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** EDITOR'S HEALTH UPDATE: First off I want to thank the many individuals who sent "good well wishes" via E-mail, cards and letters. It was touching and uplifting. It has been just over two weeks since my operation, and I am glad my time in St. Thomas Hospital was short followed by a week of recovery at my daughter's house in Tennessee. It is good to be back home, but it was an uncomfortable ride back home on April 22nd, from Murfreesboro, TN, to Strongsville, OH. This past week's recovery, I found myself to be napping a lot in between soaking in the tub (3-4 times a day; it becomes old real quick). By Thursday/Friday, I seem to find a little more energy, but still sore. I hope to be healed up by "Day-Xenia HamVention"....
Thanks again for all "good well wishes" -- 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 23rd/April, through Sunday, 30th/April there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, 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, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, 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, PJ5, PY, PZ, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T31, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

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

2016 CASS AWARD WINNER (Press Release). Jeff Martin, K5WE, has won the 2016 Single-Operator Cass Award. The Cass Award encourages DXpedition operating excellence. While QRV from Easter Island as XR0YS during May and June 2016, Jeff worked 7,040 unique stations during his 12-day one-man DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as

possible. Oklahoma DX Association President Steve, NE5SD, presented Jeff with his plaque at the association's meeting on April 8th. Here's a photo of Jeff (on the left) receiving the plaque from Steve:

low resolution: http://www.cassaward.com/K5WE_NE5SD.jpg

full resolution: http://www.cassaward.com/K5WE_NE5SD_fullres.jpg

Presented annually, the Cass Award encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a plaque for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns over a two-week interval. This award honors the wisdom and spirit of Cass, WA6AUD (SK), whose stories in the West Coast DX Bulletin taught a generation of DXers that DX IS! Congratulations to Jeff on his achievement in winning this year's award!

3B9, RODRIGUEZ ISLAND. Olof, G0CKV, will once again be active as 3B9HA from Rodriguez Island (AF-017) between November 23rd and December 12th. Activity will be holiday style focusing on the low bands and CW. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via M0OXO or LoTW.

3W, VIETNAM. Yuri, RM0F (ex RA0FU), will be active as 3W9FU from Nha Trang between May 1-10th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Equipment is a TS-480HX and 200 watts into a SteppIR and Buddipole. Yuri mentions he "may" also be active as 3W9FU/p from IOTA AS-157 for 2-3 days. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS and Bureau.

3XY, GUINEA. Operators Luc/F5RAV and Gerard/F5NVF, will be active as 3XY4D from Ratoma between October 27th and November 6th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including 30/17/12m and possibly 60m, using CW and RTTY. The operators are also planning to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th). QSL via F5RAV direct only.

4X, ISRAEL. Israel stations are now active and currently using the special prefixes 4X69 and 4Z69 until May 10th to mark their country's 69th anniversary. Stations heard: 4X69KS (4X1KS), 4X69TT (4X6TT), 4X69VF (4X1VF), 4Z69AD (4Z5AD), 4Z69KD (4Z1KD) and 4Z69LA (4Z5LA).

8J, JAPAN (Special Event). Special event station 8J1ITU will be on the air from Japan between May 1st (1500z on April 30th) and May 31st (1459z on May 31st) to celebrate the anniversary of the foundation of ITU (World Telecommunication and Information Society Day - May 17th). 8J1ITU is operated by the Japan ITU Amateur Radio Club during the month of May every year. This activity counts for Japan Honshu Island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), as well as Kasumigaura City (Japan JCC# 1430). QSL via the Bureau (JARL) or eQSL.

8Q, MALDIVES. Jim, G3VDB, is once again active as 8Q7EJ, but this time from Vilamendhoo Island (AS-013) Resort until May 7th. Activity will be holiday style mainly on 20 meters, with possible 30/17m operations, and using mostly CW with some PSK, RTTY and SSB. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLogs' OQRS. The logs are available on the Clublog Web page at: <http://www.clublog.org/logsearch/8Q7EJ>

9H, MALTA. Mek, SQ3RX, will once again be active as 9H3SQ from Gozo Island (EU-023) between May 15-24th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, possibly 80 meters (depends on the local antenna conditions) using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment is a Kenwood TS480Sat with 100 watts into a Fiberglass 10m pole with Inverted Vee antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

A2, BOTSWANA. Alessandro, IW5ELA, will be active as A25AL from three different QTHs in Botswana between September 7-15th. His plans are:
September 7-10th: Chobe River Front Lodge

September 10-12th: Moremi Crossing Lodge

September 12-15th: Sango Safari Camp

This will be a suitcase operation with a vertical antenna and FT857 operating mainly on CW. QSL via his home callsign (see QRZ.com).

