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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 24th/September, through Sunday, 1st/October there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, 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, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

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

3D2/R, ROTUMA ISLAND. Operators Tony/3D2AG, Heye/DJ9RR, Erno/DK2AMM, Hans/DL6JGN and Ronald/PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU (callsign pending) from Rotuma Island (OC-060) between February 23rd and March 16th, 2018. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DK2AMM or LoTW.

3W9, VIETNAM. Tom, KC0W, will be active as 3W9CW from Vietnam sometime between November and December. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW only. QSL via KC0W direct, no LoTW, no Bureau, DX stations include 2 USDs and USA stations just a SASE.

4S, SRI LANKA. Ilya, R3XA, will be active from here between October 23-30th. His 4S7 callsign is pending. His activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Bands/High-Power entry. Activity outside of the contest will be mostly CW. QSL via LoTW.

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Roly, ZL1BQD, will be active as 4W6RR from Dili (OC-148) until October 10th. Activity will be mainly on 40/20 meters using CW and the Digital modes (FT8, JT65, JT9). QSL via his home callsign direct, LoTW or eQSL.

5K0, SAN ANDRES ISLAND (Update). Members of the Grupo Yaguarete DX, who postponed their DXpedition (which was scheduled between October and November) to Sint Martin due to the extreme damage by hurricane Irma,

have now re-scheduled to be active as 5K0T from San Andres Island (NA-033) between November 12-26th. Operators mentioned are Joe/LU1FM (Team Leader), Dan/LU9FHF, Andy/LU2JCW, Wally/LU3FMD, Fer/LU6FOV and Bob/KK6EK. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB, Digital modes (PSK31 and FT8) and the Satellites. They plan to have 3 HF stations and one satellite station on the air. Complete list of equipment is available on QRZ.com. QSL via LU1FM. The 5K0T DXpedition will be officially supported by the Cordell Expedition's DXA3 logging system <www.dxa3.org>. For more details and updates, see: <http://tarjetasqsl.com.ar/5k0t/index.html>

6Y, JAMAICA. Operators Nikolay/LZ1NK, Boyan/LZ2BE, Andrey/LZ2HM, Nikolay/LZ3ND, Angel/LZ4AE, Yasar/TA3D and Mustafa/TA2TX will be active as 6Y0W, 6Y0D, 6Y0AE, 6Y0BE, 6Y0HM and 6Y0ND between November 23-29th. Listen for QSL route. Activity will be focused on the low bands. For skeds, contact <lz1nk@yahoo.com>. The team will be active as 6Y0W during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LZ1NK direct.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Look for him to do casual operating and testing before and after the contest on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

9H, MALTA. Operators Witek/SP9MRO (9H3I) and Danuta/SP9PX (9H3QQ) are now active from Malta (EU-023) until October 9th. Activity will be on 40-12 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-12 metres. QSL both callsigns via SP9SX or LoTW.

9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update). The international amateur radio team will be active as 9M0W from Layang Layang Island (Swallow Reef), Spratly Islands (AS-051), for 8-10 days between March 10-20th. Operators mentioned are Hrane/YT1AD, Choi/HL5FUA, Dave/WD5COV, Jim/K9JM, Dragan/YT3W, Dusko/ZL3WW, David/W5XU, Mike/K6MKF, Steve/N6SJ, Douglas/N6TQS, Adrian/KO8SCA, Demetrios/SV2GWY, Chris/VK3FY, Lee/VK3GK, Fred/PY2XB, YL Julia/9M6ABZ, Abdul/9M6RHM and Zai/9M6ZAE. Activity will be 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via YT1AD. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.yt1ad.info/9m0w>

9X, RWANDA. Peter, HB9DVG, is now active as 9X9PJ (and possibly later as 9X9PJ/P) from Kigali during the next two years. Activity will be on 20-10 meters using SSB. His equipment is an Elecraft KX3 transceiver with a HLA 300 amp into a Buddipole Vertical. QSL via his home callsign direct or eQSL.

