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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 29th-December, through Sunday, 5th-January there were 216 countries active. Countries available: 1A, 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, 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, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, 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".

2013 DX SOUND BITES! Tom, K8CX, has done it again. He has provided DXers with 156 memorable rare DX sound clips from 2013. Visit Tom's famous "HAM

GALLERY" Web at:

<http://hamgallery.com/dx2013>

While there also check out some of the other features on his Web page, such as: 16 years of "Rare DX Sound Clips" of the past (as well as some clips from the 1960's and 1970's), QSL Card Museum, Dayton Photo Galleries and Tribute to Silent Key Ham Operators. Tom states, "If anyone has any old HF recordings, I would be interested in hearing from them." His

E-mail address is:

k8cx@hamgallery.com

2013 INTREPID-SPIRIT AWARD (Press Release - Seeking nominations). Paul Ewing, N6PSE, President of the Intrepid-DX Group, reports: "The Intrepid- DX Group is seeking nominations for the individual or group that most displayed their 'Intrepid Spirit' this past year. The Intrepid Spirit for purposes of this award is defined as:

An Intrepid Spirit is bold, courageous, dedicated, innovative, fearless,

generous, resolute and visionary in their approach to Amateur Radio.

We are seeking to make this award to the group or individual that most

displayed their intrepid spirit in 2013, by expressing an unshakable

commitment to the Amateur Radio DX Community.

This award is made in memory of our friend, James McLaughlin WA2EWE/T6AF.

SK, Kabul Afghanistan, April 27th, 2011.

Nominations may be submitted via email to:  
intrepiddxgroup@gmail.com

All nominations must be received by January 31st, 2014. The Board of Directors of the Intrepid-DX Group will evaluate the nominations and the award will be presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia, California, on April 5th, 2014.

The Intrepid-DX Group was formed in 2010 following our successful Dxpedition to Iraq. Since then, Intrepid-DX Group members have organized or participated in DXpeditions to South Sudan, Rotuma, Ethiopia, Somalia, Conway Reef, Yemen, Wake Island and Myanmar.

The 2012 Intrepid-Spirit Award was awarded to Silvano Borsa-I2YSB, Leader of the Italian Dxpedition Team.

You can view our website at <<http://www.intrepid-dx.com>>.

2014 UPCOMING DXPEDITION. Bob, N7XR, announced this past week that he plans to activate the following islands in 2014 (specific dates are still in the works):

VQ9XR - Diego Garcia, Chagos Islands. Bob states, "Twice during 2014,

we'll operate from Diego Garcia as VQ9XR on all bands - 160

through 6m. Operation will include Phone, CW and RTTY.

During

the second trip, Mike Mraz/N6MZ will be coming along to help

on all bands. We're might get lucky and have one of the resident

shipboard operators there as well. The dates are

currently

unknown because of scheduling; however, each trip will average

approximately 3 weeks in duration.

NH9/N7XR - Wake Island (Also, WH9/W1AW - ARRL Centennial). Bob states,

"Sometime during 2014, I'll operate from Wake Island on all bands

- 160 through 6m. Operation will include Phone, CW and RTTY.

The dates are currently unknown because of scheduling; however,

the trip will average approximately 3 weeks in duration. During

the trip, the call WH9/W1AW will be used to commemorate the

100th year of the ARRL. WH9/W1AW will be used for only 1 week

on the trip. Information will be posted here <see URL below)

as well as the ARRL website."

A Web page has been set up by Bob for more details and updates at:

<http://www.n7xr.net>

Dave Patton/NN1N will be the QSL Manager. Logs will be posted to LoTW within 6-12 months of the trip. NO BUREAU QSLS. Donations are always welcomed via PayPal (see Web page). All antennas and

small items will be left on the island with the MWR folks to assist future Amateur Operations. All donations will be used for both VQ9 and WH9.

2M, SCOTLAND (Satellite/Low Band Op). Paul, 2E1EUB, will once again be active as 2M1EUB for 7 days beginning January 4th. He will be driving around NE Scotland this time looking for new grids or anyone who needs grids they have not worked yet. Activity will be holiday style on 160m, 80m, and the satellites (mostly A07, A073, VO52, FO29 and SO50), as well as 2m SSB. He does accept E-mails and will arrange skeds to work him at <2eleub@amsat.org>. Check out QRZ.com under 2M1EUB for more info and updates.

