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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28th/January, through Sunday, 4th/February there were 218 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, 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, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T31, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, 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 -- The news is NOT good).

First let's start with the following chain of events. On January 31st, at 0600z, the team announced that they have arrived at Bouvet! There was fog and freezing rain that greeted them. Later that day, at 1500z, Ralph, K0IR, reported: Bouvet Island came into view at about 0600 UTC today. We dropped anchor at 0810 UTC in approximately 25 meters of water off the east side of the island between Kapp Meteor and Swarthamaren. The temperature is 2 degrees Centigrade. Thirty five knot winds are blowing out of the northeast with a driving rain. Visibility and ceiling are estimated at 1 mile and 500 feet, respectively. We are poised and ready when our weather window arrives. Our first "strike" team selecting and securing a site will be EY8MM, K0IR and Alejo Contreras (Chilean Antarctic explorer, guide and mountaineer).

On February 1st, at 1300 UTC: Ralph, K0IR, reports: Our ship is still at anchor off the east side of Bouvet. Winds are 35 to 40 knots, and the ship is pitching and rolling up to 30 degrees. This makes flying and a landing attempt impossible today. The temperature is hovering at around 0 degrees C. Visibility has improved. We are poised and ready when a weather window opens. We had our maritime mobile station up for a few hours, but had to take it down again to avoid damage caused by the extreme motion of the ship. Hang in there with us!

AND THEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS -- Valerie, NV9L, posted the following on FaceBook: On February 3rd, at 2000z, During the last 72 hours we continued to experience the high winds, low clouds, fog, and rough seas that have prevented helicopter operations since our arrival at Bouvet. No improvement was predicted in the weather forecast for the next four

days. Then, last night an issue developed in one of the ship's engines.

This morning the captain of the vessel declared it unsafe to continue with our project and aborted the expedition. We are now on our long voyage back to Punta Arenas. As you might imagine the team is deeply disappointed, but safe. There is already talk about rescheduling the DXpedition.

Bob - K4UEE  
Ralph - K0IR  
Erling - LA6VM

ALSO READ: <http://www.arrl.org/news/3y0z-bouvet-island-dxpedition-aborted-over-safety-concerns>

ADDED NOTES: Let's hope the team makes it back safely. 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:

3Y0Z Web page: <http://www.bouvetdx.org/news-and-updates>  
3Y0Z FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/639362206232014>  
3Y0Z Twitter : [https://twitter.com/Bouvet\\_3Y0Z](https://twitter.com/Bouvet_3Y0Z)

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>

4L, GEORGIA (TA Youngsters). Operators Furkan/TA7AOF and Golkem/TA7AZC will be traveling to 4L for the 2018 CQ WPX RTTY Contest (February 10-11th). Look for them to be active as 4L/TA7AOF and 4L/TA7AZC from Batumi, with the generous support of Sergo, 4L6QC. The team will arrive on February 8th, and will be on the air until February 12th. Activities will be mainly on the Digital modes. Equipment is a Yaesu FT857 rig running 100w into a vertical antenna. QSL via their home callsign, but LoTW is preferred.

5W, SAMOA. Dick, AD7AF, will be active as 5W0LR from Savaii Lagoon Resort on Samoa Island (OC-097) between now and February 22nd. Activity will be on 40-15 meters (perhaps 80m; if he can get the inverted L high enough) using mainly CW and FT8, maybe SSB. He also plans to be in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th). Dick will have 100 watts into a vertical and inverted L on the beach. QSL via AD7AF, direct, ClubLog (he will try to upload log occasionally during his stay) or LoTW (after his return home).

8P, BARBADOS. Richard "Dick", G3RWL, will once again be active as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021) between March 20th and April 29th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW and some RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau using ClubLog's OQRS. See QRZ.com for more QSL info.

