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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th-June, through Sunday, 11th-June there were 207 countries

active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4UII, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, 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, PJ7, PY, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T31, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, 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".

4JF, AZERBAIJAN (Special Event). Alex, 4J3DJ, is once again active as 4JF1EU until June 25th. This is a special callsign being used to celebrate the running of Formula 1 Grand Prix in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan Republic, June 23-25th. It's the second time there. The race course is right on the streets of the city, the same one as in Monaco and Singapore. QSL ONLY DIRECT to 4J3DJ, as he is living in Russia now. (Possible LoTW)

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Shirley, VK5YL, will be active as E51XYL from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between June 10-17th. Activity will be on 20 meters SSB. QSL via VK5YL.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES:

- VKFF-0629 -- Look for VK2JNG/3 on Tuesday, June 13th, 0300-0700z, Kara Kara National Park, on 7090 kHz SSB, starting around 2:00 pm (local) weather permitting
- YOFF-0023 -- Look for YO6EZ/P on Wednesday, June 14th, 0900-1100z
- OZFF-0028 -- Look for OU7M/P between Friday evening, June 16th, and Saturday, June 17th. The EDR Club Mors-Nordthy are doing

their yearly Summer event with Flora Fauna activation. They hope to have many QSOs from OZFF-0028. Activity will be on many bands and modes. As usual, all Hams world-wide are welcome to join the OU7M events. For more info/contact, see <www.oz7mor.dk>.

IFF-0520 -- Look for IQ4FJ/4 on June 18th, by a group of OM to activate Riserva Naturale Contrafforte Pliocenico. The plan is to be active with 2 or 3 operating stations on various amateur bands.

KFF-0639 -- Look for W6/VK3XV on Friday, June 23rd, 1900-2359z.

For more details, see: http://wff-yo.blogspot.ro/p/blog-page_3.html

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:

<http://wwff.co/agenda>

Also suggest URLs:

World-Wide -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44/> world wide

USA -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair>

A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: <http://wwff.co/dx-cluster>

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Operators Janusz/SP9FIH, Bogdan/SP2FUD and Zenon/SP2GCJ will be active as HB0/homecalls from Triesenberg between June 11-24th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSLs will be available via ClubLog.

INTREPID-DX GROUP NEWS (Press Release - IRAQI Kurdistan to hold Independence

Referendum. Potentially new DXCC Country on the horizon). If you follow the Intrepid-DX Group, you know that we visited Erbil, the capitol of Iraqi Kurdistan in April 2010 and conducted the YI9PSE DXpedition.

Since that time, we have maintained our relationship with the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and followed their plans for independence. The KRG has welcomed us to return for additional amateur radio activities.

On June 7, 2017, KRG President Massoud Barzani announced following a meeting of the Kurdish political parties that the Iraqi Kurdish region will hold an independence referendum on September 25th, 2017 as the first major step towards independence.

The Intrepid-DX Group will continue to follow developments from the KRG as they move towards independence. If they declare independence and all conditions are in place for UN acceptance, we will again hope to join forces with our friends the Tifariti Gang <www.dxfriends.com> and activate Kurdistan together just as we joined teams to activate the new Republic of South Sudan in August/September 2011.

You can follow our progress at <www.Intrepid-DX.Com> or on our Facebook Page.

Thank you,
Paul S. Ewing-N6PSE
Vice President and Founder
The Intrepid-DX Group

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-073. Operators Tex/9M2TO and Tack/9M2/JE1SCJ will be active as 9M4DXX/P from Perhentian Kecil Islands between June 24-26th. This will be DX vacation and activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and JT-65. They will have a 100 watts HF transceiver and a vertical antenna. QSL via 9M2TO, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-059. Gert, ON4GS, will be active as MM/ON4GS from St. Kilda between July 10-14th, weather permitting. Activity will be on various HF bands using a FT-817ND/T1 Elecraft/Palm radio pico or mini paddle/Inverted V or EFHW. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

