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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 2nd/April, through Sunday, 9th/April there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, 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, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, J8, JA, 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, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, 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".

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Operators Wilbert/PE7T and James/9V1YC/N1YC are once again active from Liquica Province as 4W/PE7T and 4W/N1YC until April 11th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL 4W/PE7T via PE7T, by the Bureau or LoTW (No direct QSL cards PLEASE). QSL 4W/N1YC via W5UE or LoTW.

5V, TOGO. Operators David/OK6DJ and Petr/OK1FCJ will be active as 5V7P from Lome between April 21-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Their equipment consist of 2x Electraft K3 with amps into vertical antennas (160/80/40/30m), a Hexbeam and a Spider-beam. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details, see:

<http://www.cdxp.cz>

9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS. The international amateur radio team has postponed their December 2017 DXpedition and will be active from Layang Layang Island (Swallow Reef), Spratly Islands (AS-051), in March of 2018. Look

for 9M0W to be active for 8-10 days between March 10-20th. Operators mentioned are Hrane/YT1AD, Choi/HL5FUA, Dave/WD5COV, Dave/K3LP, Jim/K9JM, Dragan/YT3W, Dusko/ZL3WW, Mike/K6MKF, Alan/K6SRZ, Douglas/N6TQS, Chris/VK3FY, Lee/VK3GK, Fred/PY2XB, and also 3-5 local amateurs from Kota Konibalu (9M6). The team has two vacant positions. Activity will be 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. The reason for the delay of activity is because the Layang Layang resort is closed during the period between December-February 2018.

9U BURUNDI. Members of the Mediterraneo Dx Club (MDXC) are planning to be on the road again but this time to Africa to reach their next operation. They will be active from the banks of the Tanganyika Lake, Bujumbura. The leader of the group will be Antonio, IZ8CCW, and the co-leader Gabriele,

I2VGW. Both are happy to announce to the DXer Community their new adventure with the international MDXC team to Burundi 2017. The license is already in the leaders's hands, and they will be active as 9U4M between November 6-17th. According to the evaluations that they have done, they are confident

to give to a lot of DXers the possibility to work this Country on the lower bands, the WARC bands and especially on the Digital modes. At the moment, the team is already built with experienced operators: 20 people coming from 8 (eight) countries. They will be on the air with five stations, on any mode, around the clock. For any further news and updates, please stay tuned: the official web site of this new great adventure is coming soon. Of course any donation and sponsorship will be very very appreciated by the entire team!

A2, BOTSWANA. A Russia team will be active from Botswana sometime in mid-September. Operators mentioned are Yuri/RM0F (A25BI), Pavel/R2AD (A25SP) and YL Elena/RC5A (A25BE). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL all operators via ClubLog's OQRS (direct and Bureau) or LoTW (except R2AD).

DXCC NEWS. The 2016 ARRL DXCC Yearbook is now available for viewing and downloading at the following URL. The DXCC Yearbook includes the 2016 Annual List, as well as the 2016 Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge top scorers. <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/DXCCYearbook/DXCC%20YEARBOOK%202016.pdf>

E3, ERITREA. Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again visit Eritrea to participate in Eritrean Independence Ceremony in May. The dates will be between May 19-29th. On this trip the following operators will be with him: Franz/DJ9ZB, Champ/E21EIC and Dima/RA9USU. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Callsigns to be used are E31AA and E39DI. During this time Zorro will also be active from Dahlak Island (AF-038) using the callsign E39DI for a few days mainly on 160-40 meters. QSL both callsigns via JH1AJT. ADDED NOTE: At this time, Zorro will visit Eritrea to discuss topics such as:

- * Coordinate Pre-game training camp for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic in Japan.
- * Select students for scholarship program for Junior-high school, high school and university to study at schools of SEISA in Japan.
- * Additionally, students of SEISA Kokusai High School will present a performance of Japanese traditional drum known as DAKOHON.

E4, PALESTINE. Janusz, SP9FIH, will be active as E44WE sometime in April from Bethlehem. He states that this is a "reconnaissance" operation and his license is good for a year -- with more operations to happen during the year. Activity will only be on 17/10/6 meters using only 100 watts. QSL via SP9FIH or by ClubLog's OQRS (preferred). For more details, updates and an online log-search, see: <http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org>

ED9/EG9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Look for a team of 10 operators from the "Tortugas CW Group" to be active as EG9TOR from Melilla between May 18-22nd. The team will also be active as ED9T during the King Of Spain CW 2017 Contest (May 21-22nd). Activity will be mainly on CW, between May 18-19th, before the contest, but they will also be on SSB and the Digital modes, on all HF bands. QSL via EA4PN, ClubLog QQRS (direct and Bureau), LoTW or eQSL. More details available at QRZ.com.