9A200, CROATIA (WFF Op). Members of the Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna will be celebrating 200th anniversary of the Savudrija lighthouse using the special callsign 9A200S. Franjo, 9A2MF, a former lighthouse keeper and who has spent 10 years at various lighthouses around the Istria peninsula, is responsible for this operation. He and his wife Anica, 9A7SSY, spent 4 years at the Savudrija lighthouse as its lighthouse keepers. Both of them are members of Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna. Activities will be on all bands and modes from March 1st until end of December 2018. QSL 9A200S via 9A2MF. For more details, see:

<https://9aff.wordpress.com/2018/01/30/9a200s-200-years-of-savudrija-lighthouse>

BW, TIAWAN. Steven, VK2HSL, reports that between February 16-18th, operators Randson/BV2DQ, Terry/BU2CC, James/BV2EL and himself (BW/VK2HSL) will be celebrating the Chinese new year by activating Taiwan (IOTA AS-020) and using the callsign BW/VK2HSL. Expect holiday style operations around 2pm-8pm Taiwan time on 40, 20 and 15 meters using SSB and CW. 10 and 6 meters available by request. Frequencies announced by DX spots and VK2HSL QRZ page. QSL via VK2HSL.

CQ NEWS (Press Release). Richard Moseson, W2VU, Editorial Director of CQ

Communications, Inc., sent out the following on January 31st:

Beta-Testing for Bringing CQ Magazine's WAZ Award together with ARRL's Logbook of the World is On-going -- Beta testing for bringing CQ magazine's Worked All Zones (WAZ) award program into ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) system has been underway since mid-December and is continuing to move forward, according to officials from CQ Magazine and ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio.

Some problems in the implementation were discovered by testers and have since been corrected; the documentation has also been improved by feedback from the testers. In parallel, the LoTW server has been executing a background task that creates and populates a WAZ account for each LoTW user.

Beta testing will continue until this background task completes. When all WAZ accounts have populated, LoTW-WAZ will be made available to everyone.

The goal is for amateur radio operators to be able to directly submit LoTW confirmations for WAZ credit. Standard LoTW credit fees and separate CQ award fees will apply. Logbook of the World is ARRL's electronic confirmation system for amateur radio contacts. It provides a confirmation when both stations in a contact submit their logs to the system and a match between the logs is confirmed. LoTW has supported the CQ WPX Award program since 2012.

CQ Communications, Inc. <[www.cqcomm.com](http://www.cqcomm.com)> is publisher of CQ Amateur Radio magazine and is the world's largest independent publisher of amateur radio magazines, books and videos. Worked All Zones is the second-oldest active award program in amateur radio, behind only the International Amateur Radio Union's Worked All Continents award.

ARRL <[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)>, a noncommercial organization of radio amateurs, has a proud history of achievement as the standard-bearer in amateur affairs. ARRL's underpinnings as Amateur Radio's witness, partner and forum are defined by five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.

CR3, MADEIRA. Members of the Slovak Contest Group (OM8A Contest Team) will be active as CR3DX from Madeira Island during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OM2VL, direct or by the Bureau. Operators mentioned are Jozef/OM3GI and Tibor/OM3RM.

D4, CAPE VERDE (Update). Henning, OZ1BII, will once again be active as D44EE from Praia Santa Maria (HK84fw), Santiago Island (AF-005), between February 15-20th. His main focus will be to participate in 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 (antennas kindly offered by Angelo, D44BS) a TA-33 (30/17/12m), 2 element 40m beam and 110 ft Long Wire (160/80m). 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. The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit (per SP9FIH, <<http://www.e4.dxpedititions.org/>>): The E44WE operation is good for DXCC credit between March 23rd, 2017, and March 23rd, 2018.

E51, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Gerhard, OE3GEA, will be active as E51GEA from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between February 21-24th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via OE3GEA, by the Bureau or direct.