A5, BHUTAN. Operators Zorro/JH1AJT, Kasu/VR2KF(JH1OGX) and Champ/E21EIC are now active as A5A until October 8th. The main purpose of this trip is to support the launch of the Paralympic Committee in Bhutan with Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JH1AJT at: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan. An OQRS will be available at ClubLog after Zorro's return to Japan.

A5, BHUTAN. Steve, N6SJ, will be active as A52SJ from Paro between October 12-19th and again on October 26th. Activity will be on various HF bands, including 160m, using CW and FT8. His equipment will be a Elecraft K3 transceiver and a KPA500 amp. Steve will look for NA West Coast stations daily at 1230z until 1400z, and after 1400z he will listen below 1825 for JA, VK, VU, ZL and other stations. QSL via his home callsign.

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Look for the Mariana Intrepid Contest Club callsign, AH0K, from Northern Mariana Islands, to be active during both CQWW DX Contests this year. The following teams will be active:

CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) -- Operators Rocky/HL1VAU, HL2G00, Ville/OH1JD, Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX and Esa/OH7WV. Entry is a Multi-2. QSL via OH6GDX, LoTW and ClubLog. Possibly some pre and after contest activity. The team will be there between October 25-31st.

CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) -- Operators are Fan/BA1RB, Chenxing/BG9XD, Katsuyasu/JALCKA, Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX, Esa/OH7WV and Harry/WX8C. QSL via OH6GDX. Entry is a Multi-2. QSL via OH6GDX, LoTW and ClubLog. There will possibly be some pre and after contest activity. Team will be there between November 23-28th.

ADDED NOTE: Esa, OH7WV, states there could be some 6 meters operations. If interested in operating with them contact: oh7wv@sral.fi

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Members of the Lion DX Team (OT8T) will be active from Mozambique between May 2-15th, 2018. Their callsign is pending. Operators mentioned are Kurt/ON8KW (Team Leader), Roger/ON7TQ, Bruno/CS7ABG, Paulo/CU2CO, Ron/ON1DX, Philippe/ON4ACP, Marc/ON4AMX, Erik/ON4CCV, Olivier/ON4EI, Hermann/ON4QX, Ivo/ON5CD, Cis/ON6LY and 1 more CW op. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, and possibly other Digital modes (PSK, FT8). QSL Manager has not been named, but it looks like they will be using ClubLog. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Visit their Web page at: <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com>

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND (Update). Operators Murray/WA4DAN, Randy/N0TG, Jay/K4ZLE, Will/AA4NC, John/N8AA, Phil/VA3QR, Lee/WW2DX, Ray/W2RE, Pat/N2IEN and Dave/N5TG, and Lou/N2TU will be active as CY9C from St. Paul Island (NA-094) between August 1-9th, 2018. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW/SSB/RTTY/EME/SAT/maybe FT8. Asia Coordination and Pilot station will be JA1WSX. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW or by the Bureau. Randy informs OPDX this past week to tell OPDX readers to look "under the navigation TAB for the Special Operations. That'll interest a bunch of guys." The CY9C Web page is available at: <http://www.CY9C.com>

DX EDITOR RECOVERING. We were informed this past week that Carl Smith, N4AA, editor of QRZ DX and The DX Magazine, is in the hospital recovering from a bad fall nearly three weeks ago in his home. Nothing was broken, but he was heavily bruised. Carl has temporarily suspend his publications. OPDX and its readers wish Carl a speedy recovery and hope to see him in print very soon.

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Gust, ON6KE, is now active as FR/ON6KE from Reunion Island until October 10th, but will return on October 20th for one day. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW, JT65 and FT8. See QRZ.com for more details. QSL via ClubLog, LoTW or eQSL.

FS AND PJ7 UPDATE (Update on Ham Radio in FS, Saint Martin, after Irma by John, K9EL). The single island of Sint Maarten (PJ7) and Saint Martin (FS) suffered a direct hit from Category 5+ hurricane Irma. Power, water, cell phone service was all lost. Those services are slowly returning to the island, but 90% of all buildings were damaged or destroyed. The airport (PJ7 side) was badly damaged and is not accepting most commercial flights. The Orient Beach area (FS side), popular with tourists and visiting hams, was severely damaged and could take 2 years to fully rebuild.

