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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 21st/January, through Sunday, 28th/January there were 217 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E3, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZC4, 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".

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS (From 3Y0Z Web page). As this was being written, the 3Y0Z team aboard the MV Betanzos has passed South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands, and is half way between those islands and Bouvet Island. The following are from this past Saturday/Sunday's reports by two 3Y0Z team members:

* January 27th, 0120 UTC: Thursday night, our weather took a major turn for the worse, as we were overtaken by a low pressure system with winds about 35 knots and confused seas at 5 meters.

The ship has been pitching quite a lot, but is riding well. This short video courtesy of Jeff, NM1Y, best tells the story of our day, yesterday, and why we have remained below decks.

http://www.bouvetdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IMG_1320_720p_512Kbps_288p.mp4

We had to QRT our maritime mobile operation and secure the radios, because of the ship's rolling. We did not want to risk damage to the radios.

We have yet to ascertain the status of our ship-mounted antennas for possible damage. The Hustler vertical is mounted on the bow, and took many salt water baths yesterday (as you can see in Jeff's video).

Today's forecast looks a little better. We hope to be back at full speed, and have 3G9A/MM QRV again, after checking and repairing the antennas. - Hal, W8HC

- * January 27th, 0530 UTC: Last night was a tough night for us. The full fury of the South Atlantic was unleashed upon us. Shifting winds and turbulent seas changed our ship's motion from severe pitching to pitching and yawing to very marked rolls. That which was not secured is no longer where it was. Some of those who were up and about yesterday are down and out today. Personal items are scattered, and some small items are lost in the mix. Bathroom floors are wet from water splashing out of the toilet bowls.

It was a tough night, but we knew this was likely when we signed on. We will persist and continue towards Bouvet. -- Ralph, KØIR

- * January 28th, 1200 UTC: 54 degrees 30 minutes South; 14 degrees 54 minutes West. The seas have calmed somewhat. The predominant motion of the ship remains a moderate roll. We have not restored our maritime mobile stations, due to difficulty in securing the equipment to prevent damage. There are occasional breaks in an overcast sky. Visibility is estimated at 15 to 20 miles. Our current forward speed is 8.8 knots; a compromise between creature comfort and structural stresses and getting to Bouvet.

Attendance at breakfast this morning was sparse, with most team members preferring their bunks over caloric intake.

N9TK, N4GRN, and KØIR continued working on flight sequencing last night, and should complete the process this evening. We have a lot of "stuff" to get ashore as fast as possible in the weather windows Mother Nature sees fit to give us.

Our forecast is for moderate snow ahead, followed by clearing. Icebergs remain visible but have decreased in number.

73 - Ralph, KØIR

Remember to visit the team's media pages (Twitter, Facebook) as well as their Web page to read updates, see pictures and videos of their trip:

3YØZ Web page: <http://www.bouvetdx.org/news-and-updates>

3YØZ FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/639362206232014>

3YØZ Twitter : https://twitter.com/Bouvet_3YØZ

Also remember to follow their voyage by watching the following URL links:

<https://share.garmin.com/bouvet>

<http://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:777230/mmsi:725000291/imo:7310923/vessel:BETANZOS#IrjZAqtjXemvHHQW.99>

4U13, ITALY. Ivo, 9A3A/5B4ADA, with other members of Amateur Radio Club of United Nations Global Service Centre, 4U1GSC, will be active with the special callsign, 4U13FEB, from Brindisi, Italy, between now and March 31st. Activity is to promote "United Nations World Radio Day" [February 13th]. "UN World Radio Day" is an observance day held annually on the 13th in February. "UN World Radio Day" is about celebrating radio, why we love it and why we need it today more than ever. A day to remember the unique power of radio to touch lives and bring people together across every corner of the globe. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via 9A2AA.

5H, TANZANIA. Janusz, AK4JK (aka AK4JK, T6EU, ZS5ADU, SP7GWF), is in the process of organizing his station and once he is finished, he will be active as 5H0JK from Rungwa, Tanzania. The length of his stay is unknown at this time. Activity will be on various HF bands, but he favors the following CW frequencies: 7007, 14007 and 21007 kHz (usually 7 kHz from the bands bottom edge). He states that he "might work SSB; who knows :)". QSL only direct via AK4JK's home address. Please send: 2 USDs, SAE and sorry NO IRC.

