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*** NOTE FROM EDITOR (Update): As you can see, this bulletin is for the weeks of June 25th and July 3rd. The latest update on my father-in-law, Edward Shetty Sr., is that he passed away late Monday night. The family (with grand-kids) gathered Monday afternoon to say their good-byes. My wife Linda, her mom Delores, her brother Ed and his wife Prudence, and myself stayed Monday night for his passing at 8:57 pm. He is now in a better place with our Lord. The family wants to thank the many thoughts and prayers that were sent via E-mail. He will be laid to rest on Friday, June 30th. Here is a picture of him with my grand-kids:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1113490735462511&set=a.154431541368440.47873.100004047866177&type=3>

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Thursday, 22nd/June, through Thursday, 29th/June there were 206 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, 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, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, 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".

13 COLONIES (Special Event). Once again the annual (the 9th) "13 Colonies Special Event" will take place between 1300z, July 1st and 0400z July 7th. The certificate is printed on heavy card stock. Stations working one state or, as many as all 15, will be eligible for the certificate. A "Clean Sweep"

indicator will be affixed for those lucky enough to "Q" all 15. A special endorsement will be attached for stations contacting their sister operation, WM3PEN, in Philadelphia, PA, where independence was declared. New since 2015, the 13 Colonies have added a second sister event station. GB13COL will operate from Durham, England. The 13 Colonies certificate will have a Liberty Bell added for a contact with WM3PEN. They will also offer a special QSL card printed just for this event. There should be at least two stations from each on the 13 colonies on the air, as well as Super contest stations, multi-operator Club stations and OM and XYL teams. The U.S. original 13 colonies are CT-DE- GA-MA-MD-NC-NH-NJ-NY-PA-RI-SC-VA. Special events stations mentioned are: K2A (NY), K2B (VA), K2C (RI), K2D (CT), K2E (DE), K2F (MD), K2G (GA), K2H (MA), K2I (NJ), K2J (NC), K2K (NH), K2L (SC), and K2M (PA). All HF bands will be in play, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. 2 meters and 6 meter simplex are encouraged. All modes of operation should be represented - SSB, CW, RTTY, Digital, and the Satellites. The mode of operation is up to the individual colony state station. For more details on the stations, suggested frequencies, QSL info and on how to obtain the special certificate, see: <http://www.13colonies.info>

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION (Press Release #6, dated June 27th). In consultation with our new transportation partner Aerovias DAP, we continue to refine our plans for our Bouvet DXpedition. We expect to depart from King George Island, in the South Shetlands Islands on January 13, 2018. Our transit time to Bouvet will be between 9 and 11 days depending on weather and the sea state.

Upon arrival at Bouvet we will conduct reconnaissance flights to the island and select a campsite free of crevasses. As weather permits we will begin building our radio city on the ice and secure our infrastructure. Then antennas will go up, our equipment will be assembled and we will begin non-stop operations. We are planning to be at Bouvet for 21 days, and depending on weather and other factors we hope to be on the air for 14-16 days. Then we will return to either King George Island or Punta Arenas, Chile. All in all, we will be away from civilization for 6-7 weeks.

Final preparations continue this summer, and we still have a lot to do:

- * Equipment will be tested under simulated harsh conditions at the QTH of K9CT.
- * Antennas will be assembled, tested and packed for transit at the QTH of WB9Z.
- * The Sea Container will be packed and shipped from Atlanta the first week of October.

A team meeting will be held in Atlanta on Sept. 7-10. Topics to be discussed will include:

- Safety
- Helicopter operations
- Site selection
- Shelter erection and quick deploy plans
- Weather
- Escape plans and rescue
- Medical considerations
- EME set-up and testing
- Familiarization and operation of Flex Radios and Amplifiers
- Propagation and our strategy
- Operator scheduling
- And....more.

