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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 24th-August, through Sunday, 31st-August there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, 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, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, 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".

5H, TANZANIA. Andrea, IZ1MHY, will be active as 5H1MD from Zanzibar Island (AF-032, WLOTA 1080) between September 28th and October 10th. Activity will be on the HF bands (20/15/10/6 meters), using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. See QRZ.com for more details.

9H, MALTA. Operators Olaf/DL4HG and Holger/DL5XAT will once again be active as 9H3TX from Gozo Island (EU-023) during CQWW CW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi/2 entry. QSL via DL5XAT, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW. Operators will be there between November 27th and December 1st. Look for operators to "possibly" be active outside of the contest using their own 9H callsigns.

A5, BHUTAN (Update to OPDX.1176 and OPDX.1177). Pekka, OH2YY (A52YY), updates OPDX [edited]: "I will be returning to Bhutan with my good friend Pekka, OH1TV, late September this year. The callsign we are going to use is still open, alternatives are A52O or A52YY. We will arrive in Paro late afternoon on Sept. 26th and will depart in the morning of Oct. 2nd. We will be staying close to the city of Paro. This time we have no other

activities in Bhutan and we can focus 100% on amateur radio! The QTH will be up on a hill facing to north and it should give a good take off to North America, most of South America, northern Asia, Middle-East and whole Europe.

We will have two K3 radios. We are planning to have three 2-element yagis: a tribander 14/21/28, a duobander 17/24 and one that can be manually tuned to any band 18/21/24/28 MHz. In addition we will have a dipole/vertical for 7 MHz. We will also have a 3-element yagi for 6 meters. We will operate both SSB and CW. We try to start the operation already in the evening of Sept. 26th with a temporary antenna set-up.

From 27th onwards we will have the yagis up. On Oct. 2nd we will have a morning flight and need to go QRT sometime during the night."

Remember, QSL checking will be on QRZ.com and on LoTW. QSL cards directly to his home address (OH2YY) or via SRAL QSL Bureau.

ANTENNA FORUM SLIDES. Tim, K3LR, announced that the 2014 Dayton Ham-vention Antenna Forum slide decks are now posted on: <http://www.k3lr.com> Click on the left side box "DAYTON ANTENNA SUMMARY". You will see 2014 back through 2004.

B4, CHINA. Andrea "Andy", IK7YTT, will be active as B4L from Zibo Shandong during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via BY4IIG.

CQ3/CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Helmut, DF7ZS, and possibly others will be active as CR3L or CQ3L from the contest station in Santana on Madeira Island (AF-014) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). Operating class to be announced. QSL CR3L/CQ3L via DJ6QT. Activity by the operators outside of the contest signing /CT9, please QSL via their home callsign. Visit the CR3L Santana, Madeira Island, Web page at: <http://www.cq3l.de>

DXCC NEWS. Dave Patton, NN1N, ARRL Staff Liaison, reports the following operations are approved for DXCC credit: A52JR, 4W/HB9FLX, 4W/N1YC and 4W/PE7T.

If you have had cards for these operations rejected in a recent application, please send an E-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk at <[dxccadmin@arrl.org](mailto:dxccadmin@arrl.org)> and you will be placed on the list for an update.

E3, ERITREA (2014 - by Foundation for Global Children [FGC]/SEISA). The following press release was sent out [edited]: "Zorro, JH1AJT, will be visiting the State of Eritrea (E3) with a member of the House of Representatives of Japan and some others, from Monday, 15th until the following Monday 22nd September 2014, for a FGC mission. The group will have meetings with Eritrea's Ministries of; Health, Transportation & Communications, Education, Foreign Affairs, Information, and Eritrean Sports Commission. Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan will also join the meetings. One of the main objectives of this trip is to finalize a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding Eritrea □ Japan Sports Collaboration (2014-2020) and to be signed on a ceremony program to be held in Asmara on 16th September 2014.

Through this project, both parties shall make efforts to promote sports for handicapped people in Eritrea and also to further improve the environments they are placed in. FGC will also support activities for the betterment of education and sanitation for the children of Eritrea.