ES100, ESTONIA (Special Event). Look for 15 special event stations to be active until March 31st, using the prefix ES100 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Republic of Estonia. Special stations to be aired are ES100A, ES100C, ES100F, ES100G, ES100J, ES100L, ES100M, ES100O, ES100P, ES100Q, ES100R, ES100S, ES100U, ES100X and ES100Z. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will use two online QSL platforms - LoTW and eQSL. All paper QSL card requests must be done before May 31st. Requests made after June 1st, will be replied to if QSL cards are still available. QSLs via the Bureau are done by registering your callsign on the following Web page below. PLEASE NOTE

- They don't need your QSL cards. Three different awards are also available (Bronze, Silver, Gold). For more details, info on the awards and pictures of the QSLs, visit: <http://es100.eu>

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-128. Members of the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club from Frankfurt Germany, will be active as XV9DLH from Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam, starting February 24th. The length of their stay is not known at this time. Operators mentioned are Bernhard/DK7TF and Jürgen/DH6ICE. QSL via DK8ZZ.

AS-201. Members of the "DX-World.net" team will undertake their inaugural DXpedition to Buyukada Island, Turkey, between May 7-11th. Operators mentioned are Col/MM0NDX, Max/IK8LOV and Björn/ON9CFG. The team will be active as TA0/MM0NDX, TA0/IK8LOV and TA0/ON9CFG. Activity will be holiday style on 80-2 meters. Their focus is being happy and enjoying themselves with a view to contacting as many readers of the DX-World Web site as possible. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

NA-034. Lou, W0FK, will once again be operating as W0FK/4 on Longboat Key between from March 1-14th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. See QRZ.com W0FK/4 page for QSL info.

OC-105/ (RARE IOTAs) Dindo, DU1UD, has been issued the following two licenses to operate from these two rare IOTAs: DX8TT from Tawi-Tawi (OC-174) and DX8MAP from Cagayan De Sulu Island [aka Mapun Island] (OC-105) in the Philippines. The callsigns were specially issued for this DXpedition to be used anytime during 2018. Due to Dindo's work commitments, the activations usually take place at very short notice, usually only a few days so please keep an eye on M0OXO Blog <https://www.m0oxo.com> or QRZ.com (under DU1UD) for further information of when these exciting activations will take place.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new [www.iota-world.org](http://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.....

IR0, SARDINIA. Simone, IS0AFM, is active with the special callsign IR0FOC from Cagliari until December 31st. Activity is to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the "First Class CW Operators' Club" (FOC). A special award will be issued in May, for valid contacts for that award for only those worked between May 1-31st, 2018. QSL via LoTW or direct to IS0AFM.

MILESTONE ON THE BIRDS. Congratulations to OPDX's Webmaster John, K8YSE, for being able to achieve "Worked-All-Continents" (WAC) on the satellites.

PI40, THE NETHERLANDS. Members of the Veron Club station (PI4FL) in the Province of FlevoLand will be active as PI40FL until February 28th. Their activity is to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their club. Listen for QSL route.

PJ4, BONAIRE. John, K4BAI, will once again be active as PJ4/K4BAI from the "PJ4G Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between February 11-23rd. Look for him to join the PJ4A team (Scott/NE9U, Ron/KK9K and Noah/K2NG) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL PJ4A and PJ4/K4BAI via K4BAI. ADDED NOTE: Usually the team operators will all be active as PJ4/homecall before and after the contest.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 5-11th).....

Feb/05th AN	Feb/08th AN	Feb/10th HN
Feb/06th AN	Feb/09th AN	Feb/11th AN
Feb/07th 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 (February 4th) <[www.qslinfo.eu](http://www.qslinfo.eu)>