A7, QATAR. Martin, MW0BRO, will be active as A7/MW0BRO from the QARS club station May 4-18th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly CW. He is not sure if the station has 160/80/6 capability at this time. QSL via his home callsign, direct or eQSL.

CARIBBEAN TOUR. Frank, PH2M, will have a holiday style DXpedition to the following Dutch Caribbean Islands:

May 19-24th -- Callsign PJ7/PH2M; St. Maarten Island

May 24-29th -- Callsign PJ6/PH2M; Saba Island

May 29th-June 4th -- Callsign PJ5/PH2M; St. Eustatius Island

Activity from all islands will be on 40-10 meters using SSB (100w) and WSPR (200mw) with wire endfed antennas. QSL all callsign via LoTW, by the Bureau, direct or ClubLog's OQRS. See QRZ.com for more details at:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ7/PH2M>

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ6/PH2M>

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ5/PH2M>

CT9, MADEIRA. Operators Walter/DL8JS, XYL Ulla/DF6QP and Alfons/DJ8VC will be active as CT9/homecall from the CQ3L station on Madeira Island (AF-014) between October 3-17th. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via their home callsign.

E3, ERITREA (Update). 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 E31A (not E31AA as first announced) 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 (Update). Janusz, SP9FIH, will be active as E44WE from Bethlehem between May 16-30th. 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.dxpedititions.org>

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS (IOTA Op). Cezar, VE3LYC, will be active as E51LYC from Pukapuka Atoll (OC-098), North Cook Islands, between May 9-23rd. This IOTA group has been on the air for more than 22 years. There are no regular commercial flights or boat cruises to this atoll and Cezar will be staying with one of the locals. Expected living conditions are to be basic. Activity

will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS. Look for more details and Web page in the coming days.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Neil, MONJH, will be active as EA8/MONJH from Tenerife Island (AF-004) between May 8-14th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via LoTW or eQSL.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Operators Rick/AI5P, Barry/N0KV, Gregory/WOZA and Jim/WD0E plan to operate from Pointe Milou, St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, Grid Square FK87), between October 17-26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with satellite operation by WD0E. Conditions may largely limit most activity to 20 meters and down. Operating 160 meters is being considered, however, no antenna option is yet finalized. Satellite operation will take place on several satellites. A satellite and pass schedule will be announced on the AMSAT-bb in advance. Equipment includes three Elecraft K3's and two 500 watt Elecraft amps. Antennas include a SteppIR crank IR vertical for 80-10 meters, a folding hexbeam by Folding Antennas (Germany) on 20-10 meters, LPDA's on 20 and 17 meters and verticals on 30 and 40 meters. Operation will be as continuous as conditions warrant. The Colorado operators have decided to use FJ/N0KV as their callsign while AI5P will be active as FJ/AI5P. FJ/N0KV logs will be updated to LoTW while Rick's logs (FJ/AI5P) will not since he continues to be an analog guy with an actual key and pen/paper log. Paper QSLs will be available from both N0KV and AI5P direct and via the Bureau. U.S. addressees send SASE; addressees outside the US should send SAE plus 2 USDs for return postage. Use of ClubLog is not anticipated. Further information will be published as the trip approaches.

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Thomas, F4HPX, will be active as FR/F4HPX from various locations (beaches, SOTA) on Reunion Island (AF-016) between June 4-16th. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using CW (possibly), SSB, RTTY, PSK31, JT65 and JT9. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Bernhard, DL2GAC, is now active as H44MS from Malaita Island (OC-047) in the Solomon Islands, until May 10th. Activity has been on 160-6 meters on SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD (Press Release). From the International DX Convention,

Visalia California: The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce the recipient of the annual "Intrepid Spirit Award". We are pleased to have received so many worthy nominations to consider.

This year's award goes to a notable Dxer and DXpeditioner that we have come to respect and admire greatly, Mr. Sebastien "Seb" Poulénard-F5UFX.

This award is to recognize Sebastien's outstanding efforts to activate Juan de Nova Island as FT4JA and Tromelin Island as FT4TA.