Our fund-raising continues. We are pleased with our progress toward our goal of 740,500 USDs. The team has committed 400,000 USDs cash as well as paying for their own transportation, food and hotel expenses. DX Clubs have stepped up and some have added additional contributions as have many individual DXers. However, we are still about 200,000 USDs

short. Please help if you can. We have a large payment due for the vessel and helicopters in several months.

Please check our website <http://www.bouvetdx.org> at periodically for updates and additions as we progress toward departure. You can also join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/639362206232014>.

For the 3Y0Z team,
Ralph-K0IR
Bob-K4UEE
Erling-LA6VM

4V1, HAITI. By the time you read this, operators Chris/W3CMP and Dale/N3BNA will be active as 4V1G from Radio Club D'Haiti in Port-au-Prince until July 6th. Activity will be focused on the 6 and 4 meter bands. QSL via W3HMK.

8Q, MALDIVES. By the time you read this John, G4IRN, will be active as 8Q7RN from Kuredu Beach Resort (north side of the island) in the Maldiv Islands (AS-013) until July 6th. Activity will be holiday style using a Yaesu FT-857 and some wires. He states, "Most likely mode/bands is CW on 30, 20 and 17m." QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's QORS or LoTW. For updates, see: <http://g4irn.com/maldives-operation-8q7rn-from-26-june-2017>

A2, BOTSWANA. Look for a Russian team to be active from Kasane (the northern part of Botswana) between September 15-25th. 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 via ClubLog's QORS or via their home callsigns, direct and by the Bureau. Callsigns A25BI and A25BE will both use LoTW.

A3, TONGA. Masa, JA0RQV, will once again be active from Tonga. This time he will activate Niuatoputapu Island (OC-191) at the very small northern end of Tongan territory and will be signing as A35JP/P between August 17-22nd. Operations will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. His equipment is an IC-7000 (w/100W) into a vertical antenna. Activity will be limited and much is depending on the availability of electric power since there is no commercial electric power at all. He must find a generator or car battery. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct (SASE w/1 IRC) or LoTW. For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at: <http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>

CP, BOLIVIA. Antonio, EA5RM, will be working as a NGO volunteer in Bolivia from June 28th to August 14th, doing maintenance to the emergency radio network that both Solidaridad Medica and the Radioamateur Without Frontiers NGO's have on duty in the Bolivian Amazon jungle. Look for Antonio to be on the air as CP1XRM during his spare time. Activity will be on SSB and the Digital modes. QSL direct via his home callsign and LoTW.

CR2, AZORES. Operators Antonio/CU8AS, Hermann/CU8FN (HB9CRV), Siggi/DL2HYH and Lutz/DL8MLD will be active as CR2V from the CU8AS shack in Santa Cruz on Flores Island (EU-089, WLOTA LH 0947, Locater HM49kk, DIP AZ008, FAZ 002) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Multi-1/ Island-DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via HB9CRV, by the Bureau or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Before and after the contest they will activate some CU8 summits.

DXCC NEWS. The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit:
E31A -- Eritrea (2017)

E6, NIUE. Grant, VK5GR, will be active as E6AG from Niue (OC-040) between September 13-25th. Activity will be a one man holiday style Dxpediton

with family (so operating will be at times limited) on 40-6 meters (possibly 80m). Operations will be mainly the Digital modes and some SSB. His activity will include the CQ WW RTTY Contest (September 23-24th). He plans to take a 500W station (K3+KPA500+KAT500) with a vertical folded monopole. QSL via M00XO or OQRS. More details are available on QRZ.com.