3D2JS via WB2TJO (d)	DM90AIW via DL9FA (N)	OZ0JX via OZ0JX (L/e)
3Z3GF via UT3GF (d)	ED8URT via EA8URT	P29VXG via JA1XGI (O/L)
4E1ADW via 9V1KG	EG3WCD via EG3WCD (L/e)	P4/DL4MM via DL4MM
4U1A via UA3DX	EH5EAR via EB5IGQ	PA/ON5SWA/P via ON5SWA
5H0JK via AK4JK (d)	EH8PAZ via EA8RKL (e)	SN100ZHP via SP5ZIP
9Z4/DL9OBQ via DL9OBQ	EI100MCV via EI6AL	TI3/W7RI via W3HNC & (L)
AD5A/VP5 via AD5A	ES100M via ES100M (L/e/N)	UP0L via DL8KAC
C81G via C81G	ES100U via ES100U (L/e/N)	V47UR via NR6M & (L)
C8X via PA5X	K3Y/KH6 via K3Y/KH6	VP5/N9EAJ via N9EAJ
CQ7MAJESTY via CT7ABA	LZ250MT via LZ1KCP	YB9/F5LIT via F5LIT (d/L)
CT9/OM3RM via OM3RM	M/YO4HGX via YO4HGX	Z6/S56A via S56A
DA2X via DL3DXX	OT4A via ON4AEK (L/e)	Z61MA via 4O7MA (d)

(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/7Q7EI>  
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/P29VXG>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5X2B, 6Y6J, A41CK, C8X, CM2XN, DC7MA, DK1WI, DL4MCF, DP0POL, E31A, E79D, EK3GM, F4HMR, FK8IK, HK0RMR, MU0GSY, OE3KLU, OT4A, PA3CPS, PU0FDN, SM6CKU, UK7AL, UN9L, UY0IO, VA3MJR, VA3WLD, VE6UX, VP2MDL, WL7CG, ZC4A and ZL3CW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3C0L, 3C1L, 9U4M, VK9MA, VU7T and YS3/DL5YWM (NA-190)

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

T8, PALAU. Kan, JJ2RCJ/AB2RF, will once again be active as T88RF from Palau (OC-009) between February 7-10th. Activity will be focused on the Digital modes (PSK63/Hell, but mainly RTTY and FT8) on various HF bands. QSL only via JJ2RCJ, direct or ClubLog's OQRS. NO BUREAU. For updates, watch: <http://www.qsl.net/ab2rf/framepage1.html>

TJ, CAMEROON. Silvano, I2YSB, announced this past week that the next operation by the Italian Dxpeditio Team (IDT) is planned to take place from the Republic of Cameroon (TJ) in the second half of March. The licensing process is underway. Fred, IK7JWY, will be the HF pilot station. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Also, watch the IDT Web page for updates and a survey of what bands/modes DXers need:

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

T01, FRENCH GUYANA. Herve, F5HRY, will once again be active as T01A during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. He states this operations is REMOTE. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

V3, BELIZE. Operators Victor/WB0TEV and Scott/KK7JS will be active as V31VP and V31CQ, respectively, from Blackman Eddy between February 8-12th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. This will include participation in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 10-11th) as a Multi-Single entry signing V31VP. QSL V31VP via WB0TEV, direct or by the Bureau. QSL V31CQ via KK7S, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, ClubLog or LoTW.

VISALIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION NEWS (Top Band Dinner 2018). Steve, WB6RSE, sent out the following press release, dated January 30th:

Announcing the Top Band Dinner at the 2018 Visalia International DX Convention. Self-serve Buffet Dinner. Pre-Assigned seating. Door Prizes. \$42/person. Program: "Overview of the N5IA 160m 8-Circle Antenna," by Lee Finkel, KY7M, and "Top Band from Bouvet, 3Y0Z" by Glenn Johnson, W0GJ. For the most up-to-date information and to register see:

<http://topbanddinner.jimdo.com>

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. George, K5KG, will be active as VP2MKG from Gingerbread Hill, Montserrat (NA-103), between February 14-27th. Activity will be on various HF bands (watch the WARC bands, and low bands) using CW and SSB. He plans to be in the ARRL International DX CW (February 17-18th) and CQWW 160 SSB (February 23-25th) Contests. In the ARRL CW, he will be with Charles/K1XX, Doug/K1DG and John/K1QX, and will be using a special callsign VP2M??. QSL via K5KG or LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA. Kurt, W6PH, will once again be active as VP9/W6PH for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He will be on the island between February 15-19th. QSL only direct to his home callsign W6PH.