5V, TOGO. Operators Phil/F5MVB and Joel/F5AOW are planning to be active as 5V7MP and 5V7BJ, respectively, from Avepozo sometime in 2014. Details on bands/modes and dates have not been announced yet, but are forthcoming.

QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau.

A5, BHUTAN (Press Release by Oms/PY5EG)[edited]: "Members of the Araucaria DX Group Japan and Brazil are pleased to announce a quite peculiar DX-pedition.

- \* First - It is a family DXpedition
- \* Young generation is coordinating, operating and assembling the setup.
- \* It is a dream that came true for PP5JR family.
- \* It is combined with a FGC Foundation for Global Children - Spectacular program managed by Zorro JH1AJT

Sergio and his family, for a long time, were feeding a plan to visit Bhutan. This dream is coming to be a true. From January 31st to February 4th, Sergio/PP5JR and Zorro/JH1AJT are going to be for the first time only assistants of an expedition operated mainly by Fernanda/PU5FDA (PP5JR XTAL), Eduardo/PU5FJR (15 years) and Bia/PU5BIA (17 years). The only participant of the expedition that is not yet a ham is Juliana who is only 4 years old. She is very smart kid and for sure will learn with brother and sister and certainly will operate the next one. The callsign will be A52JR, and they are going to operate only SSB on all bands. Everything started during a dinner at PY5EG QTH in Florianopolis. JH1AJT was visiting Oms/PY5EG for the second time, and knowing that Sergio was dreaming about Bhutan, offered himself to try to get a permit for a visit combined with a DXpedition. This meeting happened about two years ago. So Eduardo and Bia were at the time just kids. That day after that dinner, Oms and the kids took Zorro to visit the PP5JR contest station 70

Kms away from Florianopolis. During all the day long the trip was practically organized without Sergio's opinion hi? So, after Sergio's approval Zorro started the process to organize everything. Unfortunately, due business commitments, Oms/PY5EG is not going with the team. We understand that the old generation is already very well represented by Zorro and Sergio, and they will be given the honor by the expedition to operate for a while. QSL manager will be Barbosa, PP5VB, and clublog and LoTW will be uploaded constantly."

"Be patient with the kids" "Where will they go next?" -- Oms PY5EG

C6, BAHAMAS. Tim, AF1G, is now living and working on Andros Island. He has had the callsign/license AF1G/C6A since November 21st (2013) and will be there until November 20th, 2014. Activity is expected to be on 80-6 meters SSB. No QSNs have been reported yet. QSL via LoTW or direct to:  
Tim Hardy, PSC 1012 Box 593, FPO AA 34058-9998, USA.

CQ DX MARATHON (Update). John, K9EL, DX Marathon Manager, reports: "The 2013 CQ DX Marathon ended on December 31, 2013, and the 2014 CQ DX Marathon is now underway! Logs for the 2013 Marathon must be submitted by 2359Z January 10, 2014. Full submission details and 2014 Rules are available at <[www.dxmarathon.com](http://www.dxmarathon.com)>. This year, several new tools are available to make the submission process easier than ever. Jim, AD1C, has created a tool that directly prepares the submission form by converting a standard ADIF file from your logging program. Details are available at: <http://software.ad1c.us/marathon> For users of the DX Lab suite of software, DXKeeper will create the submission form. Details are available at: <http://www.dxlabsuite.com/dxlabwiki/AwardTracking> Submission forms should be submitted as an email attachment to <scores@dxmarathon.com>. For questions about the Marathon, contact <k9el@dxmarathon.com>."

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:  
ZD9KX - Tristan Da Cunha & Gough Island; 2012 and 2103  
Operation

DX SURVEY RESULTS (DX Magazine's 2013 Most Wanted Countries Survey).  
DX Magazine's has published their Most Wanted Countries from a survey that was conducted in September/October 2013 time frame.

