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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 26th/March, through Sunday, 2nd/April there were 229 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

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

3D2/P, ROTUMA (Reminder/Update). By the time you read this, Antoine, 3D2AG, will once again be active as 3D2AG/P from Rotuma Island until possibly April 22-25th, pending shipping schedule. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, including 60m, using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. Suggested frequencies and times are posted on QRZ.com. 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.

3W, VIETNAM. Peter, DF7DQ, will be active as 3W9DQ from Vietnam between May 1-10th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home call-sign or ClubLog.

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION UPDATE. It was announced on the 3Y0Z Web page

<http://www.bouvetdx.org>, March 27th: Franz, DJ9ZB, will be unable to join us in the Bouvet DXpedition. We enjoyed working with Franz on Malpelo and regret losing him. Many of you know Pista, HA5AO, who will now be joining our team. Pista is well known for his previous DXpeditions, innovative talents, humanitarian projects, problem solving abilities, and operating skills. It is a pleasure to have him with us on the Bouvet Island DXpedition.

ADDED NOTE: There is an interesting article about Bouvet Island on the the Norwegian Polar Institute Web page at:

<http://www.npolar.no/en/themes/geology/antarctica/bouvetoya.html>

4U1UN REACTIVATION CONTINUES. It was reported this past week on QRZNOW.com:

United Nations Headquarters Amateur Radio club station 4U1UN (*) representatives are still in talks with the UN Department of Public Information with an eye toward permanently reactivating the station. Although within the geographical confines of New York City, 4U1UN qualifies as a separate DXCC entity.

"Hopefully we'll have an opportunity to plead our case to the new administration as well. Keep your fingers crossed," said a post this week on the club's Facebook page (**). "4U1UN might be back on the air soon!"

Earlier in March, the club alerted its Facebook page visitors to reports that a pirate identifying as 4U1UN was operating on RTTY. The station was on the air for real in 2015. To commemorate the UN's 70th anniversary that fall, 4U1UN operated as 4U70UN from a station set up at a ground-level garden area within the UN Headquarters complex.

* <http://www.4ulun.net>

** <https://www.facebook.com/United-Nations-Amateur-Radio-Club-4U1UN-169357566427247/timeline>

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Operators Bimbo/YB3MM and Hen/YB3LZ are now active as 4W/YB3MM and 4W/YB3LZ, respectively, from Dili, Timor Leste (OC-148), until April 5th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using mainly Digital modes (JT65). QSL via YB3MM or IZ8CCW direct, or ClubLog's QRS. NO Bureau QSLs.

5T, MAURITANIA. Jean, 5T0JL, will be using the special callsign 5T3MM between April 12-18th. Activity will include the CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest (April 15-16th). QSL via PY4KL.

6Y5, JAMAICA. Helmut, DJ7CF, is now active as 6Y5/DJ7CF from Jamaica (NA-097) until April 28th. Activity has been on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (PSK31). He prefers the 20 and 17 meter bands. Rig is a IC706 into vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

A2, BOTSWANA. Alessandro, IW5ELA, will be active as A25AL from the Okavango Area in Botswana sometime in September 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Russell/K6KLY (C6ALY), Dave/K8CC (C6ACC) and Ken/K2KW (C6ATA) will be active from Eleuthera Island (NA-001, WW Loc. FL15wc) between June 7-16th. The group plans to do a serious VHF effort. Activity will be on 50, 144 and 432 MHz, with an entry in the ARRL June VHF Contest as C6ATA. There will also be some HF activity. QSL C6ALY via K6KLY. QSL C6ACC via K8CC or LoTW. QSL C6ATA via K2KW or LoTW.

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. Eliot, W1MJ, is now active as CE0Y/W1MJ from Easter Island (SA-001) until April 6th. Activity is holiday style and a QRP battery-powered setup, with the KX3 and MFJ-2286 on 40/30/20/15 meters using CW and possibly PSK31. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW.

CLUBLOG'S MOST WANTED LIST was updated on March 31st, and can be viewed at: <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

The top ten most wanted DXCC entities are:

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| 1. P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA) | 6. CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS |
| 2. 3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND | 7. BV9P PRATAS ISLAND |
| 3. FT5/W CROZET ISLAND | 8. KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND |
| 4. KH1 BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS | 9. VK0M MACQUARIE ISLAND |
| 5. BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF | 10. KH7K KURE ISLAND |

ADDED NOTE: Rich, KY6R, Co-organizer of the 2016 VK0EK Heard Island DXpedition, sent out the following press release after the new ClubLog List was posted:

Heard Island Drops to #25 on the Clublog Most Wanted List!

When I asked an NCDXF Board Member what he thought the biggest measure of success was for a DXpedition, he said "A significant achievement is for a DXpedition to work Uniques in the 20 - something percentile range". I am also very glad to see that the drop in the position on the Most Wanted List - curated by Clublog, (the de-facto standard) is now 25, which is 20 positions lower than a year ago. That is something that I hoped to see - to drop to #25 or lower.