XV, VIETNAM. William "BJ", WA7WJR, will once again be active as XV9WJR from Bien Hoa until February 14th. BJ last reported, "I travel to VietNam about 4 times each year, and obtained a 3 year license to operate in Bien Hoa, Saigon, Vung Tao, and Phu Quoc Island." Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 meters using primarily CW. Suggested frequencies are: 7 MHz - 7.1 MHz (40 meters) and 14 MHz - 14.350 MHz (20 meters) - primarily 14.028 and 14.014. QSL via his home callsign direct. He will upload his log to LoTW on his return home. For more details, updates and pictures, see QRZ.com.

XX9B MACAO DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #3, dates January 29th). [edited]

Dear colleagues -- We are pleased to announce our band plan during the XX9B Dxpeditio to be in the air between March 9th and March 17th:  
CW - 1821.5, 3517, 7017, 10117, 14007, 18087, 21007, 24891 and 28007 kHz  
SSB - 3777, 7075, 14167, 18137, 21277, 24930 and 28477 kHz  
RTTY - 7047, 10147, 14087, 18107, 21087, 24927 and 28087 kHz  
FT8 - 1840, 3573, 7074, 10136, 14074, 18100, 21074, 24915 and 28074 kHz  
\* We will listen DOWN 2-3 in 160m to JA. We will listen UP to all others.

It is important to highlight that such frequencies are preferable, but may be changed by depending upon several reasons (e.g. QRM, local noise, etc...)

PP1CZ will be the one responsible for uploading logs at ClubLog. If you wish to clarify any issue related to log, please address your E-mail to PP1CZ: [pplcz@terra.com.br](mailto:pplcz@terra.com.br)

XX9B Team is committed to contact all ham ops in the pile-up, but for several reasons, we know that it may not be possible. So, please, bear in mind that we will do our best to get you, but BE PATIENT! If we restrict calls to some places, that will be done in specific time frames when propagation uses to be opened to such places. Please, be polite, respect it and wait for your time.

DXpeditions are far from honeymoons. A couple of unexpected issues arise, no matter how cautious you have been. Therefore, we encourage you to foster your ham spirit and comply with the simple guidelines of the DX Code of Conduct <http://www.dx-code.org/>.

Finally, we are proud to welcome PY5KD - Luciano who joined the team last month and will be instrumental for the success of this DXpedition.

We thank you for your gentle and valuable attention  
73, XX9B DXpedition Team

Z6, KOSOVO. DXCC newest entity continues to be very active on the bands to celebrate its entry on the DXCC list and celebrating Kosovo's 10th anniversary of independence (February, 2008). Wayne, N7NG, sent out the following press release on Wednesday, January 30th and February 2nd [edited]:

\* January 30th: PROJECT GOODWILL KOSOVO IS MOVING INTO ITS 2ND WEEK - ONLY TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE ACTUAL 10TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

A new team of G3TXF, IK0FVC, K9JF, VE7NY, DL3DXX, DL5CW and DJ5IW will be at work soon with three radios again as they lost one that had to be replaced. In total, hams from 10 countries will participate in the project's current phase.

Last Sunday marked a wonderful and memorable reception honoring the recent DXCC status of the Republic of Kosovo. Speeches were made by the SHARK president Vjollca, Z61VB, Kosovo's regulator (ARKEP) Chairman, Kreshnik Gashi as well as ARRL Honorary VP Jim, K9JF, and IARU's R1 Secretary Hans, PB2T. Their remarks were complemented by words from Project Goodwill's Kosovo coordinator, Martti, OH2BH. All were emotionally touched by this long march of 10-years, further enhancing the original U.S State Department recognition in February, 2008, while now saluting Kosovo's official entry into the DXCC world on an equal basis.