- EU-091. Members of the "ARMI-Taranto"/"599Team" will use the callsigns IL7P or IJ7P to activate the Pedagna Grande Island (Italian Island Reference P003) between July 28-30th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters including the 30/17/12 meter bands. They will also participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) using the callsign IO7TA. Operators mentioned are Aurelio/IZ8EGM, Frank/IZ7AUH, Fabrizio/IZ7LDC, Giovanni/IZ7QSS, Antonio/IK7WDS and Vincenzo/IW7DMH. Pedagna Grande is a "Tier 5 Island", hosting an active Italian Navy facility. QSL via Aurelio, IZ8EGM, ClubLog's OQRS, by the Bureau or direct.
- EU-132. Adam, DJ0IF, will once again be active as SN0RX from Wolin Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th). QSL via SP8BXL.
- EU-169. (Cancelled) The ZA/IK7JWX operation for June 10-20th, was cancelled due family illness.
- EU-187. Look for SX9VK to be active from Gavdos Islands between July 1-10th. QSL via VK2IR.
- NA-019. Chris, VK3FY, will be active as KL7/W3YM from Kodiak Island on July 4th. QSL via M0OXO.
- NA-151. Bo, OZ1DJJ, will once again be active as OX3LX from Tasiilaq Island between June 12-26th. Activity will be on various HF bands and 6/4 meters, when time permits. QSL via OZ0J.
- OC-090. Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU1/SP5APW from Busuanga Island sometime in November 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

K8CX'S 2017 DAYTON HAMVENTION PHOTO GALLERY. Tom's, K8CX, 2017 Dayton Photo Gallery is now up at: <http://hamgallery.com/dayton2017/>
 This is Tom's 21st consecutive year for the gallery, and it contains 383 photos taken this year at the Crowne Plaza, various events and hospitality suites. There are now close to 5285 Dayton photos on HamGallery. The site has Dayton photos in "The HamGallery" <http://hamgallery.com> dating back to 1971. All years are search-able by callsign from the search engine on the HamGallery home page. If you have any old photos from Dayton, please send them to K8CX. You may submit your own Dayton photos to be included in this gallery, but first please read the guidelines/instructions listed on the Dayton 2017 page. ADDED NOTE: Also, check out Tom's 2017 Dayton Review page at: <http://hamgallery.com/gallery/D/hamvention2017.htm>

NEW AWARD AVAILABLE. "Israel Mountains Award Program" (IMA) - This award program is dedicated for chasing stations active on Israel mountains. Complete details are available at: <http://4xima.blogspot.co.il/?m=1>

OS500, BELGIUM (Special Event). Look for the Belgian special event station, OS500RD, to be active to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Flemish physician and botanist Rembert Dodoens. See QRZ.com for more details. The station will be active until the end of June 2017. QSL via Bureau only.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 12-18th).....
 Jun/12th AN Jun/15th HN Jun/17th AN
 Jun/13th AN Jun/16th LN Jun/18th AN
 Jun/14th HN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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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... (June 11th) www.qsllinfo.eu

NO QSL INFO this week.

Lothar is on holiday and will be back next week.....

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only **Your QSL is not needed

PIRATE ALERT. Jacky, 3B8CF, Secretary of the Mauritius Amateur Radio Society, reports that the local telecom authority, ICTA, has told him no license (including 3B9DX) has been issued for Rodrigues Island recently for anyone. The recently reported 3B9DX operation was apparently, illegal and probably "a joke by somebody who wanted to have some fun," says Jacky. The apparent pirate was QRV for a couple days in late April/early May on 20 and 15 CW.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5A1AL, 5X2B, DJ7XB, E31A, EW8DZ, OF9X, OK6DJ, TN5E, VU4YC and VU7KP

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 8Q7EJ, AH2P, H44MS, S21ZED, S21ZEE, S79Z and SU9JG

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 6OOCW, 7QAA, 9A1BD, 9J2BO, CP4BT, CW1GM, FR/DJ7RJ, OK1TN, ON5KMP, S58RU, T30D, T30TW, TT8DX, TZ6MF, V5/DL3DXX, V84SMD, VK9DLX and ZD8UW