CR6, PORTUGAL. Filipe, CT1ILT, will be active as CR6K during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via CT1ILT.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as D44TWO from Praia, Santiago Island (AF-005) between May 3rd and June 8th. 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). ADDED NOTE: Harald announced the following DXpedition for 2017:

October (TBA) -- He returns to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, to be active as XT2AW

November 15-30th -- He returns to Kigali, Rwanda, to be active as 9X2AW

DXCC NEWS (No April Fooling!!!). On Friday, March 31st, the ARRL Web page posted the following: "Midway and Kure Islands are Now Deleted DXCC Entities"

Yep, it is true and effective August 26, 2016. Read the complete press release at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/midway-and-kure-islands-are-now-deleted-dxcc-entities>

FS, ST. MARTIN. John, K9EL, will once again be active as FS/K9EL from Orient Bay, St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383, WW Loc. FK88) between May 1-15th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters plus 6 meters (if it is open) using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment will be an IC-7000 with SPE 1.3 amplifier running 500 watts into a 3 element yagi on 6m, dipoles for 10-30m and a vertical for 40-80m. John will usually operate on 60m if there is interest. There will be daily uploads to ClubLog and LoTW. QSL via his home callsign or on ClubLog's OQRS (for direct and Bureau QSLs). His operating frequencies (except during contests) will be announced in real time via Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/FSK9EL> Requests for schedules can be sent via his QRZ.com E-mail address or his Twitter account @FSK9EL. John will also monitor the ON4KST 50MHz Region 2 chat room to watch for 6 meter openings.

FS, ST. MARTIN. Operators John/K9EL, Paul/K9NU, John/W9ILY and Mike/W9MK will be active as FS/homecall from the FS/K9EL QTH on St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383, WW Loc. FK88) near the Orient Beach between

December 1-9th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, but will mainly be focused on the lower bands. Operations will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly PSK63. Equipment will include 2 K3's, a TS590 plus 3 amplifiers. The 160 meter antenna will be an Inverted L plus a SAL20 for receive. Announcements will be made on Twitter - #FSK9EL. Daily updates to ClubLog and LoTW are planned. QSL via their home callsigns - ClubLog's OQRS preferred for direct and Bureau cards.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Tim, LW9EOC, will be active as HC8/LW9EOC from Galapagos Islands (SA-004) sometime in April or May. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

IOTA NEWS.....

NA-069. Operators Jim/K1JNW, John/K1JRM, Zachary/K1ZK and Willow/W1LLW will be active as W1JXN from Gasparilla Island between April 9-15th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via W1JXN or LoTW.

NA-116. Operators Carlos/TI2CC, Charlie/TI2CDA, Jeff/TI2JJE, Jim/KM4HI and Kamal/N3KS will be active as TE8DX from Chira Island between June 8-12th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB, including an entry in the ARRL June VHF Contest. QSL via TI2CDA.

OC-235. Operators Arvin/DU8AS, Eric/DU8BRS, Boy/DU8EB, Roy/DV8BQI, Chris/
VK3FY and possibly others will be active as DX8ZWC from Mindanao Islands sometime in April. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via M0OXO or OQRS.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND (Also V73). Randy, WW6RG, was heard active as WW6RG/KH9 from Wake Island (OC-053) on Friday, March 31st. This is not a DXpedition, but a work assignment and the length of his stay is not known at this time (see added note below). Activity will be limited and on 20 and 40 meters using 5 watts SSB. Suggested frequencies are 14190 and 7180 kHz. Also, listen to the ANZA Net on 14183 kHz after 0500z. QSL via his home callsign. ADDED NOTE: Randy is also expected to be active as V73/WW6RG from Kwajalein Atoll (OC-029), Marshall Islands, between April 4-6th. Activity is expected to be the same as above using SSB and QRP power. Also, QSL via his home callsign.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Paul, MM0ZBH, is now active as OY/MM0ZBH from Faroe Islands (EU-018) until April 6th. Activity will be on various HF bands including 160m (but not 60m). Operations will be CW and SSB using a KX3 and 200W amplifier with Spiderpole and wire antennas. Paul will update LoTW and eQSL during the trip, internet access permitting. QSL LoTW and eQSL only. NO BUREAU or DIRECT QSLs.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS (60m). As of April 1st, the Telecommunication regulators in The Netherlands has scaled back considerably the liberal 60 meter privileges announced for radio amateurs in that country just days after the conclusion of World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15). Since December 2015, amateurs in The Netherlands have had access to a 100 kHz wide amateur band at 5 MHz, with a maximum power of 100w. Dutch radio amateurs will now have to be content with the global secondary 15 kHz wide allocation of 5351.5 kHz to 5366.5 kHz at up to 15w effective isotropic radiated power that was agreed to at WRC-15. For more details, see: <https://www.veron.nl/nieuws/60-meter-band-15khz-en-15w-e-i-r-p>
<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/the-netherlands-modifies-5-mhz-amateur-radio-privileges-to-conform-with-wrc-15-global-allocation>

PJ4, BONAIRE. Gordon, G3USR, will be active as PJ4/G3USR from Bonaire Island (SA-006) sometime during April (specific dates were not provide). Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home call-sign direct only.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 3-9th).....