FJ, ST. BARTHEMEY. By the time you read this, operators Pat/N2IEN, Lee/WW2DX, YL Lori/KB2HZI and Ray/W2RE will be active as FJ/N2IEN from from St. Barthemely. The length of their stay is unknown. Activity will be holiday style on various HF (160-6m)/VHF/UHF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and satellites. QSL via NR6M. Updates will be available on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/ww2dx>

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Jean-Pierre, F6CTF, will be active as FO/F6CTF from Taravao, Tahiti, and FO/F6CTF/MM between June and September. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15 meters. QSL via his home callsign direct or eQSL.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Update). Tim, LW9EOC, will be active as HC8/LW9EOC from Isabela island, Galapagos Islands (SA-004), between May 15-29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, with a focus on 30/17/12m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

INDIAN OCEAN 6M EME DXPEDITIONS (Update). Lance, W7GJ, will once again be active from the Indian Ocean to focus on 6 meters EME QSOs. This time Lance is planning a 6 Meter EME DXpedition (for the first time) to West Island/Cocos Island as VK9CGJ between September 12-28th, and Christmas Island as VK9XGJ between October 2-18th. All airline tickets have been purchased and lodging reservations have been made. He informs OPDX this week that his operating schedules are now posted on his Web page at:

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Indian%20Ocean%202017.htm>

He also mentioned, "I am very excited by all the new stations on 6m digital due to the widespread use of MSK144 on random meteor scatter! All these stations also have the capability to run JT65A mode, and many probably have the capability to operate 6m EME during their moonset or moonrise. Please spread the word to any newcomers to 6m digital about my upcoming 6m EME DXpedition, and invite them to try practicing with some big stations before next September. Since my last update, I have been busy finalizing plans for the upcoming DXpedition, as well as checking out my equipment. A separate PTT was added to the FT-857 I am taking to VK9:

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/FT857ptt.htm>

I also have been finishing a plan for the operating schedules at VK9. New EXCEL and PDF links to the planned operating schedules at VK9C and VK9X are on my webpage:

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Indian%20Ocean%202017.htm>

Because I am so far away, the only possibility for eastern NA is during my moonset, and the only possibility for western NA is on my moonrise. Please refer to the posted planned operating schedules for details. If you think that you will not be able to be QRV for any of the times shown on the operating schedule, or are concerned that you think I may not be QRV during your only moon windows, please send me an email and I will try to make a special effort to watch for you. However, remember that I will have trouble

elevating over 60 degrees elevation, so please try to work me when my moon is lower than that. I know there also are a number of new stations planning to come onto 6m EME in the coming months - please make sure that I have your

callsigns and grid squares in my CALL3.txt file so I don't disregard your call as a false decode!

Please note that the above planned operating schedules are subject to change. However, I am planning to operate from moonrise to moonset for 3 days from each DXCC during the 3 days of lowest Degradation each month. This hopefully will provide enough opportunity even for stations who are not in EU or NA. Please note that the days of lowest Degradation will also be over a weekend while I am in both DXCC, so I am providing activity at a time when I hope most stations can be active. Even though 6m EME conditions are not ideal, I also plan to be QRV from moonrise to moonset from VK9XGJ during the first weekend of the ARRL EME Contest, October 7-8. Please let me know if you have any questions. Good luck and I hope to see you from VK9 in just 5 months from now! Best wishes for success during the upcoming Es season!.... VY 73, Lance"

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-008. Members of the Camb-Hams will once again be active as GS3PYE/P, but this time from Islay Island between May 6-12th. The Camb-Hams have been activating the Scottish Isles each year since 2008. As in the past, ten or more operators will be active on all bands and many modes from 4m to 80m, 2m & 70cm for

Satellites

and 2m & 23cm for EME. The HF bands will be covered by four simultaneous stations while the 6m & 4m stations will have a great take-off towards the UK and Europe. All stations will be able to run at the full UK power limit. EME operations will use 150W to 55 elements on 23cm and 400W to 17 elements on 2m, primarily on JT65, but also available for CW skeds - if your station is big enough. Satellite operations on 2m & 70cm will use X-Quad antennas and a fully automatic Az/El tracking system. Activity is planned on AO-7 (mode B), VO-52, FO-29, SO-50 & AO-73. All the up-to-date plans and progress will be on <dx.camb-hams.com>. Most importantly, this is a group of good friends doing what they enjoy, so please give them a call and enjoy the trip with them. Active on the major social networks before, during and after the trip, you can check on progress and interact with the operators via their blog <dx.camb-hams.com> or through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube [links below]. Please

check

their Web page for details on how to arrange skeds on the more challenging bands, modes, VHF and EME. All links are available via:

<http://dx.camb-hams.com>

QSL via OQRS (info on QRZ.com) or M0VFC direct or via bureau.

<dx.camb-hams.com>

<facebook.com/CambHams>

<twitter.com/g3pye>

<youtube.com/CambHams>

OC-136. Chris, VK3FY, will once again be active as VK3FY/P from Phillip Island between April 13-17th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via M0OXO or his OQRS.

OC-165. Operators Dennis/9W8DEN, Allpa/9M8ADX and Aldrin/9M8WAT will be active as 9M8RC from Satang Besar Island between 0400z, April 29th and 0200z, May 1st. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via 9W8KIF.