Sebastien and his teams are largely responsible for fulfilling the need for these rare and difficult entities. We recognize Sebastien's unselfish acts to activate these challenging and much needed entities on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community.

We acknowledge Sebastien's pursuit of operating excellence in assembling the best operators available for these important activations. It is for these reasons that we honored him with our Intrepid Spirit Award, presented at the International DX Convention, Visalia, California on April 21st, 2016.

This "Intrepid-Spirit Award" is made in memory of our fallen friend and member, James McLaughlin, T6AF, who was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan, in April, 2011.

The award is intended to recognize and honor those individuals or teams that boldly activate rare entities where their own personal safety is secondary to their pursuit of providing contacts to the DX Community.

While we do not encourage Dxers to go into harm's way, we recognize

that circumstances sometimes require that and we recognize those Intrepid Dxers with the Intrepid Spirit Award.

Thank you,

Paul S. Ewing -- Vice President & Founder The Intrepid-DX Group

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-047. Operators Tak/JR1LZK and Mitsu/JE1HXZ will be active as home-call/6 from Minami-Daito Island between April 28th and May 6th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog or LoTW.

- AS-058. Luca, IK2PFL, will be active as 9M2/IK2PFL from Langkawi Island between May 6-8th. Activity will be on various HF bands using 100 watts HF transceiver and vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

- AS-073. Luca, IK2PFL, will be active as 9M2/IK2PFL from Perhentian Besar Island between May 1-4th. Activity will be on various HF bands using 100 watts HF transceiver and vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

- EU-174. Laci, HA0HW, will once again be active from Thassos Island (GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA LH-4186, QRA KN20HS), as SW8WW (ex-J48HW) between May 24th and June 11th. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY on the HF bands (usually on 40/30/20/17/12/10 meters) and on 6 meters. He may enter the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. His rigs are usually a FT-840 and an IC-706 (for 6m only). Antennas are a monoband Gps on SPIDERPOLE and fishing poles, and a multiband doublet over his apartment house, for 6 meters a folded dipole
<http://www.qsl.net/g3pto/6m_dipole.html>
as a vertical dipole on a stand alone fishing pole. QSL by the OQRS via ClubLog or via his home callsign by the HA Bureau or direct. Please look at his QRZ.com page.

- EU-177. Olof, G0CKV, will be active as SM5CKV/P from Harstena Island between July 25th and August 5th. Activity will be holiday style and will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via M0OXO.

- NA-057. John, AD8J, will be active as HR9/AD8J from Dunbar Rock Island, a small island near the island of Guanaja, between May 13-27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mostly CW, but with a focus on 160/80m. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

- NA-128. The NA128 Contest Group will be active again this year (10th year in row) as CG2I (M2/DXpedition) from Ile-aux-Coudres, Quebec, Canada (IOTA NA-128) between July 27-30th for the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL direct via VE2EBK. ClubLog and LoTW will be uploaded few days after the contest. For more information about previous operations, go to: <http://www.qsl.net/na128cg>

- NA-128. Jean-Pierre, VA2SG, will be active as CF2NDX from Ile d'Orleans between July 29-30th. He plans to be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th). QSL via VE2TLH.

- NA-174. Operators Martin/VA2AMH, Marc-Andre/VE2MBT, Jean-Pierre/VE2SSS,

Pascal/VE2WHZ and Rémi/VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from Charlton Island between July 28-30th. Operations will include the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via F4BHW.

OC-046. After their Marquesas Island operation (see below), operators Le/F1TCV, Didier/F6BCW and Dominique/F6DTZ will be active as TX5EG from Moorea Island between August 15th and September 5th. Activity will be on 80-12 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Suggested frequencies for CW and SSB are:
CW - 3527, 7027, 14027, 18077, 21027 and 24907 kHz
SSB - 3677, 7127, 14127, 14227, 18127, 21227, 21277 and 24927 kHz
QSL TX5EG via F6BCW. Operators may also operate as FO/F6BCW, FO/F6DTZ and FO/F1TCV.

OC-067. Before their Marquesas Island operation (see below), operators Pascal/F1MNO, Le/F1TCV, Didier/F6BCW, Dominique/F6DTZ and Serge/F6IPT will be active as TX5EG from Huahine Island, Leeward (Society) Islands, between June 29th and July 17th. Activity will be on 80-12 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Suggested frequencies for CW and SSB are:
CW - 3527, 7027, 14027, 18077, 21027 and 24907 kHz
SSB - 3677, 7127, 14127, 14227, 18127, 21227, 21277 and 24927 kHz
QSL TX5EG via F6BCW.