Here are the "Top 20" in the overall World-Wide Results as per DX Magazine (Jan./Feb. 2014 issue):

2013 2012 Rank Rank	Prefix	Country	2012 Rank	2013 Rank	Prefix	Country
1 14	P5	North Korea	1	11	KH5	Palmyra
2 12	KP1	Navassa Island	2	12	KH5K	Kingman Reef
3 Nova/Europa 18	3Y/B	Bouvet	3	13	FR/JE	Juan de
4 17	FT5W	Crozet	6	14	BV9P	Pratas Island
5 16	FT5Z	Amsterdam	4	15	E3	Eritrea
6 21	VK0/H	Heard Island	5	16	KH9	Wake Island
7 19	BS7H	Scarborough	7	17	VP8/G	South Georgia
8 20	ZS8M	Marion Island	9	18	KH3	Johnston Island
9 22	VP8/S	South Sandwich	8	19	CE0X	San Felix
10 23	FT5T	Tromelin Island	10	20	KH7K	Kure Island

Carl, N4AA, Editor of QRZ DX/DX Magazine, states, "It is interesting to note that the same ten places are there for both 2012 and 2013... there are a few slight changes in ranking, but it is the same ten. That should change somewhat for 2014 with Tromelin and Amsterdam both scheduled for major DXpeditions." The full list of the top 100 Most Wanted, World- Wide, are posted to the DX Publishing Web site at:

<http://www.dxpub.net/MOST-WANTED-SURVEY.html>

The continental rankings are in the January/February issue of the DX Magazine which is in the mail now. The band/mode breakdowns will be published in the March/April 2014 issue.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Yoshi, JE2EHP, will be active as FK/K1HP from New Caledonia between February 18-26th. Activity will be on all the HF bands and 6m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home

callsign. Both OQRS (via ClubLog) and LoTW will be available for this operation. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.geocities.jp/klhp>

FT5Z, AMSTERDAM ISLAND (Press Release dated January 4th, 2014): "Amsterdam Island DXpedition -- We are now 6 days from departure from the U.S.

The Braveheart is making its way across the Great Australian Bight and the North Corridor Radio Group of Western Australia has a stockpile of supplies queued up and waiting for us. Momentum has taken over now and there is no turning back.

Upon arrival in Fremantle, the Braveheart will re-provision and refuel to 90,000 to 100,000 liters of fuel. We will load the materials we've obtained from the NCRG, do a little shopping for personal supplies, set up our maritime mobile station, take our sea sickness pills and patches, and be prepared to sail on January 15th.

We'll be passing through some rare grids on the way to Amsterdam Island and we are anxious to hand out QSO s from them. Be sure to look for us on the bands and track us on our website in near real time. Landing on Amsterdam can be 'exciting.' Wish us good luck with this. We'll have some heavy work to do upon landing and expect our set up time to take at least a full day. We'll let you know when we get there.

This will be our last press release. It has been a long time of pre- paration and a great deal of work, but that is behind us now. The next time you hear from us, it will be a signal from the Braveheart or from Amsterdam Island.

As you can see from our financial status on our home page, we still need help. If you haven't helped us yet, please consider doing so. If you've supported us, thank you you've kept us afloat to date.

73 The Amsterdam Island DXpedition Team"

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Posted on January 4th, by Stan, SQ8X, on the FT5ZM Web page: "FT5ZM under budget! -- The budget for this entire project is about \$450,000. Vessel charter, Operator travel costs, Equipment. Logistics and Housing/Per diem imposed by TAAF make up the costs. The largest cost by far, it the cost of chartering the M/V Braveheart for 40 days and re-positioning the vessel to/from New Zealand.

[ed. See pie budget at: <http://www.amsterdamdX.org/ft5zm-under-budget> ]

The trip requires a large financial commitment from each team member.

The minimum team member contribution is \$10,000. Travel to and from Fremantle, Australia will cost each team member another \$3,000- \$3,500. In addition there are six weeks away from home and family, a very long boat ride, and the physical and financial risks inherent to a DXpedition of this magnitude. I believe you will agree that the DXpedition team members are doing their part to make this successful. We have been heartened by an extremely generous grant from INDEXA. Within hours of receiving the group's request for funds, INDEXA offered their support. Then, NCDXF followed-up with one of the largest grants they've awarded. Dozens of clubs and hundreds of individual DXers worldwide have made contributions up-front when they are most needed. We are deeply indebted to them and appreciate their confidence. However, we are still short, if you have already made a contribution....THANKS, if not please consider doing so."