Zorro will try to be QRV (call sign: TBA) in his very limited spare time probably after Thursday, 18th September, mainly SSB and possibly some CW. He will bring a TS-590/ ACOM-1010 and a Small-IR with 40/30m optional coil.

QSL to JH1AJT: P. O. Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan 73, FGC Radio Team -- Jay □ JA1TRC"

EG, SPAIN (EA FLT 2014, Special Event, Awards and Special Trophy). The Spain Football League Teams' (EA-FLT) awards (gold/silver) and trophies may be requested by any licensed radio amateur or SWL worldwide by valid

contacts made on any mode or band between 160-6 meters with the 20 special stations using the special prefix EG, that will represent each of the 20 Football Teams in the First Division of Spain Soccer. The full list of all 20 special EG stations, including online queries for the Log, can be obtained on the Web site at: <http://www.eaftaward.com> (The website will be operative since the first September 2014 ) Dates for this event is between September 9-29th.

FT4T, TROMELIN (Press Release, August 26th). Flo, F5CWU, sent out and posted the following on the FT4TA Web page: "We have just passed the 100 days mark before the beginning of our FT4TA operation to the island of Tromelin. Since the last official press release many things have evolved well; we are extremely fortunate.

Thanks to the strong mobilization around our project, we are relatively trustful in the fact of being able to gather the necessary budget. If we do not meet last minute problems, and if individual donations continue to flow at the current rate, we should balance our budget (after the expedition). Some partners have not yet validated their assistance, and we definitively count on them!

In addition, several people in Japan have mentioned to us they encountered problems with the Paypal button on our website. In order to circumvent this problem, we invite people who would be in this instance to use our address <tromelin2014@orange.fr> directly from their Paypal account.

Almost all of the equipment was gathered by the team. This equipment was lent, purchased or taken from our personal stations. We want to express our thanks to Spiderbeam (masts), Elecraft (radios), OM Power (amplifiers), Microham (interfaces), Messi and Paolini (coaxial cables), DX Engineering (phasing 80m) and DX World.net, which sponsors us the Internet access by satellite to let you use our on-line logbook and read daily news from the team during the operation.

At the end of June, three pallets of equipment had been shipped to Reunion Island. They have been transported to Tromelin Sunday (by helicopter) by the logistics service of TAAF.

This possibility was offered to us suddenly and was not in our initial plan. Although it induces very important expenditure, we could not let pass this opportunity because it will deeply modify the physiology of our operation. It would not have been possible for us to carry all this equipment on a small aircraft. This freighting marks the true point of no return!

Our preliminary works with TAAF continue. Michel, FM5CD, and Seb, F5UFX, went at the end of May to Réunion to meet our interlocutors (TAAF, civil aviation, airline company). We want to highlight again the trusted relationship and the incommensurable assistance brought by TAAF.

2014 marks the 60th birthday of the first amateur radio activity from Tromelin. Prepared in collaboration with the philatelic service of TAAF, and drawn by an artist, a special stamp will be put on sale at the time of the Autumn Philatelic Exhibition in Paris (November 6th to 9th). During this event, an amateur radio station will be set-up on the TAAF booth by the radio-club of Provins, F6KOP. They will proceed to demonstrate and make contacts with FT4TA team twice a day. It's very important to promote our activity in such an exhibition.

Our website evolves constantly. The pages known as 'classical' are available since the beginning (operators, pilots, QSL manager, sponsors) and news articles appeared lately (historical, bandplan..). Others are in preparation and should be published soon (interview of FR5ZU and F6JJX, two ex-'Tromelin' operators, PowerPoint presentation..).

It is the ideal time to prepare your station to be ready. On October 30th, point your antennas towards the Indian Ocean! In the meantime join us on

Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/tromelin2014>>

& Twitter <<https://twitter.com/tromelin2014>>

to follow our news and keep an eye on the Tromelin2014 website <<http://www.tromelin2014.com>>. A surprise will be announced soon!"

GJ, JERSEY. Members of the Jersey Contest Group will be active as GJ2A

from Jersey Island (EU-013) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW, or direct to GJ3DVC.

HH, HAITI. Tom, KC0W, will be active as HH5/KC0W between January 11th and February 3rd, 2015. Activity will be on 160/80/40 meters using CW only. Antennas will be over salt water using 500 watts and dedicated RX antennas. QSL direct via KC0W.

