ZW, ON4EB, OP4K, P40AA, PA1APW, S51DD, SP6CZ, S01WS, TI5W, TX5T, UA0SR, VA7AQ, VP9/W6PH and VE5UA

* - with error in IOTA nr confirmed; actual was NA-013, not AF-013

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2AG, P4/DL4MM, TU5MH, UK9AA, V31VP, XW3DT and XX9TXN

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3V8SS, 4K9W, 4U70VIC, 5B4AGC, 9J2BO, C21EU, CP8MW, CT9/DL5CW, DJ60DXMB, DF50MUC, E71W, E71DX, E72GF, E72U, E73CV, E73DPR, E73R, E73W, E74EE, E74IW, E75DNJ, E75MC, E76MB, E76XL, E77CW, E77ZM, EA8/DL2DXA/P, ES0/DM2ECM, FM/T93Y, GJ3RCV, GJ7LJJ, GU4YBW, GU0SUP, HB0/DL4AAE/P, HB0/DL5YL, HS0ZDG, J28AA, J38MM, IS0/DB4BJ, W1AW/KL7, W1AW/KP4, MD/DL1RTL, MJ0CFW, MU3VWQ, MU0GSY, OA7/DL1CW, OJ0DX, OE150LISSA, OE2016EM, P40FA, P40XM, PA65HSC, PY3AU, PY3BEG, PY3CJS, SO200FCM, TF6/ON4BAM/M, V55HQ, V73D, VE3AT, VE3BR, VE3DZP, VE3EXY, VE3GYL, W1/E74OF, W1AW/1, W1AW/2, W1AW/3, W1AW/4, W1AW/5, W1AW/6, W1AW/7, W1AW/8, W1AW/9, W1AW/0, YB8/DL3KZA, YR85AA, ZL7G and ZL7/OE2SWL

S2, BANGLADESH (Callsigns Changed/Update to OPDX.1305/1306). The following operators/team members, from the upcoming S21ZED and S21ZEE (not S21GM and S21KW as previously announced) from Bangladesh DXpedition (March 15-27th), have been announced to be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Multi-Op entry and using the callsign S21ZEE. They also plan to be in the Russian DX Contest. PLEASE NOTE: The S21ZED callsign will be used during the first 7 days of the DXpedition, and the S21ZEE callsign will be used during the remaining 5 days. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1826.5/1821, 3526, 7019, 10119, 14029, 18086, 21029, 24904 and 28029
SSB - 3795, 7100, 14190, 18140, 21290, 24940 and 28490
RTTY - 3583, 7043, 10136, 14083, 18103, 21083, 24923 and 28083 kHz
QSO CW up 2 (160m dwn 2, JA 1810 - 1820).
QSO SSB/RTTY up 5.

Operators mentioned are Juris/YL2GM, Valery/YL3CW, Jack/YL2KA, Ingus/YL2TW, Kaspars/YL3AIW, Dmitry/UT7UJ, Oleg/US7UX, Sasha/UT7UV, Igor/UT5UJO, Andrey/UX1UF, Syed/S21ED and Anup/S21TV. QSL via YL2GN, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS (for direct or Bureau) or E-mail requests via yl2gn@lral.lv. A full LoTW upload will be done in 3 months time after the end of their trip. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.lral.lv/s21gm/index.html>

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. Jose, EA5IDQ, will be active as S9CQ from Santana, Sao Tome Island, between October 12-21st. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

T2, TUVALU. Operators Jacek/SP5EAQ and Marek/SP7DQR will be active as T2AQ and T2QR, respectively, from Tuvalu between March 14th and April 4th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. Jacek will operate only SSB, while Marek will operate the Digital modes (mainly RTTY) and CW. Activity

dates may change due to the unpredictability of transport during the season of cyclones. QSL both callsigns via SP7DQR, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (after the operation). Online logs with an OQRS for the Tuvalu activities will be available on SP7DQR's Web page during the operation at <http://sp7dqr.pl/en/oqrs.php>, and on ClubLog after the operation. For more details and updates, see: <http://tuvalu.sp7dqr.pl/index.html>

T2, TUVALU. Tim, NL8F, will once again be active as T2TT from Tuvalu (OC-015) between March 23rd and April 13th. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes. He also plans to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th). QSL via N7RO.

TC18, TURKEY (special Event). Members of the TRAK, TAMAD and ANARAD Ham Radio Clubs will be active as TC18GL between March 17-19th, on all HF bands. This is a special event callsign in accordance of the anniversary of Gallipoli Naval Victory and the memorial of those who lost their lives. QSL via eQSL.

TG9, GUATEMALA (Update). Dwight, VE7BV, will once again be active as TG9BBV from Guatemala between April 21st and May 15th. Doug, VE7VZ, will be accompanying him to Guatemala, and will be using the callsign TG9/VE7VZ. Activity will be holiday style on 20/17/15/12 meters and possibly 6 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL. ADDED NOTE: They may also operate a few days from HR5.