5P/OZ18, DENMARK (Special Event). The Experimental Danish Radio amateurs association (EDR) will activate two special event stations, OZ18ICE and 5P8ICE, between May 1-23rd. Activity is taking place because Denmark is hosting the 2018 Ice Hockey World Championship in the cities of Herning and Copenhagen. There will be 16 nations fighting for the medals. Look for operations on all bands, including the WARC-bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY and several Digital modes (FT and JT modes the callsign 5P8ICE will be used). A special OZ18ICE award is available (see QRZ.com). QSL card can be requested via Clublog's OQRS to be sent via the Bureau or direct. All logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. Please send no QSL cards to them via bureau.

7Q, MALAWI (Update). Members of the EIDX Group (who brought you 9N7EI earlier this year) will be active as 7Q7EI from an ideal location on the shores of Lake Malawi between March 24th and April 2nd. There will be a team of 13 operators. Operators mentioned are Dave/EI9FBB (Team Leader), Jeremy/EI5GM (Co-Leader), Declan/EI9HQ, Pat/EI9HX (Co-Leader), Enda/EI2II, Thos/EI2JD, Alain/EI2KM (F8FUA), Jim/EI4HH, Dave/EI4BZ, Peter/EI4GZB, and Alain/F5JTV, John/F5VHQ and Steve/MW0ZZK. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They also plan to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). There are four ways to QSL. QSL via M00X0, direct or via his OQRS (direct or Bureau). Entire log will not be uploaded to LoTW for possibly up to 3 months. The team now has a Web page at:

<http://www.7q7ei.com>

C8, MOZAMBIQUE (Reminder/IOTA Op). Operators Johannes/PA5X (C93PA) and Gerben/PG5M will be active as C8X and C81G, respectively, from Ibu Island, Mozambique, between January 28th and February 4th. Ibu Island is in the Cabo Delgado District IOTA group and counts for AF-061. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including 60 meters and using modes CW, SSB and FT8. Equipment will be FT-5000 and Elecraft K3, Acom1010 and Expert 1.3K-FA, 5-band Hexbeam with pentaplexer, 40/60/80m verticals and 30m VDA. They will upload logs several times a day (internet permitting) to ClubLog (the preferred method). QSL C8X via PA5X, and C81G via PG5M or his OQRS at <http://www.dx.to/oqrs/>.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Henning, OZ1BII, will once again be active as D44EE from Praia Santa Maria - Santiago Island (AF-005) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Look for activity before and after the contest on 160-10 meters CW only using a Elecraft K3 w/100 watts into a TA-33 (30/17/12m), 2 element 40m beam and 110 ft Long Wire. He will be operating from Angelo's, D44BS/D4A station. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau, also, via LoTW, eQSL and ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, watch:

<http://www.oz1bii.dk/dx-d44ee.htm>

DXCC NEWS (ARRL Press Release [In case you missed it] -- ARLD004 Amendment to ARRL DXCC Rules Will Expand DXCC List). The ARRL Board of Directors approved a motion to amend the DXCC Rules when it met January 19-20th.

Section II, Subsection 1 of the DXCC Rules now will include a new Sub-section (d): The entity has a separate IARU member society and is included on the US State Department Independent States in the World

<https://www.state.gov/s/inr/rls/4250.htm>.

"The discussion during the Board meeting and the rule change did not address any specific entity," ARRL Radiosport Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, said. "The amendment could allow some additions to the current DXCC List of entities. It's a good thing not only for DXCC but for all active hams."

In fact, the Republic of Kosovo (Z6) has been added to the DXCC List of current entities, increasing the total number of current DXCC entities to 340. The addition of Kosovo raises to 331 the required number of current entities confirmed to qualify for DXCC Honor Roll; Top of Honor Roll is 340. DXCC award accounts are being tabulated to reflect the change.

This change qualifies as an "event," effective on January 21, 2018, at 0000 UTC. Nothing is retroactive.