There are currently two licensed amateurs living permanently in FS. Lionel, FS5PL, suffered antenna damage well over a year ago and has not been on the air for some time. We have not been able to confirm his personal status after hurricane Irma as his home sustained significant damage. Marco, FS4WBS, is alive and well. He was able to remove his antennas before Hurricane Irma but will not re-install them until after hurricane season has ended. His home only suffered minor damage. His business suffered more damage but without tourists, his business is essentially non-existent. His restaurant is providing food to islanders who have none.

John, FS/K9EL, visits Saint Martin often and was planning to host a multi-op activity in December for contests and 160 meters. Unfortunately John's villa received significant damage in the hurricane and the December operation of FS/K9EL, FS/K9NU, FS/W9ILY and FS/W9MK had to be cancelled. John plans to return to the island as soon as it is appropriate for non-residents to do so.

FY, FRENCH GUTANA. Hartwig, DL7BC, will be active as FY/DL7BC (possibly as FY4VOS) between November 26th and December 7th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using a Spiderbeam. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Hartwig states, "I have scheduled a 2nd visit to FY in 2018, most probably around the WPX phone contest."

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

- FFF-1755 -- By F5NLX/P; October 2nd; between 0630-0930z; BOIS DE TREMELIN new one in department 56; JN87IU and also castle DFCF 56188 WCA F 06500
- FFF-1785 -- ETANGS DE KERZINE ET KERVRAN; October 4th; between 0630-0930z; new one in department 56 in IN87IQ
- FFF-0236 -- By F4GYM/P; October 5-8th; activity from EU-068 and lighthouse; on 80/40/20/17m using CW/SSB/Digi
- FFF-1774 -- By F5NLX/P; October 7th; between 0630-0930z; from ENSEMBLE DUNES PLOUHINEC new one in department 56 and also castle WCA F 06503
- KFF-2350 -- By N0PHU; October 7th; between 1300-2330z; 30/20 meters slow CW and probably some SSB; from Prairie Spirit Trail
- EAFF-0074 and EAFF-0070 -- By EA8/DL4FO/P; October 8-20th; Holiday style from La Gomera Island (EA8); on 40-10m, mostly CW and QRP
- FFF-1747 -- By F5NLX/P; October 9th; between 0630-0930z; from FORET DE PONT SCORFF; new one in department 56 and also castle WCA F 06502

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>

*** New!!! Canada Flora & Fauna (VEFF) link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Canadawwffveff>

Other links for VEFF are:

Home Page at: <http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/veff.html>

Yahoo Groups: <https://groups.yahoo.com/group/veff>

PLEASE NOTE: Yahoo Groups might be removed if the Facebook Group works as expected. However, it will remain online well into the New Year 2018.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE (Reminder). By the time you read this, Stan, LZ1GC, will once again be active as H40GC from Temotu Province (OC-100) until October 20th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1822.5, 3502, 5371.5, 7024, 10116, 14010, 18070, 21015, 24895 and 28010 kHz (Listening 1-5 up)

SSB - 1850, 3790, 5403.5, 7164, 14170, 18135, 21265, 24940 and 28470 kHz (Listening 5-15 up)

RTTY - 1838, 3585, 7038, 10138, 14088, 18098, 21088 and 28088 kHz (Listening 1-5 up)

6m - 50100 kHz

QSL via his home callsign, direct, LoTW or ClubLog's QQRS. To see his previous activity, go to: <http://www.c21gc.com>

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Update). An Argentinian group will be active as HC8LU from San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Islands between November 29th and December 8th. Operators mentioned are Alejandro/LU8YD, Alejandro/LU9VEA, Mario/LU7VB and Patricio/LU3YK. Pilot stations are Sergio/LU7YS and Javier/LU5FF. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mainly SSB and the Digital modes (WSPR, JT65, FT8, PSK31). There will also operations on the satellites (LEO, FM and SSB). Their stations: 2x IC-7000 and home-made 5 elements VHF and 7 elements UHF antennas. QSL via IK2DUW. Visit their Blog page for updates, at: <https://hc8lu.blogspot.com.ar>

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Paypal accounts:

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IOTA NEWS.....