DXpedition leader Ralph Fedor, K0IR, states: "We simply cannot do this without help from the DX community. We need to raise about a quarter of a million dollars overall. And, it has to be international financial support we need our DX friends from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania to help us on this one. This is truly an International effort."

GB1, ENGLAND (Special Event). Look for special event station GB1RNLI to be active between January 25-26th and possibly some limited operations on the evenings of Tuesday, Jan. 28th and Thursday, Jan. 30th. This special event call sign will be used by Worksop Amateur Radio Society to promote "SOS Radio Week" (Jan. 25th-Feb. 2nd) which is held each year to support the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution). This year the club will be operating on HF (40-10m) and VHF 6m, 2m and 70cm using CW, SSB and Data modes. The WAB Square is SK57. QSL via eQSL or by the Bureau.

Full details about the RNLI are available at:

<http://www.rnli.org>

HP1, PANAMA (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club de Panama (HP1RCP) have activated special event station HP1A since October 1st, 2013, to commemorate 55 plus years of ham radio operations of Cam, HP1AC. Activity will last until September 30th, 2014. Recent operations have been on 20/15/10 meters CW. QSL via HP1RCP.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-032. (Update) A group of Italian operators will be active as 5I0DX

and 5H3AN from an Italian village at the Kiwengwa Beach Resort



on Zanzibar Island (WWF 5HFF-003) between February 2-13th.

Activity will be on all HF bands 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB, PSK (31/63/125) and RTTY.

Current operators mentioned are Fred/IK7JWX, Leo/I8LWL, Ampelio/IS0AGY, Vincenzo/IZ8LFI, Elvira/IV3FSG (YL) and Fulvio/HB9DHG

(CW op). Look for 5I0DX to participate in the CQ WPX RTTY

Contest (February 8-9th). More details and a Web page will be

announced. It was announced earlier that this DXpedition will also be a humanitarian operation with donations of medicines

to the "Italy Day Hospital". QSL via IK7JWX, direct, by the

Bureau or LoTW and NetLog. They are looking for sponsors for

donations to Radio Club of Dar Es Salaam and Italy Day Hospital

of Zanzibar:

1/2 Poste Pay Card (Visa Electron) nr. 4023600649350826

to Alfredo De Nisi - Vico della Cavallerizza, 4/D-73100 LECCE.

Currently, updates are available on QRZ.com.

OC-177. Budi, YF1AR, will be active as YF1AR/0 from Payung Besar

Island and lighthouse (ARLHS IDO-236) between January 11-14th.

Activity will be mainly 40m (night time) and 20m (daytime).

He plans to operate with a 43 ft. vertical antenna on top

of the lighthouse (40m ASL). QSL via N200. For more details

and updates, see:

<http://www.yflar.com/2014/01/oc-177-thousand-islands-kepulauan-seribu.html>

OG0, ALAND ISLAND (Activity on 160/80 Meters & WARC Bands). The following press release was sent out by Jarmo, OH2BN [edited]: " Callsign: OG0A --

Dates: January 3 through January 13, 2014 -- Following the success of recent low-band operations by Z81X and OF9X, closely on the heels of Santa Claus and capitalizing on the current season of almost total darkness in Northern Europe, a sub-group of those two teams will be heading to Aland Islands to activate OG0A on low bands and WARC bands.

The OH0X contest site will be used as the base camp with 160M slopers for the U.S. and Japan and a 2-L 80M beam atop a 42-meter (140ft) rotating tower. Main activity will be on CW, but SSB/RTTY will also be used occasionally.

Operators: Mari/OH2FPK (YL), Rami/OH2BCI, Martti/OH2BH, Pertti/OH2PM and Pekka/OH2TA. OG0A QSL via OH2BH.

This operation is dedicated to the Youth On The Air (YOTA) summer camp due to be organized in Finland from July 15 through July 22, 2014, with two young YLs - Mari/OH2FPK and Kati/OH2FKX - in charge. They will be hosting fifteen (15) young European teams from the same number of countries acquainting themselves with the many faces of Amateur Radio: presentations, competitions, visits to radio stations, workshops, ARDF etc... at the height of the Finnish summer season. The activity is sanctioned by IARU Region 1 and supported by the European Union.