FP, ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON (Reminder/Update). Eric, KV1J, will once again be operating from the Island of Miquelon (NA-032, DIFO FP-002 WLOTA 1417, Grid GN17) as FP/KV1J between July 4-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY (but primarily SSB and RTTY) and the satellites. He will generally be on the highest frequency band that is open (favoring 12/10m). He will be active in the IARU HF Contest (July 8-9th), NA QSO Party-RTTY (July 15-16th) and the CQ VHF Contest [6M only] (July 15-16th). ADDED NOTE: Eric, reported this week, "I will try to be on as many Satellite passes as I can when the WX is good. I am in a new (new to me) apartment and not sure which way the windows face. It is either west or north. If they face west, I can try some passes when it get dark or the WX is not good. Otherwise, I will be outside with my pair of FT817s and an Arrow antenna. Generally favoring the FO-29, AO-7, and XW-2* birds. Weekends may be limited since I will concentrating on the low(er) band and contests. QSL via KV1J, direct or by the Bureau. Also eQSL and LoTW. For more details and updates, check out his Web page at: <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html> PLEASE NOTE: Eric mentions, "I will also be on the analog Satellites when the WX is good enough to operate from outside."

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

- KFF-1104 -- By N5PHT; between June 29th and July 10th; CW only, on all open HF bands; Mt. Magazine State Park (AR)
- VKFF-0579 -- By VK2JNG/P; between June 30th and July 1st; Breealong National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; Activity will be noon or earlier
- OHFF-0038 -- By OJ0V; July 1-7th; DXpedition
- OHFF-0001 -- By OH5AG/p; July 1-2nd; the Itäinen Suomenlahti National Park; Activity on 80/40/20/10m; operators are Antti/OH5GJH, Timo/OH5EUY and Mikko/OH5ETP. QSL via the Bureau.
- VKFF-1277 -- By VK2JNG/P; July 1-2nd; Beni Coordinated Conservation Area; 7144 kHz SSB; Activity will be noon or earlier
- VEFF-0447 -- By VA7AQ/P; July 7-10th; First activation

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see: <http://wwff.co/agenda>

Also suggest URLs:

- World-Wide -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44>
- USA -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair>

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

II2, ITALY (Special Event). Look for the special event callsign II2FIST to be active starting July through the end of the year. Activity will be CW only. Operations are to celebrate the FIST Club Anniversary - 30 years (1987-2017) - <https://fists.co.uk/>. QSL direct or by the Bureau via IZ2FME.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-125. Members of the Thailand Contest and DX Association (HSCDA) will be active as E2T from Chang Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Multi-1/Island-DXpedition entry. Operators mentioned are Tony/E21IZC, Capitan/HS7UCQ and Tana/E27EK. QSL via direct or LoTW.

- EU-008. Iain, G4SGX, will be active as GM4U/P from Jura Island between July 28th and August 1st. He plans to be active in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th). QSL via G4SGX.
- EU-010. Operators John/MM0CCC, Gordon/MM0GPZ, Colin/GM0RLZ, Keith/GM4YXI and Chris/GM3WOJ will be active as GM7V from Benbecula Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N3SL.
- EU-116. Noel, 0040, will be active as MD/0040 from Isle of Man (WW Loc. IO74rf) between July 29-30th, during the RSGB IOTA Contest as a Mixed-Mode/24-Hrs/Low-Power/Unassisted entry. QSL via ON4APU, by the Bureau, OQRS and LoTW (after activation).
- EU-120. Operators Darran/G0BWB, G0BFJ, Gerald/G3SDY, Barry/G4TML and G4RCX will be active as G6LD from Lindisfarne (Holy Island) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via G0BWB.
- EU-165. Max, I0PNM, will be active as IM0/I0PNM from S.Peter Island between July 20th and August 20th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA CONTEST (July 29-30th). Operations will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL only direct to I0PNM.
- NA-143. Joe, K5KUA, will once again be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (USI TX-001S, Galveston County, Texas) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Single-Op/24-Hrs entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.
- SA-060. Operators Dilermando/PU8YAB, Hemeterio/PU8WHJ, Jose/PY8ZE and Jaime/PY8FML will be active as PX8I from Itarana Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) as a Mixed-Mode entry. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Vertical antennas will be used on the beach. QSL via PY8WW.