Apr/03rd HN Apr/06th HN Apr/08th AN
 Apr/04th HN Apr/07th AN Apr/09th AN
 Apr/05th HN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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

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

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

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.. (April 2nd) <www.qslinfo.eu>

 4Z20MDC via IZ1BZV IB9A via IZ2WFL RO25RO via RQ7L & (O)
 5K3MDC via IZ1BZV II0SPQR via IQ0RM S5100LIONS via S53DOX
 5Z4/DL2RMC via DL2RMC(B)/DL1RTL (d) II2MDC via IZ1BZV T2AT via N7SMI
 or(L)
 AH2P via EA4AK IO2X via IK2NCJ TM100VIMY via N7RO
 CP6CL via W3HNC IQ1BP via IK1GPG TM10SOTA via F5HTR (L/e)
 DA0WCA via DF6EX (*) J28ND via S57DX TM20MDC via IZ1BZV
 DL20MDXC via IZ1BZV OL75SILVERA via OK1MOW (L) TM32UFT via F6ICG
 EN7P via UT1PG (d/L) OY/MM0ZBH via MM0ZBH (L/e) TM62VIMY via F4HTO
 GI4T via MI0SMK OZ100DVI via OZ1IVA UE25FO via RZ5D
 HB20MDC via IZ1BZV R100MSZ via RA3D V633KS via JA6REX
 HF0H via SP9KGC R1611M via RK3AW W0M via W0MB
 HG17EYOF via HG1S (d) R25SRR via RN3RQ XX90 via XX9AU
 (e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
 (O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) No QSL Needed

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4M1K, 5H1WW, 5U5R, 7P8EUDXF, 7Z1SJ, 9G5X, 9V1YC, A5A, D66D, E51Q, EL2BG, GM7TUD, HI3K, HV0A, JA7QVI, JH4UYB, OK1NP, OK2PF, OT6M, P33W, PJ4DX, RM0F, RW0CR, S9YY, SV1NJA, TU5MH, TU7C, V633KS, VP6EU, VY2RU, XE1EE, XX9D and ZP5BVK

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 9G5X, 9H3YY, 9X2AW, E51ADD, E51AMF, HR5/F2JD, P4/JS3LSQ, S01WS, XR7T, ZA/ZA1P, and ZF2CJ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5J0P, 570SP, 9H3PA, 9K2/SP4R, 9M8DX/2, 9N7CC, A92IO, C5GCJ, E7/SP5UUD, E44M, EA6/SP7VC, EI90IARU, EI150ITU, FM/SP7VC, HF90LKK, HF2014DK, J3/SP7TF, J6/SP7VC, J79L, PJ5/SP6EQZ, S79SP, SN2ENIGMA, SN0WFF, SN90IARU, SX9PL, VK9XSP and Z21DXI

TG9, GUATEMALA. Douglas, VE7VZ, will be active as TG9/VE7VZ from Antigua, Guatemala, between April 21st and May 15th. Activity will be on various HF bands. All contacts will be uploaded to "Logbook of the World" (LoTW), on a daily basis if possible. Douglas states that he may be active as HR5/VE7VZ from Honduras for a few days during this period if time permits. QSL both TG9/VE7VZ and HR5/VE7VZ via VE7BV, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA. Stefan, HB9JAB, will be active as V51/HB9JAB from Namibia between April 18th and May 8th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using a Yaesu FT-891 HF transceiver and ATAS Antenna installed on the bush camper. QSL via eQSL or LoTW.

VK0M, MACQUARIE ISLAND. John, VK3YP, announced on April 1st, "I would like to announce the planning for a DXpedition to Macquarie Island (#9 on Clublog most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date."

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Ira, KD4SLM, is now active as VP2EIH from "The Valley". The length of his stay is not known at this time. He was heard on the satellites which is rare from VP2E-land. Ira informed OPDX that he is "currently working on getting the Satellite station up and running" and "has been testing using a dis-cone omni-directional for both uplink & downlink". He states, "This isn't the best setup. " Ira adds, "I'm also on HF and not a big DX or Contester . I'm available as Net control Fri 0600-0700 on 7.188 -- 'The friendly Net'. Sometimes I take up the 1830-1900 Thursday, Caribbean Wx net 3.815 MHz." His rig is a Yaesu FT-857 with 100 watts using a Off Center Fed home brewed wire antenna. The N.E leg is 40 ft. sloping down to center 30 ft. and S. Leg is 15 ft. into a nearby tree. He is also using MFJ tuner. QSL via his home callsign.

VP2M, MONTSERRANT. Steve, JS6TMW/AI6KX, will be active as VP2MKX from Montserrat Island (NA-103) between April 2-7th. Activity will be mainly on 20/17/15 meters, operating CW QRP. He will spot himself, but will stick to the "QRP frequencies" mainly. QSL only via eQSL.

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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