IOTA CREDIT BY OQRS & PAYPAL (Proposal). Rick, K6VVA, (The Locust) has posted a video demo and proposal for IOTA credit by the use of an OQRS and PayPal. View his video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJeNLX-G-kY>

#### IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. Emilio, IZ1GAR, will be active as IH9/IZ1GAR from Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, WLOTA 0041) at the end of November. In the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), Emilio will be active as IH9R and as a Single-Op/Single Band (40m)/QRP 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.

AS-113. Operators Yung/BU2BV, Ted/BV2OO, Su/BX2AI, Wu/BX2AM and Lee/BX2AN will be active as BO0D from TungYin Island, Matsu Islands, between September 13-20th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via the BV Bureau (preferred). For more info and updates, watch:  
<http://www.qrz.com/db/do0d>  
<http://www.ctarl.org.tw/bv5ya/2013-14/2014-BO0D.htm>

AS-200. Take, JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/5 from Shodo Island (Kagawa Prefecture, Shozu District) between September 20-22nd. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB, FM and RTTY. In case of heavy rain or other conditions, the operation condition may vary. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. For more details and updates, see:  
<http://blog.goo.ne.jp/ji3dst>

EU-038. Marcel, PD5MVH, will be active as PD5MVH/p from Ameland Island (ARLHS NET-001, WLOTA 1059) between now and September 13th. Activity will be on 40/20/10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-062. Frank, DH0JAE, will be active as LA/DH0JAE from Donna Island between September 8-10th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. His rig is a K3 and K2, operating QRP only. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. ClubLog's OQRS will be available. ADDED NOTE: Frank also has plans to activate IOTAs EU-036, EU-056 and EU-079 between September 11-20th.

NA-052. Bruce, N9BX, will be active as N9BX/4 from Marco Island (USI FL025S) between September 3-9th. Activity will be on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign. An OQRS is available on ClubLog.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For September). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of September 2014:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Ivybridge, in Devon, by Peter, G4VFG (ISWL Honorary Secretary) (/A WAB Square SX65 - 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 operate as MX1SWL/P throughout the month.

If required, he will give his current WAB Square during the QSO.

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](http://www.iswl.org.uk)> or <[www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)> or via <[www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc)>. NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see <[www.iswl.org.uk](http://www.iswl.org.uk)> for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

J3, GRENADA (Ops Needed). Harry, AC8G, is helping Mike, W7RIS, in organizing a team for the CQWW DX SSB Contest on October 25-26th. Operators should have time for individual operation before and after the contest of course depending on arrival and departure dates to/from Grenada. The group will have access to the equipment and antenna, etc. used by J3A over many past years. For details, Mike can be reached by E-mail at:  
w7ris@arrl.net

J7, DOMINICA (Update). Operators Janusz/SP9FIH and Kazik/SP6AXW will be active as J79L and J79X, respectively, close to the village of Calibishie (NA-101, WW. Loc. FK95HO) between October 19-26th. Their main goal is to participate in CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as two Single-Op/Single-Band stations (one on 40m and the other on a higher band) and to work as many stations as possible from Asia before the contest. Outside of the contest, activity will be on 80-6 meters. QSL J79L and J79X via SP9FIH. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.j7.dxpeditons.org>

KP1, NAVASSA ISLAND (Press Release): "The KP1-5 Project is pleased to announce that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to allow an amateur radio operation from Navassa National Wildlife Refuge (KP1). The operation will occur within the next 18 months and will be coordinated with the USFWS work flow.

Over the past year, the KP1-5 Project has had numerous meetings with various levels of USFWS management. Throughout our discussions, their personnel have been courteous, professional and cooperative. We have been treated with sincere interest and respect and believe that amateur radio operators may now be viewed as partners and not adversaries.

As with the Desecheo operation in 2009, and in order to be transparent and fair, the USFWS has requested proposals for the amateur radio operation from those individuals and groups that have already applied for a Special Use Permit in the past. The KP1-5 Project will be submitting a proposal and hoping to be selected as they were for the very successful Desecheo (K5D) operation.