ISLAND HOPPING. "The DAILY DX" reports that Randy, WW6RG, will be visiting four islands during July and August, and will operate some short SSB QRP operations. Look for him to be on the following islands:

- KH9 - Wake Island; WW6RG/KH9; for only two days -- July 20th and August 17th; watch around 0330z and 0730z on 14205 kHz; and again around 0545z; US General ops listen for him around 14235 after 0600z.
- V7 - Marshall Islands (from Kwajalein Atoll); V73/WW6RG; July 24th and 26th, and again August 21st and 23rd; watch for him on 14205 kHz between 0330z and 0800z; and again at 0545z around 14235 kHz; this time he will be running 100 watts
- V2 - Antigua & Barbuda; V25RA; on August 5th and 6th; watch around 14230 kHz
- ZD8 - Ascension Island; ZD8RA; on August 7th; watch between about 0800z and 1030Z around 14205 kHz; and again between 1530z and 2000Z

QSL all operations via his home callsign WW6RG. He does not use LoTW or eQSL.

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

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Great Missenden, in Buckinghamshire, by John,
G8XTJ (/A WAB Square SP80 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Stratton, in Cornwall, by Mike, MOSMJ
(/A WAB Square SS20 - 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. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

LX, LUXEMBOURG. In preparation for future DXpeditions, Johannes/PA5X (also C91PA) and Gerben/PG5M will be testing their two-station set up when operating LX/homecall between July 6-9th. Operations will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and JT65. Lots of equipment has been selected which needs to be tested in real conditions. A set of BPF's have been constructed for 9 bands; a pentaplexer will be used in combination with a 5-band Hexbeam and vertical antennas for 30-40-80-(160) meters and fiber poles of 12, 15 and 17 meters. Radios are IC-7300 and K3 with an ACOM and SPE 1.3K (if delivered in time) amplifier. A certain amount of station automation will also be set up and tested. They are looking forward to working you. QSL via their respective home callsigns. Further QSL information and an online log search can be found on: <http://www.dx.to>

MM, SCOTLAND. Jan/ON4CO (OS5A) and Gert/ON4GS will be setting up a DXpedition to the archipelago of St. Kilda, Scotland (EU-059). The intended time frame to activate St. Kilda is between July 10-14th. A successful landfall on Hirta is highly dependent on weather conditions which might interfere with time schedules. The Outer Hebrides (EU-010) might be activated as well as an alternative or during travel to and from the archipelago. The DXpedition is equipped to operate on all HF bands on 160-10 meters. Main activity will be on SSB and CW, the Digital modes optionally. QSL via the Bureau and LoTW.

OF100, FINLAND (Press Release by OH2BH). "FINLAND's 100 - YEARS - ONE HAPPY COUNTRY -- OF100HQ IN THE IARU RADIOSPORT, JULY 08-09, 2017 --
The callsign OF100HQ will be rather complex, but so was the route Finland traveled to reach this 100-year milestone. Finland has been under Swedish and Russian rule, and has had to fight her way to her own destiny of freedom
in securing her identity during the WWII.

She succeeded well, and now has built her way to the modern and happy society by scoring 5th in the World's Happiness Report, surpassing her historical masters - Sweden 10th, Russia 34th.
<www.worldhappiness.report/ed/2017>

Now this happy bunch will bring their heavy artillery to Amateur Radio by activating all 12 band-slots in the IARU Radiosport contest with stations

from their eastern front (OH5Z) to their western front (OH1F), up to the Santa Arctic, (OH8X) and everything in between.

Operators include many that you keep working even outside of this parade: 403A, 9A5K, K9MA, Z61DX, OG9X, OH0XX, OH1HS, OH1MM, OH1NOA, OH1RX, OH1TM, OH2BCI, OH2BH, OH2MM, OH2PM, OH5CZ, OH5NQ, OH5TS, OH5WH, OH6KZP, OH6MW, OH6NVC, OH6XX; the group is led by Santa Claus, OF9X.

The first one-hundred (100) stations capturing the highest number of the twelve available band slots, will be awarded the "Happy Finland 100 Award". QSL OF100HQ via OH2BH.