On the radio front, the 40,000 QSO mark has been passed as the team is concentrating on maximizing its Asia and North America numbers. They are well on their way by penetrating those selective openings. Be patient, as their best effort is given at all times in spite of the high noise level. As the locations are fixed, the only improvement opportunity is to see whether low-laid receiving antennas would help with this mission. The second week team will try to accomplish that task as they move toward the upcoming weekend.

Many are asking about an immediate LoTW upload during the operation, and these options are being taken under consideration. An LoTW upload and early QSL card may be considered as an additional service, while its modest compensation would be exclusively directed to further support for evolving Amateur Radio in Kosovo.

The project members are thankful for the local Z6-team and the OH, OZ and S5 guys, who did a great job in building up the sites and handing out the many new counter contacts. Happy DXCC week was passed with best of amateur radio.

\* February 2nd: LATEST ON REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

Currently three (3) stations are up and running with DL3DXX, DL5CW, DJ5IW, IK0FVC and VE7NY at the helm. The activation is now up to 50,000 QSOs logged: <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=Z60A#r>

The first Z60A activation will culminate with the actual day of Kosovo's 10th Independence anniversary, Sunday Feb.18, 2018, with extended festivities, which will include the international amateur radio delegation. On same weekend the ARRL DX Contest (CW) is running, and the visitors will team up with the locals to wrap up the project and salute the ARRL and U.S contesting community with Z6 now being accepted for all ARRL awards and contest programs.

As the Kosovar amateurs have suffered for the past ten-years with limited opportunities and sometimes with the pirate label, it is now noted that

with the new DXCC status, DXers the world over have taken a positive step forward to close the 10-year gap and welcome the Kosovar hams with open arms to our great community. Kosovar hams are much taken by this gesture, and the project group has organized to move forward on turning potential help to the best of Amateur Radio in the Republic of Kosovo. The weekend of February 10/11 will be a showcase of locals as they will now take the microphone and put the Z60A on the air accordingly: Z61DX, Z61VB, Z63DBB and Z62FB will be at the controls for a 20M showing, both CW and SSB.

Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK, has stepped forward first and shipped a brand new Yaesu FT450 to Dona, Z63DBB (YL), so that she will be able to carry-on with her home-based activity. With Z61DX and Z62FB suffering with the Pristina high noise level, RemoteRig (SM2OAN) has donated two pairs of the remote control units so that a clean receiving site can be established outside of the capital Pristina. The European DX Foundation (EUDXF) has stepped forward, and their monetary support was presented to SHRAK, the Kosovo IARU member society. The Yasme Foundation has released an extensive series of ARRL publications to the SHRAK HQ library at the Technical University of Pristina.

If any of the U.S persons and/or clubs would like to extend their help to Kosovo, please contact Wayne, N7NG at [n7ng@arrl.net](mailto:n7ng@arrl.net).

ENHANCED QSL SERVICE FOR Z60A OPERATION NOW UNDERWAY.

The ClubLog OQRS system is set to cover the cost of direct QSL postage - USDs 3.00, while also allowing voluntarily, private contributions. All donations small or large are most welcome to support SHRAK, the Kosovo Amateur Radio Association to aid in recruiting additional Kosovar youth and to activate the existing Amateur Radio operators and support their activities.

As many have requested confirmations during the ongoing activation, it has been decided to do an immediate LoTW and fast direct QSL service for those who contribute USDs 20.00 or more. This option would not delay any of the traditional QSL options, but just put a priority on those who are willing to help Kosovo Amateur Radio finally move beyond the past ten difficult years.

If you wish to upgrade your earlier QSL request to this enhanced service you can send your donation through the ClugLog:

[https://secure.clublog.org/make\\_donation.php?call=Z60A](https://secure.clublog.org/make_donation.php?call=Z60A)

On behalf of the Project Goodwill Kosovo,  
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