OC-131. Before their Marquesas Island operation (see below), operators Pascal/F1MNO, Le/F1TCV, Didier/F6BCW, Dominique/F6DTZ and Serge/F6IPT will be active as TX5EG from Atoll Ahe, King George Islands, between June 11-19th. Activity will be on 80-12 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Suggested frequencies for CW and SSB are:
CW - 3527, 7027, 14027, 18077, 21027 and 24907 kHz
SSB - 3677, 7127, 14127, 14227, 18127, 21227, 21277 and 24927 kHz
QSL TX5EG via F6BCW.

OC-235. The DX8ZWC operation from Mindanao Islands which was to be active sometime in April was called off due to the high terror alert status in the area, and with reports of armed bandits.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For May). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of May 2017:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Malvern, in Worcestershire, by Roy, MOPAR (/A WAB Square SO74 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Skegby, in Nottinghamshire, by Merv, G0UJD (/A WAB Square SK56 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on <www.iswl.org.uk> or <www.qrz.com> or via <www.eQSL.cc>. NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see <www.iswl.org.uk> for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU (Update). The Italian DXpedition Team has announced that their next Dxpedition in mid-November 2017 will be to Bubaque Island (AF-020) using the callsign J5T. Operators mentioned are Alfeo/I1HJT, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT, Angelo/IK2RZP and Mac/JA3USA. They expect to have 4 stations on all HF bands (no 50 MHz), using CW and SSB, and RTTY one band only, to be

chosen. You can participate in the J5T survey on their official Web site at:

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

Subject to the availability of internet connection, the REAL TIME Log will be available at:

<http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline>

Official forum at: <http://www.hamradioweb.net>

JD1, OGASAWARA. Harry, JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between April 30th and May 5th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau to JD1BMH or direct to JG7PSJ. Visit his Web page for more details at:

<http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jdlbmh>

Also, on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jdlbmh>

KH1, BAKER AND HOWLAND ISLANDS. It was reported by "The Daily DX" (on the ARRL Web page) that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) appears open to a DXpedition to Baker Island in the Pacific which has not been activated for 15 years. Baker and Howland Islands (KH1) are the fourth most-wanted DXCC entity, according to the ClubLog DXCC Most Wanted List. On April 24th, the FWS released a Draft Compatibility Determination for Amateur Radio Operation for public review and comment. The comment period ends on May 8th. Read the complete press release on the ARRL Web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-seeks-comments-on-baker-island-dxpedition-compatibility>

NCDXF NEWS (Press Release, New NCDXF President K6MM, dated April 27th). At the 2017 Annual Board Meeting of the Northern California DX Foundation this past weekend at the Visalia International DX Convention, John Miller, K6MM, was elected President. The full list of Officers for 2017-2018 includes:

President:	John Miller, K6MM
Vice President:	Glenn Johnson, W0GJ
Secretary:	Kip Edwards, W6SZN
Treasurer:	Don Greenbaum, N1DG
Directors:	Ned Stearns, AA7A
	Steve Merchant, K6AW
	Glenn Rattmann, K6NA
	Kevin Rowett, K6TD
	Craig Thompson, K9CT
	Tom Berson, ND2T
	Glenn Vinson, W6OTC

The primary purpose of NCDXF is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive entities. Those funds come from the contributions of our supporters in the DX community. Your contribution will help make DX happen. Visit our website: <http://www.ncdxf.org>

In addition:

- NCDXF provides scholarships to Contest University for those 25 years of age and under
- Partners with IARU to operate the NCDXF Beacon System worldwide
- Oversees the Cycle 25 Project: an endowment-fund created from estate planning

We thank you for your continued support.

Best regards, Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, NCDXF Vice President

OX, GREENLAND. Michael, OZ1KZX, is once again active as OX/5P1KZX from Greenland (NA-018) until May 5th. Activity will be limited to spare-time after his work duties. He will be on 80-10 meters, but the best bands are on 40/20/17 meters on the Digital modes. Radio will be an IC-7000 with 10-30 watts into a G5RV or End-feed long-wire. QSL only via LoTW or eQSL. NO PAPER QSL.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Bill, K2HVN, will be active as OY/K2HVN from the Faroe

Islands between June 14-25th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW mainly with some SSB. Equipment is an Icom 706-Mobile rig into a Buddipole vertical. QSL via his home callsign, direct (best) or by the Bureau (may take over 2 years).