- AF-019. Emilio, IZ1GAR, will once again be active as IH9/IZ1GAR from Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, WLOTA 0041) between November 24-28th. In the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th), Emilio will be active as IH9R and as a Single-Op/Single Band (possibly 80/40/20m)/High-Power entry. Pantelleria counts as Multiplier Zone 33 Africa Italy for the CQWW DX rule (islands are located over the African continent platform). QSL via IZ1GAR, direct or by the Bureau.
- AF-083. Mik, HB9FSA, is now active as 3V8TD from Djerba Island. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity is on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.
- AF-094. Members of the Amateur Radio Algeriens were active this past week as 7V9A from Rachgoun Island. QSL via: Ben Lagha, 18 Rue Louis Aragon 26200, Montelimar, France.
- EU-190. (Reminder/New IOTA/Update) Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) will be active as RI1F from Victoriya Island (EU-190), Franz Josef Land. By the time you read this, the team has left Murmansk (September 29th) for a 2-3 day trip to Victoriya Island. They are expected to operate until October 7th. This island group has never been activated before. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands, VHF and UHF. Operations will be on CW, SSB, the Digital modes, EME (dates were announced October 3-7th) and the satellites. They plan to operate from two different sites (one HF and EME; one VHF/UHF). The complete breakdown can be see on QRZ.com. Currently, 12 operators have been named: Igor/UA9KDF (Team leader), Yury/UA9OBA (RRC President), Andrey/UA9LDD (CW op), Valery/UA0ZC (CW/SSB op), Vladimir/R9LR (SSB/CW op), Sergey/UA9KB (CW op), Artemy/UA9KAM (Photo, video, SSB op), Andrey/RT9K (Mechanic, cook, SSB op), Victor/RW0BG (CW/SSB op), Mikhail/UA1QV (CW/SSB op), Valery/RA9J (CW/SSB op) and Vladimir (Son of UA9LDD; CW/SSB op). Pilot station is Igor, RA3CQ. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or by the Bureau. QSL Manager is Alexandr, RX9KM. Watch QRZ.com for updates. Their Web page is available at: <http://legendsarctic.com>

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

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Walton-on-the-Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU. (/A WAB Square TM22 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Clacton on Sea, in Essex, by George, G1IPU (/A WAB Square TM11 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841). George will also use MX1SWL/P from various locations throughout the month. His /P WAB square will be given if requested.

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.qrzcq.com> 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 f or their awards.

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 starting October 15th, for the next two months. 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 be on 20/15/12/10/6 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY or by the Bureau via JG8NQJ.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Operators Nick/JL1UTS and XYL Chieko/7L3PFH will once

again be active as KH0TH and KH0TG, respectively, from the Saipan Rental Shack on Saipan Island (OC-086, USI NI002S, WLOTA 1333) between October 14-22ndth. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17 meters using CW and SSB. Chie states that she operates mainly 80/75m, sometimes 40/30/20m CW/SSB. QSL via JL1UTS.

OH2BH ACTIVITES [CU2/OH0/4S](Some Excerpts from a Press Release dated September 28th). You may have caught Martti, OH2BH, operating his CU2KG station this past weekend while doing station maintenance at his second home on the Island of San Miguel. Leena, OH2BE, and Martti have put their Azores home up for sale, and interested parties can contact Martti at his QRZ.com address. Azores is claimed to be the best radio QTH in Europe.

The rest of the press release reads as follows [edited]: Martti will move from the Azores to the Aland Islands, OH0B, and put the station on for the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB) for the weekend of October 14-15th. This may be a multi-op effort with OH2MM and others.