OC-202. Operators/Members of the "CWPhilippines Inc." (Ed/4F1OZ, Andrew/4F1GNW, Gilbert/4F2KWT and Hernani/DU1COP will be active as DZ4C from Tinaga Island, Philippines, between April 21-23rd. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via VE7DP. DU stations QSL via 4F1OZ. The last activation of OC-202 was DX4CN in April of 2003.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ, will once again be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007) group between mid-May and mid-July. He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but will also on 20/15/12/10/6 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY or by the Bureau via JG8NQJ.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Pasi, OH3WS, will once again be active as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) between May 6-7th. Activity will be on 20-6 meters using CW and SSB. Pasi will try 60m on both CW and SSB, listen on 5354 kHz. QSL via his home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 10-16th).....

Apr/10th AN Apr/13th AN Apr/15th AN
 Apr/11th AN Apr/14th AN Apr/16th AN
 Apr/12th 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.. (April 9th) <www.qslinfo.eu>

6W1SU via M0URX (O)	J5B via EA3BT	R1961AG via RA4DR
9A8MDC via (9A-B)	J5W via EA3BT	SC90SM via SK5SM
HB600NVF via HB9JOE & (L)	LZ38GI via LZ1NY	SN9C via SP9KAJ
II2ARI via (I-B)	OE20XMF/4 via OE6NFK	SP7N via SP7N (L)
II8MDC via IZ1BZV	OR20MDC via IZ1BZV	SP9H via SP9H (LoTW/d)
IO0MDC via IZ1BZV	P29VXG via JA1XGI	TI3/N8JAJ via K8EF (d)
IQ5QO/IS0 via 9A8MDC	R1147M via RK3AW	
(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

CLUBLOG IS NOW A LOTW TRUSTED PARTNER. It was announced on April 3rd, by the ARRL and ClubLog that "ClubLog has become the first logging

service to achieve Trusted Partner™ status for Logbook of the World® (LoTW). Radio amateurs holding LoTW "callsign certificates" who have uploaded logs to ClubLog now can readily cross-post them to the highly secure LoTW – world's largest repository for confirming Amateur Radio contacts." Read the complete details/news at:
<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/club-log-is-now-a-logbook-of-the-world-trusted-partner>

QSL ROUTE CHANGE. QSL Manager Bob Schenck, N200, informs OPDX he has just confirmed with Paul, MM0ZBH, that he will be his QSL Manager for his recent operation from Faroe Islands as OY/MM0ZBH. QSL via N200. Bob will have the logs after Paul goes QRT.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5U5R, 5J0NA, 5U5R, 9H1XT, D66D, DL9WO, JA1BPA, JF1IWL, OK6DJ, ON7TK, PE1NCP, PY2KC, S9YY, TG9ANF, TU7C, TZ5XR, UT9FJ, XE2CQ (6M QSO w/o grid data), XT1SE and XT2SE

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4O/KC0W, 4I7COW, 4X4WN, 5A1AL, J6/KI8IR and TX5T

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4S7GWG, 4X/SP7VC, 5B/DL2SWW, 9N7WE, A6/DL9WVM, C5FUD, CT9/SP7DPJ, E73FDE, E73KW, E74EBL, E74JS, E75NUR, E76ZZ, E77AW, E77CFG, EI9HQ, EI0MAR, EI70U, SN200SG, V55HQ and Z3/SP7VC

S7, SEYCHELLES. Ivan, LZ1PJ, will be active as S79J from the Lemongrass Lodge on Mahe Island (AF-024) between May 2-10th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands on CW only using an Icom IC-706, LDG ATU and simple antennas (G5RV and/or DunaX multiband vertical). He will also give out SKCC QSOs. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau and possibly LoTW.

T7, SAN MARINO. Mike, DF8AN, will be active as T7/DF8AN/P from San Marino between April 14-18th. Activity will be VHF/UHF only using mainly JT65 and CW/SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. NO LoTW.

T8 PALAU (Reminder). Operators Toshio/JM1LRA (T88TA), Kazuhiro/JA7WFT (T88FT), Shinichi/JI6IHG (T88IH) and Ichiro/JH7IPR (T88UW) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009), between April 14-21st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, JT65 and JT9. QSL T88IH via JI6IHG. QSL T88FT via JA7WFT. QSL T88TA via JM1LRA. QSL T88UW via JH7IPR, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or Club-Log. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:
<http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

TO2, ST. BARTHELEMY. A group of Polish operators will be active as TO2SP from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146) between November 16-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands including the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). Operators mentioned are Jan/SP3CYY, Jurek/SP3GEM, Wlodek/SP6EQZ, Janusz/SP6IXF, Kris/SP6JIU and Rich/K1CC. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS (preferred) and for Bureau via SP6IXF.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLANDS. Operators Chris/GM3WOJ and Keith/GM4YXI will once again be active as VK9CZ (pending) from Cocos Keeling Islands (OC-003) between October 23rd and November 6th. Activity will be on various HF bands and the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N3SL. Look for more details to be forthcoming and a Web page in May.

XV9, VIETNAM. Jesus, JP7MBO, will be active as XV9G from Ho Chi Minh City between April 19th and May 9th. He states that he will be active on 20 meters during the daytime and 40 meters during the night time and if the band is open, 15 meters. Operations will be mostly CW and SSB occasionally.

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