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Look for activity before and after the contest. Operations outside of the contest will be on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted as of 12/31/2013. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 1-7th).....

May/01st HN May/04th AN May/06th BN
May/02nd AN May/05th BN May/07th AN
May/03rd 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>

PY0N, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Janio, PY4NY, will once again return to Fernando de Noronha Island as PY0NY. He informs OPDX, "Activation has already been validated by ARRL and this callsign has been accepted for DXCC credit. The activation will be from May 5-15th, and its aim is to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the creation of our valuable Smoke Squadron which is the Brazilian Air Force's Official Squadron. On this activation I intend to give special attention to the bands of 160m and 80m, for these are bands that have been little explored and I believe they are the goal of many hams around the world. I will also be active on the other bands on SSB, CW, RTTY and the Digital modes. The antennas will be Delta Loop, MorGain, dipoles, and some accessories all built by me on an artisan way. The QSL policy details are on my QRZ.com page."

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF.. (April 23rd and 30th)

<www.qslinfo.eu>

3Z14PRLK via SP6PZG G3P via G3WPH (L) PY1JEA/PT9 via PY1BJN
4X69TT via 4X6TT (L) GS0NWM via M0URX (O) R75GAK via UB4W
4Z69AD via 4Z5AD GT4BRS via DJ6OI RA36GS via RN3FY
4Z69MU via 4Z5MU HB0/M0DCG via M0DCG RT60RT via RN9A
4Z69PG via 4Z5PG HB0/M1PTR via M1PTR SE4E via SM4DQE
5A5A via UA3DX HB0/M5KJM via M5KJM SO5B via SP5PY
5P4MG via DJ4MG HB0/OE5JKL/P via OE5JKL SP/DG6IMR/P via DG6IMR
5V7P via OK6DJ (O/L) HB0/PC5A via PC5A SP0L via SP7OGP
5V7V via I1FQH & (L) HG3IPA via HA3JB SV/OE1AFU/MM via OE1AFU

(e)

8Q7VB via UA4WHX HK0/OZ1AA via OZ1ACB or (O) SV2/DL5GTA/M via DL5GTA

(d/e)

9A72DP via 9A6W & (L) II1NS via IQ1GE SV8/G4EDG via G4EDG

(d/L)

9H3KZ via G2BKZ II3JD via II3JD (d) SZ3P via SV3CYL
9J2BO via G3TEV (d) IP0LOVE via I0WBX (e) SZ8ARC/P via SZ8ARC (d)
AO1DA via EA1RKA IQ8MD via IZ8BGY TC23TC via TA1AYZ
CT7/DL1YCB/M via DL1YCB (d) IY5PIS via IW5AOT TG9/VE7BV via VE7BV &

(L)

CT9/DL9FBF via DL9FBF J28PJ via F1TMY TM100WB via TM100WB (e)
DL/IN3ADF/P via HB9CQL J88PI via GW4DVB (d) TM160BF via F4GFE
DM1517L via DL5AWI K1M via N1DG TM6CR via F6FMT
DM200LFS via DM9TT L33M via LU3MAM (L/e) UB5O via R5QA
DZ4C via VE7DP LZ105PBP via LZ1ZF V84SWA via V85TL
EA8/DF9RA via DF9RA MORSE via G3SWH VI100TRF via VK4ZD

(O/d/B)

EA8/F4HHL via F5KKD OD5YA via EA5GL VK3FY/DU8 via M0OXO (O)
EF7WRD via EC7ABV OE17ATOM via OE1SSU XL7100 via VA7DP (d)
EK1915RL via EK6RL (d) OF5CZ via OH5CZ XR4S via XQ4NUA
EMORSE via UT1RT OF6GAZ via LZ3HI XV9G via WP4JBG
EN31U via US0UX OF6GZT via OH6GZT YO17ZMR via YO3KAA
EN92IARD via UY5IG OH0/DG6TOM via DG6TOM YT800YU via YU1MM & (L)
ER0PL via SP9KAT OZ7TM via DL1TM ZA/DL4KM/P via DL4KM
EW8W via EW8W (d/L) PA10YDT via PA9F ZZ7ZZ via PR7AR
FG/AB3Y via AB3Y PC44FF via PH0NO (O)