OZ17, DENMARK. A big Scout Jamboree will take place near the town of Sonderborg in Denmark between July 22-30th. The Scout Jamboree will be active with the special callsign OZ17SJ. QSL Manager is Allis, OZ1ACB, by the Bureau or direct. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or Clublog's OQRS. Please NO IRCs. It is almost impossible to change them to stamps. They prefer NOT to receive paper QSL cards, so please use Clublog's OQRS. Direct QSL card will cost 3.00 USDs and Paypal can also be used. See more details at: <https://qrz.com/db/oz17sj>

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

Jul/03rd AN Jul/06th HN Jul/08th BN
 Jul/04th AN Jul/07th AN Jul/09th HN
 Jul/05th 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>

PX0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Fabio, PP5BZ, will once again be active as PX0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) this time during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op entry. Activity outside of the contest is usually holiday style on 80-6 meters using mainly CW and SSB, possibly RTTY. He will be using a TS-590 and V350 - CAMP antenna (vertical multi-band). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF... (June 23rd) www.qsllinfo.eu

3W9W via JA1WBW	DA0T via DL7AT	ON/F4HRI/P via F4HRI
3Z560SC via SP7KMX	DF5A via DL9GMN	PA/F6ACH via F6ACH
4E1ADW via 9V1KG	DL/ON4IPA via ON6ZV	PG400TH via PA3ETC
4L8A via K1BV & (L)	DM500RT via M0SDV (O/d/L)	PJ7/K9UK via K9UK
4X/ER4DX via ER1FF	DP6T via DP6T (L/e)	PJ7/W9KXQ via W9KXQ
5B/LA3IPA via LA3IPA	EH8FSJ via EA8RKL (e)	R17CHL via UA6YW
8J2016Y/2 via (JA-B)	EM90A via EM90A (O/L/e)	R17DEU via RX1CQ
9A/IV3WMS via IV3WMS	EV9500 via EV9500 (e)	R17PRT via R6DG
CG9UN via VE9UN (d/L/e)	HG14HST via HA2NA	RG50RW via RO3M

CS7/DO3HK via DO3HK HG17EYOF via HG1S (d) SV2/RW3AL via RW3AL
CT8/DC8TM/P via DC8TM IF9/IT9PPG via IT9PPG TM62GREF via F4HRI
CT8/DF3TS/P via DF3TS IK2SGL/OA8 via IK2AQZ (B/L/e) TM8FDA via F4KJP
CT8/DH2IW via DH2IW J68GD via K9AW (d/L) XV9OK via JG6PWT (d/e)
CT8/DK4EI via DK4EI LA/OG55W via OH2OT (O/d/L) YR32A via YO8AXP
CT8/DL9MWG via DL9MWG MM/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA YT800YU via YU1MM
 (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

LOGS AND QSLs RECOVERED (7Q7BP, 7Q7FOC, C91MR, C93MR, C96MR, C97MR, 5X1P, 9Q5MRC, 9U5MRC, G3MRC, VK8CP and Z38/G3MRC). QSL Manager Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH, reports the following [edited]: Joe, G3MRC, became a Silent Key (SK) in early May 2017, and I am pleased to announce that I have obtained from Joe's widow copies of the logs and a quantity of blank cards for each of the above callsigns.

The logs had all been previously uploaded to LoTW by Joe, but have now also been uploaded to www.g3swh.org.uk, where there are log search facilities for each call.

Joe's RSGB membership lapsed at the time of his passing. Therefore, I am unable to process or respond to any bureau QSL requests whatsoever as the RSGB QSL Bureau will not forward outgoing cards for non-members. Consequently, paper QSLs for this station are ***ONLY*** available DIRECT with adequate return or via the OQRS facility at www.g3swh.org.uk.

There is further information on my web site.