From the Alands, they move to Sri Lanka, 4S7BHG, for low-band activity from October 25th through November 1st, which will include passing out the rare 4S7 multiplier in the CQWW SSB Contest. In November, the CQWW CW Contest would put them either in Kosovo, as Z68BH, or into the coastal city of Durres, Albania, ZA. QSL all operations via OH2BH.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Jeoff, PH2L, is now active as PJ4/PH2L from Bonaire (SA-006) until October 6th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

PJ4, BONAIRE (Satellite Op). David, NA2AA, will be operating as PJ4/NA2AA from Bonaire between October 22nd and November 3rd. It is believed this is the first satellite operation from Bonaire since it became a new DXCC country on 10/10/2010. The operation will be from PJ4G, Radio Mountain Bonaire, located in grid FK52tf. He will be very active with emphasis on the linear satellites FO-29 and the XW-2's. QSL to PJ4/NA2AA via LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 2-8th).....

Oct/02nd HN	Oct/05th DIS	Oct/07th AN
Oct/03rd HN	Oct/06th AN	Oct/08th HN
Oct/04th BN		

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... (October 1st) <www.qslinfo.eu>

9N7GE via OE3GEA	MU/ON8CW/P via ON8CW	SV9/SM2EKM via SM2EKM (d/L)
AT7M via VU3NPI	OE6YHOTA via OE6SWG	SW9XB via DJ9XB
CO2WL via HA3JB (d)	OE7/DJ7AO/P via DJ7AO	T88XA via JA3KIO & (L)
CT8/AH6UN via OE4JHW	OF8UV via OH8UV	TA4/RW9JZ via RW9JZ
CT9/DF6QV via DF6QV	OQ800SINT via ON5JE	TZ4AM via W0SA
DL6AP via DL6AP	OV1CDX via OZ1GML (d)	UT0RM via EA6SK
ED2C via EA2CJ	OZ/DL1AQU via DL1AQU	V26K via AA3B & (L)
EG8WTD via EA8URE	OZ/DL3ARK via DL3ARK	VE3/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
EI2WSVR via EI3HDB	P40N via K8JH (d/L)	VE9/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
EM8RFF via (UR-B)	PE44FF via PH0NO (O)	VI4ALARA via VI4ALARA (O)
GB2LHR via G4USW (d)	PY0FW via PP1CZ (d)	VR20XNL via VR2XNL
HB0/DL5YL via DL5YL	RA44AZ via UA4CGR	VY2/DJ7JC via DJ5BWD
HF35MK via SP7PL	SM7/DF8HS via DF8HS	XW1IC via E21EIC & (L)
HL05NWPFF via HL5FXP	SN0NTWO via SP3LD	ZB2TT via M0URX & (L)
HZ87ND via HZ1HN	SV9/DJ5IL via DJ5IL	
KH0XG via JL1RXW	SV9/DM1OS via DM1OS	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4L5O, 5T2A, 5T5OK, 9A4W, C37NL, CO3VR, CX6VM, ES2IPA, FP/DH5FS, FP/G7VJR, HB0/SP2FUD, HD8M, JA8WKE, JF8QNF, JR6DM, JT1BU, LU5W, LU8ENU, LW4DVA, M1PTR, RA3QK, TZ5XR, VA3FU, VE2FXL, VE5EL, VK2AKB, VK5SFA, VR2UBC, YV5FRD and ZB2TT

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S9, SAO TOME. A German team will once again be active as S9YY from Sao Tome (AF-023) between now and October 12th. Operators mentioned are Dieter/DL1AWD, Hans/DL1AOB, Rocco/DG5AA, Rich/DK8YY and Lu/DL8ALU. Activity will be on CW, SSB and the Digital modes on the HF bands (possibly 60m). QSL via DH7WW, direct, by the Bureau or, ClubLog's OQRS.

S9, SAO TOME. Jorge, CT1BOL, will be active as S9CT from Rolas Islet (AF-023) between now and October 6th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands as a portable setup. QSL via his home callsign, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

S9, SAO TOME. By the time you read this, Peter, DD1GG, will be active as S79PT from Mahe Island (AF-024) until October 15th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

SV5, DODECANESE (Reminder). Oliver, DK7TX, will be active as SV5/DK7TX from four of the IOTA group EU-001 (Islands of Kos, Kalymnos, Nisyros and Telendos) between October 3-30th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters (mostly on 20/15/10m). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or eQSL.