A new Logbook of The World (LoTW) TQSL configuration file (v.11.4) will be released on January 23. TQSL will detect when this file has been released and will install the update automatically. Radio Amateurs outside of Kosovo should continue to upload their logs to LoTW in the usual manner. LoTW users within Kosovo (either with a Z6 call sign or reciprocal call sign Z6/home call sign) will use TQSL to request a new call sign certificate for their call sign. The request will use Republic of Kosovo as the DXCC entity, and the QSO Begin date will be January 21 or later. LoTW will reject call sign certificate requests for the Republic of Kosovo with a QSO Begin date prior to January 21. Z6 users requesting call sign certificates may e-mail a copy of their Amateur Radio license to, LoTW-Help@arrl.org .

Kosovo's IARU member society SHRAK <http://www.shrak.org/en/> and its president Vjollca Caka, Z61VB, are hosting a 10th-anniversary activation to celebrate Kosovo's independence in February, 2008.

SHRAK Headquarters station Z60A now is active on several bands with multiple guest operators. Club Log will be used for this activation, while QSLs are via OH2BH.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA (IOTA Ops). Arnaud, JG1XMV, will once again be active as FK/JG1XMV from a few different IOTAs in New Caledonia starting February 17th. Islands mentioned are Grand Terre Island (OC-032); Lifou Island, Mare Island and possibly two other islands in the IOTA reference group OC-033. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/17/15 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, LoTW or eQSL.

H40 & H44, TEMOTU PROVINCE AND SOLOMON ISLANDS. Chung-ki, VA7YM, plans to be active from these two DXCC entities during late February and mid-March. His tentative schedule is as follows:

- February 24th -- Arrival at Honiara on Guadalcanal Island (OC-047), Solomon Islands, and operate as H44YM
- February 27th -- Move to Lata, Nendo Island (OC-100), Temotu Province and operate as H40YM
- March 13-16th -- Return to Honiara on Guadalcanal Island (OC-047), Solomon Islands, and operate as H44YM until late March 16th
- March 17th -- Depart from Honiara, Solomon Islands

All the flights have been booked already. Activity will probably be like his previous operations, on 80-6 meters using SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. QSL via EA5GL.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-081. Taka, JA8COE, will be active as HL4/JA8COE/5 from Namhae Island during March 9-11th. Activity will be on various HF bands using

CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JA8COE, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details, see:

<http://blog.goo.ne.jp/takaja8coe>

- EU-025. Members from Radio Club Leuven will participate as IO9R during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) from Sicily Island as a Multi-Op/2-TX entry. Operators mentioned are Orazio/IT9BTI, Simone/IT9YAO, Stefaan/ON4FG, Eric/ON4LN, Rudi/ON7CL, Rony/ON4CU and Patrick/ON8PL. QSL Manager is ON3AR, by the Bureau, direct (+SAE & 2 USDs), LoTW or eQSL.
- EU-042. Mike, DG5LAC, will once again be active as DG5LAC/P from Hooge Island (WWFF DLFF-013 Wadden Sea) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Mode-SSB/12-Hrs/DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via DG5LAC, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW or eQSL.
- EU-123. Paul, G0WAT, will be active as MM2M from Arran Island, Scotland, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW or Mixed-Mode/24-Hrs/Low-Power entry. QSL route TBD.
- SA-029. Members of the CabreuvaDX Team will be active as ZV1C from Cedro Island between March 17-18th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. There will also be activity on 2 meters satellite. QSL via PU2VCP. For more details, see QRZ.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new www.iota-world.org have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For February). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of February 2018:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Lambourn, in Berkshire, by John, G0GWK
(/A WAB Square SU37 - 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 - The QSL Manager 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.qrzcc.com or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc. NO LoTW. The 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.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Chuck, KG9N, will be active as J6/KG9N from St. Lucia Island (NA-108) between February 13-27th. Activity will be on various HF bands including the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th). QSL via his home callsign.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Bill, K9HZ, will once again be active as J68HZ from his villa at Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) until February 3rd. Activity is usually on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He states, "Will try to fill some band-mode slots for WAS and DXCC. Particularly looking for AK and MT in the USA to complete 8BWAS." His equipment will consist of an Elecraft K3, a 3 element beam for 20-6

meters and wire antennas for 160-30 meters. QSL via his home callsign. He does use the LoTW, ClubLog and eQSL.