V3, BELIZE. Victor, WB0TEV, will once again be active as V31VP from Blackman Eddy Village (west of Belmopan) between March 23-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mostly SSB and RTTY, including operations in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Assisted/High-Power entry. He plans to focus on Asia before/after SSB contest. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

VISALIA DX CONVENTION NEWS (IOTA Dinner). Will, WC6DX, reports: Registration for the 22nd IOTA DINNER at the 2017 Visalia International DX Convention is now open! Instructions are on the Visalia Web site at:

<http://www.dxconvention.com/pages/dinners-iota.html>

(be sure to refresh your browser)

Please note that this dinner is NOT covered in the Visalia Convention registration, but is a separate payment. The dinner menu will be a buffet of Italian food (Chicken Parmesan, Meat Lasagna, Ceasar salad, garlic bread) with various flavors of cheesecake for dessert to wash down with coffee or tea. Check in begins at 18:00 on Friday, April 21st. I'm sure you will enjoy the IOTA presentations we will have from a wide geographical area. See you in Visalia !.... 73 de Will WC6DX

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Hugh, VE3AYR, is now active as VP2V/VE3AYR from British Virgin Islands (NA-023) until March 16th. Activity will be mainly 20 meters CW. Suggested frequency is 14050 kHz between 1800-2200z. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW (not immediately).

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Pat, N2IEN, will once again be active as VP2V/N2IEN from Tortola Island (NA-023) between March 15-18th. Activity will be on various HF bands, but with a focus on RTTY. QSL via NR6M.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Jim, ND9M, is once again active as VQ96JC from Diego Garcia Island (AF-006). He informs OPDX, "I'm hoping to be back on the air later this week..... First I have to make new antennas; the old ones disappeared while I was gone. The operation will be the usual Field Day portable style each evening my time (GMT +6 all year) (see OPDX.1283 for details); that is take the boat to the island, lug everything to 'Fire House Park' (where there's actually 110VAC!), set up the rig and antennas,

operate for 3 hours or so, break everything down, and pack it all back to the ship [ed. this is because of no more club station on the island]. My VQ96JC license is still valid until July, but I'm trying to get in touch with the licensing officer to see if I can change it to "VQ917JC". I've been using year-specific special calls every year starting in 2007 when I started with VQ97JC; my current '96' call is the 10th and last in the string of two-digit calls, so I figured I'd add a digit instead of recycle a previous callsign. All calls here must start with VQ9, so '17' for the year seems like the logical next step. There's no guarantee of the callsign change happening until the ticket is in my hand, but they've always been very cooperative with my special prefix requests." Look for more details to be forthcoming.

W9WNV PRESS RELEASE. The following was sent out by Martti, OH2BH, on March 3rd [edited]: Don Miller, W9WNV Interview by Martti Laine, OH2BH -- We are all powered by dreams of distant lands, rare DX, and the urge to compete and stand up at the podium. Those dreams are often inspired by those whom we admire and want to be on par with - or even more.

Don Miller, W9WNV, was once a DX hero and a CQWW Contest SOAB dual record holder (CW/SSB), but suddenly left the industry. On DXpeditions, Don was eagerly followed by most of the DXing world. Martti, OH2BH, wanted to emulate his efforts and become of his kind. What did Don do to create this following?

It was Christmas 2016 when Don Miller, W9WNV, and Martti Laine, OH2BH, gathered at Martti's Finland home at his 70th anniversary party. This meeting brought back reminiscences of the days when our industry was still young and provided an interesting playing field for the evolution of our great DX passion. For this visit, Finland was a new country for W9WNV.

During this meeting in Finland, Don was caught on video talking about his earlier operations and his operating methods. Many aspects of how we operate now were pioneered by Don Miller. Split operation, "5NN," pileup management techniques; looking back, many of these techniques were first implemented during Miller's operations.

Don talks about some of these issues in the following Youtube video. Below is a link to "W9WNV -- Visiting Finland in 2016" a video in 5 parts:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ut1RAGM1FQ8&list=PLX35WB7yZj3dKSMjLM6NV8_U-Ggvjo2-Y&index=1

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkZBY1fMsRM&list=PLX35WB7yZj3dKSMjLM6NV8_U-Ggvjo2-Y&index=3

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YIUipupD6I&index=4&list=PLX35WB7yZj3dKSMjLM6NV8_U-Ggvjo2-Y

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsv96zxIJSg&index=5&list=PLX35WB7yZj3dKSMjLM6NV8_U-Ggvjo2-Y

XZ, MYANMAR. Simon, HS0ZIB, who is currently living and working in Naypyidaw, has announced on March 5th, on QRZ.com: "Close to getting permanent (5 year) ham license in Myanmar... Just a heads up on my situation. I've been living and working in Myanmar on and off since 2012. I previously applied for a permanent ham license in 2012/2013, but this was not possible at that time because the government Regulator was busy writing the telecoms laws for the new mobile phone networks. Since last year, I have been working again in Myanmar, first in the northern town of Mandalay, and now - more long-term, in the administrative capital of Naypyidaw. I've been in contact with the licensing authorities again and hope to soon be issued with a permanent XZ license which I think will be the first license issued since the 1960's,

other than for DXpeditions. Living and working (teaching at an international school) in Naypyidaw is quite a pleasant experience, since this modern city is laid out over a wide footprint, more than 4 times that of New York City! So there are plenty of green spaces, large lakes with cycle paths etc. The downside is that there are very few foreigners living here, only some who work for NGOs or the mobile phone companies. Shopping facilities are very limited, and I often have to source everyday essentials from Bangkok. Anyway, I'll update the forum if and when the license is issued."

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. John, AD8J, is once again active as ZF2AG from Grand Cayman (NA-016) until March 18th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-15 meters using mostly CW. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS. Operators Chris/ZL2DX and XYL Catherine/ZL2QT will be active as ZL7DX and ZL7QT, respectively, from Chatham Islands (OC-038) sometime in May for the next 3 years or longer. Activity will be on various HF bands plus 6m EME. QSL direct to: Chris Hannagan, Waitangi, Chatham Islands 8013, New Zealand.

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