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QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2TS, 4M5M, 4W/N1YC, 4Z4KX, 5X8C, 5Z4/DL2RMC,
6W2SC, 8P9NX, 8R1/AG6UT, 9G5AM, 9N7EI, 9Y4DG, A35JP/P (OC-123), A61ZX,
BD4WN, CE0Y/W1MJ, CT1HFS, DM5TS, E7DX, DL4FAY, EC7DZZ, EI6JK, EF9R,
FJ/N2IEN, G4KHG, HP3/WJ20, HP3/WK20, HS7WMU, J5UAP, JR6GIM, LU1ZI, LR5D,
LY1G, ON4ADZ, ON8BB, RI1ANO, T2AQ, T88RF, UA0FO, VK4KW, XE2CQ, YW4D
and ZD8W

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B8/G3TXF, 3XY3D, 9G5X, 9N7EI, A5A, B90IARU, E2X
(AS-125), E20HHK/P (AS-126), E51KTA, FY5FY, OH1AB (EU-173), S01WS, TLOA,
VK5CE/3 (OC-196), W3T, XU7MDC, XX9D, XZ1A, YB3MM, YB3MM/7 and YC8UTI

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4J90UD, 4K9W, 5P5CW (EU-172), 9Q6AG, A35OK,
C5A, CP4BT, CT8/KD8DXU, D66D, DA0WFF, DF90KWTJ, DG500BIER, DM50IOTA,
DM1813LEI, DR160TESLA, DR1517LU, E51DWC, E73MJ, E73PY, E73YS, E74BYZ,
E74CZ, E74KC, E77DO, E77E, E77O, EA8/DK5AN, EA8/DJ9BN, EK/DK7AO,
ES90IARU,
ET3JA, EW4WE, FR/OK2KG, GD/OK1TOM/P, HB0/OK6DJ/P, HB0/DK3RED/P,
HB0/DL5SE,
KP2/AA1TR, MJ/DL5SE, MJ/OK1FIK, OJ0DX, OK1IEC/TI7, OL20ARDF, OL40A,
OL90IARU, OL700KAREL, OL1911VP, PJ4/OK7MT, PJ5/OL8R, SV9/OK2BOB/P, T6SM,

TA4/DL2DXA, TC07DX, TF/DD5DD, V5/DC8QT, VR2EH, Z21MG, ZA/OK1DX and ZL2IO

S7, SEYCHELLES (EME Op!). Tony, RM8A, will be on a solo DXpedition to La Digue Island (AF-024, WW Loc. L075vp) between April 29th and May 12th. He will use the callsign S79H and will be active on 144 MHz EME only. Tony states, "There is a lot of equipment to take.... activity costs are quite high. I will be very grateful for any donation to bring them down, and make this activity fun for both sides. It is a long distance travel - three planes to take, two ferries with an overweight and over-sized luggage. If you want to support this DXpedition, you can do it using Paypal button on QRZ.com. Every little help is very much appreciated!" QSL via RM8A.

T8 PALAU. Operators Akira/JH0CKF, XYL Kay/JJ0RIK and Kunio/JA8VE will be active as T88MZ, T8KA and T8VE from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between May 12-19th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using mainly SSB. QSL via their home callsign (check QRZ.com). For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see: <http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

TG7, GUATEMALA. Tom, KC0W, is now active as TG7/KC0W from Guatemala until May 8th. Activity is on 40-6 meters with 80 watts. CW only. A 200 milliwatt WSPR beacon is transmitting part time on 40/30/20 meters. Tom states, "This is an ultra lightweight DXpedition. Yaesu 857d to a cheap Telescopic Antenna directly over salt water. Configured as an inverted L on 40/30 meters. I'm traveling very light. Total weight of this entire DXpedition is 9 Kg." QSL only direct to KC0W. NO LoTW or Bureau. ADDED NOTE: Next stop for Tom is Guyana signing 8R1/KC0W between May 10th and June 8th.

TK, CORSICA. Alex, F4GHS, will be active as TK/F4GHS from Corsica Island (EU-014) between May 23-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

TX5, FRENCH POLYNESIA (2018 Op). Operators Will/W0ZRJ and Bill/KH600 will be active as TX5X from Tahiti Island (OC-046) between March 10-17th (2018). Activity will be on various HF bands using primarily CW with some SSB, and JT9 when band conditions drop. They will have one 100w HF transceiver. QSL via KH600 direct, LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS or eQSL. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

TX5, MARQUESAS ISLANDS. Operators Le/F1TCV, Didier/F6BCW, Dominique/F6DTZ and Dave/K3EL will be active as TX5EG from Hiva Oa Island between July 29th and August 6th. Activity will be on 80-12 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Suggested frequencies for CW and SSB are:

CW - 3527, 7027, 14027, 18077, 21027 and 24907 kHz

SSB - 3677, 7127, 14127, 14227, 18127, 21227, 21277 and 24927 kHz

QSL TX5EG via F6BCW.