QSL MANAGER CHANGES. Pedro, EA5GL, informs OPDX that he will be the QSL Manager for the 4G1L Palawan Island (OC-128) operation and not Gil, 4F2KWT, as reported in the beginning. He also mentions that he took command as the DX0K (Spratly Islands) QSL Manager chores which took place in 2005. If there is still someone who needs this QSL confirmation for this activation, they can send it to him.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5Z4/DF3FS, 9A6XX, CF2KZ, CT3VB, CX9AU, E75C, EI7HDB, HG7T, J68GD, JE2PMC, LU5HA, LU5VV, MW1CFN, N4RJ, OY1OF, PY2MC, RA7T, SV1CNS, TZ4AM, UT5BC, VK4AQJ, VK6YI, VQ917JC, VR2XMT, YI3WHR and ZA/ZA1P

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5K0N, A35JP/P (OC-123), DL1YAF/VK9, E31A, EA6VQ, H44MS (OC-047), S21ZEE, and T2AQ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!!!

SN50, POLAND (Special Event). Look for special event station SN50PAZ to be active between September 1-30th. Activity is to celebrate 50th anniversary of the Piastowski Klub Krótkofalowców (SP6PAZ-SN60). QSL via SP6PAZ, ONLY by the PZK Bureau, direct or LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA. Operators Bob/N200 and Steve/KU9C will be active as N200/VP9 and KU9C/VP9 from Ed VP9GE's QTH between July 6-11th. During the IARU HF Championship they will operate VP9HQ, the VP9 IARU Headquarters callsign. Outside of the contest look for activity on all HF bands (especially the WARC bands) as well as 6 meters and SO-50/AO-85 FM satellites. QSL VP9HQ to KU9C, and the /VP9 callsigns to their home callsign. PLEASE NOTE: QSL VP9HQ via KU9C for this July 8-9th, 2017 only. The callsign was used in 2014 and that operation is via Seppo, OH1VR.

XW, LAOS. Bruce, 3W3B (HS0ZCY/XU7ADF/XW1B/AA4XR), who lives in Da Nang, will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between July 3-14th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (possibly 6m) using CW, RTTY and JT65.

QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU (Update). Geoff, ZL3GA, will once again be active as YJ0GA from the Benjor Beach Club on Efate Island (OC-035) between July 6-13th. Activity will be on the beach from an oceanfront villa. Operations will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using a FT-450D and a AL811H amp (which should improve the signals). He will also have a CrankIR and an End Fed Half Wave vertical. Geoff states that he will do "a real effort to look for Western Europe around local sunrise and sunset on 20 and 30m. Western Europe is a difficult path with short opening times and this is reflected in the ClubLog ranking of #62 for Europe (#87 worldwide). I will also do more RTTY this time (and JT65 if condx really get bad!)." Geoff will operate in the IARU HF Championship Contest (July 8-9th) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. Operations outside of the contest will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (preferred).

YJ, VANUATU. Michael, G7VJR, will be active as YJ0G from Efate Island (OC-035) between March 2-19th, 2018. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via M0OXO or OQRS.

YN, NICARAGUA. Rafael, NN3RP, will once again be active as YN2RP from Nicaragua between July 8th and August 4th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB, the Digital modes (PSK31/RTTY) and possibly the satellites. Operations, he states are "mostly evenings or while driving around the country (SSB)." QSL via his home callsign.

Z6, KOSOVO. Sascha, DL2GC, is now active as Z6/DL2GC from Prizren (WW Loc. KN02jf) until July 9th. Activity will be mainly 80/40/20/17/10 meters using SSB with a FT857 w/100 watts into a G5RV/QRP Fuchskreis antenna. He suggests to listen for his activity after 1900z. QSL via DL2GC, by the Bureau or direct.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Max, N5NHJ (I8NHJ), will be spending some days in Gran Cayman signing ZF2NH between July 8-15th. He states, "I'll be randomly active, using an elevated radials vertical on the beach and an IC-7300, from 20-6 meters primary on CW and RTTY/PSK31. LoTW QSOs will be loaded as soon as I'll be back in Dallas. QSL direct is ok, if anybody needs, via N5NHJ."

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