TI5, COSTA RICA. Chris, KL9A, will once again be active as TI5W from Costa Rica during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL TI5W via W4FS. Outside of the contest he will use the callsign TI5/KL9A. QSL TI5/KL9A via W2GR.

TO2, ST. BARTHELEMY (Update). A group of Polish operators will be active as TO2SP from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146) between November 15-30th, in spite of the damage hurricane Irma has caused. Wlodek, SP6EQZ, states, "Our QTH has survived. The only one problem we have at the moment are suspended flights from Saint Maarten to Saint Barth." Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. There will be 2 or 3 stations on the air 24 hours a day. They will try to pay a lot of attention to the

low bands. The team will also be in 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. They now have a Web page available at: <http://to2sp.dxing.pl>

V4, ST. KITTS (Update). John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that there was no damage to his Calypso Bay, St. Kitts, West Indies vacation home, during hits by hurricanes IRMA and MARIA, except all his antennas were destroyed. He will once again be active as V47JA between October 15th and November 7th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. His operation will also include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. John states, "I will be bringing down and installing new antennas: a 31', 10-40m Vertical, 35', 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical, and on 6m, 4 element Yagi." Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as V47HAM. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VK9X & VK9C, CHRISTMAS AND COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS (Reminder/Update). Operators Peter/VK3FN, Chris/VK3FY, Lee/VK3GK, Luke/VK3HJ, Tony/VK3TZ, David/K3LP and Adrian/KO8SCA will activate both Christmas Island (OC-002) and Cocos (Keeling) Island (OC-003) in the month of October 2017. The team will start on Christmas Island as VK9XI between October 3-10th. During this time, they will be active during the Oceania DX SSB Contest (October 7-8th). The team will then move to Cocos (Keeling) Island and be active as VK9CI between October 10-17th. During this time, they will be active during the Oceania DX CW Contest (October 14-15th). For activity outside of the contest, operators will be active on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, plus they will be running a 6m beacon. QSL via M0OXO - Bureau requests ONLY via M0OXO's OQRS. The operation now as a Web page at: <http://christmascocos2017.vkdxg.com/index.php/category/news>

W9, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Members of the Metro DX Club will operate special event station W9C between October 2-8th, to celebrate the first anniversary of the Chicago Cubs winning the 2016 World Series of baseball after over 100 years of disappointment! Check their listing on page 102 of the October 2017 QST. Operations of W9C will occur on 80 through 10 meters (excluding 60 meters) on CW, SSB and RTTY between 1300z and 2300z at various times throughout the operation period. Operations will concentrate on 7050, 7280, 14050, 14280, 21050, 21280 and other frequencies as needed. A nice certificate of accomplishment and QSL card for your contact is available. Please indicate your QSO date, time, frequency, mode and signal report. A certificate to be returned by E-mail may be requested by sending an E-mail to: n9tk@comcast.net
To receive a printed certificate and QSL card, please send a self-addressed 9x12 envelope with three (3) ounces postage attached to N9TK, our QSL manager for W9C: Metro DX Club, c/o Jim Mornar N9TK, 8607 W. Kendall Lane, Orland Park, IL 60462, USA.

YASME PRESS RELEASE (date September 26th). THE YASME FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANT TO HAM AID -- The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce that it has made a grant to ARRL's Ham Aid Fund in support of the amateur radio response to the recent hurricanes in the United States and Caribbean.

The Ham Aid Fund was created in 2005 in response to the need for equipment and resources to support the amateur radio response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Ham Aid equipment is available on loan to amateur radio organizations during disaster response when communications equipment is unavailable. The Yasme Foundation encourages all amateurs to consider a donation to Ham Aid <www.arrl.org/ham-aid>.

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Z370, MACEDONIA (Special Event). Radio club "Nikola Tesla" (Z37M) from Stip is celebrating their 70th anniversary. Look for members to activate the special callsign Z370M (Zulu three-seven-zero-mike) between October 1st and December 31st. QSL via Z33Z, LoTW or eQSL (see info on QRZ.com).

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