V29, ANTIGUA. Look for IARU President Tim, VE6SH, to once again be active as V29SH Jumby Bay Island, Antigua (NA-100), between July 23rd and August 7th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands with a focus on 30/17/12 meters using a Elecraft KX3 with an amp into a CrankIR. QSL via VE6SH, direct or by the Bureau and LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA. Some members of the Nara DX Association of Japan and others will be active as V6J Mokil Island (OC-226) sometime in late June or early July. They state, "The ship will leave (from Pohnpei) for Mokil Island at the end of June 2017. We have already prepared all pieces of equipment. Please just wait for our final schedule for a while. We will announce our accurate operation schedule here (QRZ.com) soon." Operators

mentioned are V63GJ (Tosy/JA3FGJ), V63GF (Hid/JA3KGF), V63SS (Sanny/JJ3CIG), V63YL (Mami/JP3AYQ) and a coordinator Kenny who lives in Pohnpei. They will use their individual V6 callsign on Pohnpei Island (OC-010). Their pilot station is Joe, JJ3PRT, who is the president of Nara DX Association. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and JT65. QSL Manager is JP3AYQ. OQRS 3 USDs (recommended), SASE 2 USDs with SAE and No Bureau. For more details, see QRZ.com.

V6, MICRONESIA. Toshi, JA6REX, will once again be active as V63KS from Chuuk Islands (OC-011) between August 28th and September 3rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. Visit his Web page at: <http://v63.webcrow.jp>

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Christoph, DL1YAF, will once again be active as DL1YAF/VK9L from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) between May 1-8th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters on CW and SSB, using KX3 HF transceiver with KPA 100 watt amp into a vertical and dipole antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Chae, HL1AHS, will be active as VK9AA from Christmas Island (OC-002) between June 24th and July 1st. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. His equipment is a Yaesu FT-991A transceiver with an Expert 1.3K amp into a VDA and G5RV antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Operators Henri/OH3JR and Seppo/OH1VR will once again be active as VP2EHC and VP2ESM, respectively, between November 21st and December 2nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest as two Single-Op/All-Band entries. QSLs only DIRECT to their home callsigns. Please look at QRZ.com.

VP9, BERMUDA. Operators Mario/CX4CR and Bert/CX3AN will be active as VP9/CX4CR and VP9/CX3AN, respectively, from Bermuda (NA-005) between May 10-15th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands with a focus on 12 meters. QSL via EB7DX.

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS. Operators Krish/W4VKU/VU2VKU and Pai/VU2PAI will be active as VU7KP from Bangaram Island, Lakshadweep Islands (AS-011), between May 15-19th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters with two stations using CW, SSB and RTTY. There may be some 80 meters operations. QSL via W4VKU, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

XV9, VIETNAM. Hiroshi, 7M2VPR, is now active as XV9VPR from an island in the South China Sea Coast South IOTA Group (AS-130). His length of stay is not known at this time. He was heard on 15 meters SSB (21284 kHz at 1009z). QSL via his home callsign.

YASME FOUNDATION NEWS (Press Release, dated April 28th). THE YASME FOUNDATION ELECTS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS -- At its annual meeting held at the 2017 International DX Convention in Visalia, California, the Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation elected the following directors and officers:

Ward Silver, N0AX,	President and Director
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Rusty Epps, W6OAT,	Treasurer and Director
Kip Edwards, W6SZN,	Secretary and Director
Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T,	Director

Martti Laine, OH2BH, Director
Fred Laun, K3ZO, Director
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Director

The Board welcomed Ken Claerbout, K4ZW, as the new Vice-President and expressed its appreciation to Fred Laun, K3ZO, for his many years of service to Yasme as Vice-President and for his willingness to remain on the Board as a Director.

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ZA, ALBANIA. Alfredo, IK7JWX, will be active as ZA/IK7JWX from Sazan Island (EU-169) between June 10-20th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

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