See <<http://www.ham-yota.eu/>> and <<http://www.qrz.com/db/OH2FPK>>

All QORS QSL requests for OF9X and OG0A with donations will be directed to cover the costs of this healthy youth activity in Finland. You can QORS OF9X and OG0A respectively via their QRZ.com page."

P4, ARUBA. Ed, W0YK, who is now active as P49X from Pos Chiquito, announced that he plans to work the 30/17/12 meter bands on RTTY this Monday and Tuesday for those who are interested. QSL via his home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 6-12th)....

Jan/06th AN	Jan/09th AN	Jan/11th BN
Jan/07th AN	Jan/10th HN	Jan/12th AN
Jan/08th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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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

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (January 5th)

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3V8/ON7HLU via ON7HLU (d) RZ3LC	HF20SOT via SP1KYB	RG22LG via
5K6RM via HK6RM via UA4WHX	HI8/UA4LL via UA4LL	RI44ANT
5P14EHC via OZ0J (d/L) R6AW	HK4CZE via EA7FTR	RK22AW via
9A13P via 9A1CBK (B) RK3AW	HR1LW via JA1LW	RM22MR via
A61E via IZ8CLM RY3D	LY300KD via LY3BY	RN22DY via
A61K via IZ8CLM R9UAG	LY5YOTA via ON9CFG	RT22UA via
BA7CK via BA4TB (*) UA4ATL	LZ1375PRB via LZ1KCP	RT34ST via
CU/DK3YH via DK3YH via SK2AT	OA1/AL4Q via DJ8QP	SC2014ECC
DJ60DXMB via DL7UXG SM7XEN	OG0A via OH2BH	SG7A via
DK40ECH via DL4MDO via SP1YKO	OH0I via OH3BHL	SP20SOT
DL60JMZ via DK1EI TF3MHN	OP4K via ON4JZ	TF3PPN via
EA8/DH2MS via DH2MS IK2QPR	OR5T via ON4ALY	UK80AH via
EA8/DL8JJ/M via DL8JJ via DH3WO	OX5T via OZ0J	V5/DH3WO
ED1RLE via EA1RLE via DH3WO	P49X via W0YK	V5/DK1CE
EG4IBO via EA4CRP W1CDC	PJ4/PE2KY via PE2KY	VP2MM via
EI14LCC via EI4GXB W1AW	R2014HS via RW6HS (d)	W100AW via
EM50JA via UY7IQ via WQ6X	R22ALS via R7LV	WP2/WQ6X

EM75V via UR2VA via YL2GN	R22FIS via RW4NW	YL95AIW
HB10BE via HB9BE via YO2KQT	R22ICH via RN3D	YP1989TM
HB40VC via HB9VC YO3IZT	R22NOC via RA3YC	YP95GU via
HC3/AL4Q via DJ8QP via YT7WA	R22SNB via RJ6J	YT0PUPIN
HF2014GPP via SP3YAC via YV4KW	RA22FF via R7FF	YV4KW/1
HF2014JP via SP4ICP JA3FRI	RA22MX via RA9MX	ZL3FRI via

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

(\* ) Jan. 2014 only

SOLVING THE IOTA QSL PROBLEMS. Rick, K6VVA, (The Locust), has put

together another interesting video (a little over 18 minutes long).

Give it a view at: <http://youtu.be/nM5X3ooDyPw>

QSL ZF2EN via N2IEN. Pat was active this past week from Grand Cayman

Island and went QTH on Friday. QSL to his home callsign, SASE preferred.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4A1TD, C31B0, CU2DX, DF2NU, DL1AMQ, DL1DUG,