JW, SVALBARD. Karl, LA8DW, will once again be active as JW8DW from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026), between May 26-29th. Activity will probably be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB, not sure about RTTY, PSK31 or other Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or via LoTW. Visit the JW8DW Web page at: <http://la8dw.com/Svalbard%202011/home.html>

Also, visit the JW5E Web page at: <http://www.jw5e.com>

JW, SVALBARD. Operators Torsten/DL4APJ and Peter/DJ2AX will be active as JW/DL4APJ from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026), between September 20-25th. Activity will be on various HF bands. Torsten will focus mainly on the Digital modes (RTTY/PSK/etc) and also SSB. Peter is an excellent CW-guy, but will also operate on SSB. They will bring their own TRXs with them (DJ2AX: K3; DL4APJ: TS-2000) and will use a little PA with about 500 watts out. QSL via DL4APJ, direct, by the DARC Bureau or eQSL. Look for more details to be forthcoming closer to their operation.

MT0, ISLE OF MAN. Operators Billy/GM00BX, Jonathan/MM00KG and Stevie/MM0VPY will be active as MT0IXD from Scarlett Tower (situated on the south west coast <?www.scarlettpoint.im>) on the Isle of Man, near to Castletown, between February 9-12th. Activity will mainly be during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 10-11th), but there will be CW and SSB. QSL via M00X0.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 29th-February 4th).....

Jan/29th AN	Feb/01st AN	Feb/03rd AN
Jan/30th AN	Feb/02nd AN	Feb/04th HN
Jan/31st AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <<http://www.bandconditions.com>>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPP, QRPE and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (January 28th) <www.qslinfo.eu>

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4J0SFR via 4K4K (d/P)      HG7SNOW via HA7PL      SD6E via SM6BGG
4U0WFP via S57DX          JW/W6NV via W6NV      SN5N via SP5KP (d/L)
5B4AGN via M0URX (O)     KL7SB/VP9 via NI5DX   SO5Y via SP5PPK
9H3YY via DL2JRM         LZ/S55M via S55M      SP100N via SP9MA
AX5MTM via W3HNK & (L)   M/SP3CMX via SP3CMX   TI3/N8JAJ via K8EF (d)
C5YK via ON7YK & (L)    OH0Z via W0MM & (L)   V5/DK7PE via DK7PE
EA/CT1EEC via CT1EEC    OI3V via OH3KAV (B)   YP100ARR via Y09RIJ
EG5PAZ via EG5PAZ (L/e)  OP4U via ON7USB       ZC4A via M0URX & (L)
EM0I via UT2IZ           OQ5M via ON5ZO (L/e)  ZL/SM3TLG via SM3TLG
EM80I via UY5IG          OU5U via OZ3FD
HC1MD/7 via K8LJG & (L) R900BL via UF1M

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(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3Y0Z> (No QSOs yet)

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/Z60A>

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/ZC4A>

QSL VIA N200 NEWS. Bob Schenck, N200, informs OPDX, "With the 3Y0Z QSL project fast approaching, now would be a good time to request any other QSLs that I handle. Once the 3Y0Z and 3G9A/MM mail starts up, all other QSL operations here will be delayed. For a full list of who I handle and how to request cards, go to the QRZ page for N200. Also, if you add cards with your 3Y0Z mail for other calls, your return mail will be delayed. It's OK to do, but there will be a delay. See ya all in the pileups de N200."

QSL route for 9J2MM is DIRECT to N4GNR: USA - SASE, all others SAE and 2 USDs for return postage. He also does LoTW and EQSL.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: BD3PXM, PJ6Y, S01WS, TR8CA, TZ4AM, UK7AL and ZC4A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3C0L, 3C1L, 404A, H40GC, J5T, VK9AR, VK9MA, VU2GSM, WP4G, YV1KK and ZA1WW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5W0JY, 5W0KJ, 5W0MA, 5W1SA, 8J1MORSE, 8J1TK, 8J100TYK, 8J7JE400, 8N1NRT, E6XG, EA3NE, FO/KH0PR, J8/KI3DNN, VK9XS and XR0YJ

TN, REPUBLIC OF CONGO (Update). Members/team operators from the Tifarit Gang and DXFriends <<http://www.dxfriends.com>> will be active as TN5R from Brazzaville between March 9-19th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Operators mentioned are Alberto/EA1SA, Javier/EA5KM, Antonio/EA5RM, Manuel/EA7AJR, Jose/EA7KW, Tony/F8ATS, Bernard/F9IE, Faber/HK6F, Simone/IK5RUN, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR and Jun/JH4RHF. QSL via EA5RM or OQRS. More details will be forthcoming and a Web page is under construction at: <http://www.dxfriends.com/tn5r>