RI1, FRANZ JOSEF LAND. Eugene, UA4RX, will once again be active as RI1FJ from Heiss Island (EU-019) starting sometime in July until August 2017. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via UA2FM, direct, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR. Andrew, M0VVA, will be on a QRP CW DXpedition from Peru, Ecuador and Galapagos, between July 8-21st. Look for him to use the following callsigns: M0VVA/OA4 (Lima, Peru), M0VVA/OA7 (Cusco, Peru),

HC/M0VVA (Quito and Guayaquil, Colombia) and HC8/M0VVA (San Cristobal and Galapagos Islands). Andrew plans to use a MTR-5B with a homebrew mag loop and a WonderWand Wide Bander aerial operating on 15/17/20/30/40 meters. QSL info was not provided.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI ISLANDS. Ken, KH6QJ, will once again be active as T32AZ from Kiritimati Island (OC-024) between June 28th and July 4th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using SSB. He will also be in the RAC Canada Day Contest (July 1st) <http://wp.rac.ca/canada-day-contest-rules> QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

TK, CORSICA. Operators Alex/IZ5CMI (SSB) and Alex/IW5ELA (CW) will be active as TK/IZ5CMI from Calvi (WW Loc. JN42JN) between June 18-24th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB, with 100 watts and a vertical antenna. At some time they will run QRP from the beach. QSL via IZ5CMI, direct or by the Bureau.

TN, REPUBLIC OF CONGO. It was announced that members/team operators from the DXFriends <http://www.dxfriends.com> will be active as TN5R from Brazzaville. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

TX5, FRENCH POLYNESIA (Update/IOTA Tour/Marquesas). Operators Pascal/F1MNQ, Le/F1TCV, Stef/F5UOW, Didier/F6BCW, Dominique/F6DTZ, Serge/F6IPT and Dave/K3EL will be active as TX5EG from four different islands in the French Polynesia Islands group between June and September. Their schedule is as follows:

June 11-19th -- AHE Atoll (OC-131), North Tuamotu, King George Island (WW Loc. BH65VM); Operators F1MNQ, F1TCV, F6BCW, F6DTZ and F6IPT

June 29th-July 17th -- Island of Huahine (OC-067), Leeward Islands (WW Loc. BH43LH); Operators F1MNQ, F1TCV, F6BCW, F6DTZ and F6IPT

July 29th-August 6th -- Hiva Oa Island (OC-027), Marquesas Islands (WW Loc. CI00LE) [FO/M, Separate DXCC entity]; Operators F6BCW, F6DTZ, F1TCV and K3EL

August 15th-September 5th: Moorea Island (OC-046), Windward Islands (WW Loc. BH52BM); Operators F6BCW, F6DTZ and F1TCV

Outside these periods, each operator has complete freedom to sign FO/callsign. Activity will be on 80-12 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Suggested frequencies for CW and SSB are:

CW - 3527, 7027, 10117, 14027, 18077, 21027 and 24907 kHz

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

RTTY and PSK on the bands dedicated to these modes.

Their plans are to do 65%/CW (Split 1-10), 25%/SSB (Split 5-15) and 10%/RTTY. QSL TX5EG via F6BCW, direct, by the REF Bureau or eQSL.

TZ, MALI. Fredo, TZ4PR, is now active as TZ4PR from northern Mali until October 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands using a Yaesu FT-857 transceiver into a LDG Z11 Pro II tuner and 15.9m long wire antenna. QSL via F1UIJ direct.

V3, BELIZE. Ralph, KC2HOC, is currently active as V31OC until June 20th. He states, "I am in Belize providing helicopter support for US Army engineers who are building schools and medical clinics... Operating 20 and 40 meters. I have a wire dipole antenna and a Yaesu FT-891. When I return home I will be designing and printing qsl cards. Please send all cards to KC2HOC include a SASE and I will return a card."

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