DL1LQA, DL4KG, DL5AN, DL5ZB, F2DX, F4FFN, F5CQ, F6CXJ, F6HRP, FG80J,

FJ/DK7LX, GI4OWA, HB9DRS, J34J, JA0EQL, JJ2LPV, JM1XCW, JR1NHD, JW9VDA,

LZ867MWB, M0KCM, M0TMC, OG3I, OK2AF, OK2ZV, ON4AXU, ON4CAS, P49X,

PB7Z, PV8ABC, PZ5RA, RA2FIA, SP3CFM, SP7VTQ, SP8TJU, SV1LK, T6T, UR1MI,

V5/DL3DXX, VO1DGP, VU7AG, WH7DX, YE5R, ZD8UW, ZL1BYZ, ZM4M and ZM90DX

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B9EME, 5J0R, 9L1JT, FS/N0TG, FW5JJ, HP0INT/2,

HP0INT/3, HP0INT/9, J34J, J8/DH5FS, J87GU, JA0MVW, K5T, LA2MOA, OX3LX,

PJ2/W5BOS, PJ2T, PY3OR, TN2MS, TX5D, XW0YJY, YE5R and YJ0TE

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B8/HB9ARY, 3B9SP, 3D2GC, 4J85W, 9Q6AL, 9Y4/DL9DRA, CR2V, CS2W, CT8/HB9COL, CU8AS, HB0/DJ2IA, HB0/DL2JRM, HB0CC, HB0WR, HS0ZF, TK/DG6FDV and TX5EG

TO3/FM, MARTINIQUE (Update). Operators Tatsuo/JA3ARJ and Kunio/JA1CJA will be active as TO3JA from Martinique (NA-107) between January 12-19th.

QSL via JA3AVO, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. There will be an OQRS on ClubLog. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

TO4, MARTINIQUE. Operators Yves/F5GN and YL Françoise/F4BMR, will be active as TO4YL from Martinique between February 8-22nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. QSL via F5GN.

TY, BENIN (Update). Wim, ON6DX (ex-ON4CIT), has announced the dates for his TY1TT operation from Grand Popo. Activity will be from January 26th and February 5th. He plans to operate on the highest possible bands.

For updates, visit: <http://www.dxpedition.be/Benin.html>

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Special Press Release). The following was posted/sent on Saturday, January 4th, on the VK9MT Web page: "To better distribute the workload and keep as many stations on the air as possible the Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition team will add one additional operator to the team, bringing the total to 12.

We are seeking an experienced SSB and RTTY operator. The pile-ups will be energetic and, at times, challenging. Candidates must have the 'Determination Time Finances' to join this exciting DX-pedition.

As with all projects of this type the team will share in the cost to launch the project. Each operator is putting up about \$12,000(USD) to pay the costs associated with this DX-pedition. Surplus funds will be evenly divided across the team after the books close. Each operator will pay their own way to and from Australia, as well as their living expenses before and after the DX-pedition.

Previous DX-pedition experience is preferred but not required. We welcome a seasoned DXer who is capable of operating over an 11 day period on a rotating shift schedule. The team will sail to Mellish Reef on a 25 meter

(crewed) passenger vessel with previous DX-pedition experience. You would need to be at Mackay, Australia no later than March 23, 2014 and plan to leave Mackay on April 16, 2014.

If this opportunity interests you please send a short biography of your

ham radio experience to: info@vk9mt.com

As the time is short, we would appreciate hearing only from candidates who can commit to the project before January 15, 2014.

We hope to hear you in the pile-ups..... Team Mellish Reef 2014"

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. A team of Polish operators will be active as VP2V/homecall from Aneгада Island (NA-023, also a NEW WFF area - Aneгада Bird Sanctuary, Flamingo Pond) sometime late March (no specific dates announced yet). Operators mentioned are Bogdan/SP2FUD, Kazik/SP6AXW, Leszek/SP6CIK, Janusz/SP9FIH and Robert/SP9WZS. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. No QSL info/route has been decided yet. A Web page is still under construction with a needs (bands/modes)

survey available at: <http://www.vp2v.dxpedititions.org>

The VP2V team has an interesting statement on their Web page which states,

-- We believe that it is more important to give a new country to "small pistol" than to give an 8th band QSO to a "big gun" station. By doing this, we hope to fulfill the demand for a "new one", especially from stations located in Japan and the rest of the Far East.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLAND. Operators Jim/N4BFR and Newton/N4EWT will once again be active as ZF2JS and ZS2KO, respectively, from the Grand Cayman Islands

(NA-016) between January 18-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB, PSK31 and JT. QSL via their home call signs or LoTW.

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