TY, BENIN (Update). Wim, ON6DX, will once again be active as TY1TT from Gran Popo between February 20-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ON6DX, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (uploaded later in the year). For more details, see:

<http://www.dxpeditio.be/Benin.html>

V2, ANTIGUA. Paul, VA3ZC, will be active as V26PE from Jolly Harbour, Antigua (NA-100), between February 13-27th. Activity will be on 40/30/20 meters using mainly FT8 and JT65, with possibly some SSB. Equipment will be a Yaesu FT-857d into an EARCHI End Fed antenna. QSL via VA3ZC.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS (Reminder). Bernie, W3UR, editor of the Daily DX and Weekly DX, and his wife Becky, N3OSH, will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary from John's, W5JON/V47JA, Calypso Bay QTH, on St. Kitts, between January 29th and February 12th. Activity will be limited during Bernie's spare time as V47UR on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB.

VK, AUSTRALIA. Chris, VK3FY, reports that after many years of non-activity, the VK3HF (South Pacific Contest Club) will be getting on air for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Multi-2 entry. Look for operations to be on 40-10 meters. QSL via LoTW or M00X0.

XT2, BURKINA FASO. Max, DK1MAX, will be active as XT2MAX from Burkina Faso between March 23rd and April 2nd. Activity will be holiday style on all bands and modes. QSL via DK1MAX, direct, LoTW or eQSL (no SWL reports).

XV9, VIETNAM. Operators Sookun/HL1AHS and Jinho/HL1LUA will be active as XV9HL from Ho Chi Minh between February 26th and March 6th. Activity will be 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via HL1AHS.

XX9B MACAO DXPEDITION (Update). The special callsign XX9B was granted by the CTT (Post Office and Communications Agency from Macao). First operations are expected to start from the night of March 9th through March 17th. Upon requests, they are enhancing their antenna system for the lower bands, especially 80 and 160m. Luciano, PY5KD, has been added to the team. Current operators now are Bom/XX9LT, Leo/PP1CZ, Junior/PR7AB, Claudio/PY2MC, Alex/PY2SEX, Alex/PY2WAS, Miguel/PY3MM, Fernando/PY4BZ, Herminio/PY5HSD, Luciano/PY5KD, Beto/PY6RT and Jim/PY7XC. For more details on their operation, see OPDX.1340 or visit there new Web page at:

<http://xx9b.py2sex.com>

Z6, KOSOVO. DXCC newest entity is very active on the bands to celebrate its entry on the DXCC list and celebrating Kosovo's 10th anniversary of independence (February, 2008). An international team has been invited to Kosovo, and is now active as Z60A. The team consists of DL3DXX, OH0XX, OH1MA, OH2BH, OH3JR, OZ1IKY, S50A and S51F, along with locals Z61DX, Z61FF, Z61VB, Z62FB and Z63DBB. Additional locals are behind this activity as well, and a new 2nd week team will be announced soon. Jim, K9JF, ARRL Hon. Vice-President and Hans, PB2T, IARU R1 secretary will add to the party. The ARRL Rocky Mountain Division director, Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, has informed the team that the LoTW and the other ARRL structures are being put into place to receive this new DXCC country contacts. Already, "Republic of Kosovo" is listed in the DXCC Challenge pages. ClubLog will be used for this activation, while QSLs will go via OH2BH.

ZC4, UK SOV. BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS (Update). Operators Stavros/5B4AFM, Bob/5B4AGN, Andy/G3AB, Mike/G3WPH, Don/G3XTT and Neil/G6MC will be active as ZC4A from the UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus between January 25-31st. They plan to have 3 high power stations on the air on all HF bands, 160-10 meters, including 60 meters, with a focus on CW, but with some SSB and the Digital modes. Activity will include the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 26-28th). Daily log uploads to LoTW and ClubLog are planned with QSL

cards available via M0URX's OQRS only.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Operators Dan/N6MJ, John/K6AM and Tim/N6WIN will be active as ZF1A on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Multi-Single entry. Look for activity outside of the contest on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via K6AM, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

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