We wish to thank the USFWS for their decision to allow this operation. Navassa Island is ranked #2 most-needed DXCC entity by The DX Magazine and #1 by ClubLog.

Please visit our website for up to date information. <http://kp1-5.com/>  
73, The KP1-5 Project  
Bob Allphin, K4UEE, President  
Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Vice-President  
Mike Thomas, NA5U, Secretary  
Jim Bass, K5KQI, Treasurer"

KP4, PUERTO RICO. James, KH2RU, will be active as KH2RU/KP4 during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via NP3O.

LU/T, ARGENTINA. Operators Horacio/LU5BE (CW), Henry/LU8EFF and Arnaldo/LU3AAL will be active as homecall/T from Purmamarca - Jujuy (WW Locator: FG76FG), a Region in Argentina with very little activity and almost no CW operations between September 24-30th. They will try to have 2 active stations on whenever possible. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31 and SSTV. They will try to have a beacon on

6 meters. QSL via LU8EFF (see QRZ.com). DX: SASE (+ 1 IRC or 2 USDs).

MAJOR ARRL SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN GIFT (To Support DX Log Archive). The ARRL Web page and Letter reports (excerpt): "A major donation from noted DXer Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK, to the ARRL Second Century Campaign will support 'The DX Log Archive Endowed by JA1BK.' Earnings from the generous gift will fund the creation and management of a DX Log Archive Program for paper DX logs of rare and significant DXpeditions that took place predominantly in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. The archive also would include pre-1950 paper logs, as well as those from rare operations, and logs kept by long-time residents of very rare entities." For the complete press release, see:  
<http://www.arrl.org/news/major-arrrl-second-century-campaign-gift-from-ja1bk-will-support-dx-log-archive>

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

PA70, THE NETHERLANDS (Update). Special Event Station, PA70OMG, will be on the air between September 12-21st. Activity is to commemorate and celebrate the 70 years of freedom, and as part of Operation Market Garden (OMG) in World War II, paratroopers of the allied forces, such as American, British, Canadian, Polish and Dutch troops, landed in the Nijmegen region on September 17th, 1944, and the region was soon be liberated after four years of German occupation.

During the 10 days of activity, the callsign PA70OMG will try to work as many amateur radio operators across the world as possible. So far the special event site has been surveyed and they have chosen their antennas as well as the antenna-positioning on the terrain. All the necessary equipment has been collected. HF bandpass filters have been made available by PI4DEC and many other radio-amateurs have been very generous with their equipment. Thanks to all of you.

Sponsoring of the station is at full swing and they are confident that they will reach their final budget for the entire operation. Many thanks as well to all the sponsors who have contributed so far.

In the meantime many radio-amateurs have signed up to join them during the entire operation and to activate the callsign PA70OMG. If you're interested in joining them please drop them a note on their Web site.

For local publication, they designed posters to invite the population to visit them at their special event site. If you find yourself in the vicinity of Groesbeek and Nijmegen, be sure to visit them throughout the activities of the special event station. They are situated at one of the exact landing grounds of the 82nd Airborne division. Next to the poster the QSL design is ready and published on the Web site. Information is also available on QRZ.COM.

You can also follow PA70OMG on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PA70OMG>  
Furthermore, don't forget to visit their Web site at:  
<http://www.pa2p.nl/pa70omg>

New pictures and panoramic views have been published lately. You'll also find their exact location and their contact form. The PA70OMG team states, "Let's commemorate and celebrate 70 years of freedom. Hoping to work you all soon."

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators John/K4BAI, Jeff/KU8E, Dennis/K2SX, Leslie/W2LK and Hans/PJ4LS will be active as PJ4A from the "PJ4G Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) during CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-? entry. The team will be on the island between November 25th and December 2nd. Outside the contest, operators will be active as PJ4/homecall. QSL PJ4A, PJ4/K4BAI and PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. QSL all others via their home callsigns. Check out the "PJ4G Radio House" at:  
<http://www.pj4g.com>

PRESS RELEASE (Friedrichshafen, Germany). Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC, from the Amateur Radio Section of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archives Radio Communications/QSL Collection, has informed OPDX that the following 2014 Friedrichshafen Ham Radio Lectures (listed below, and previous years' lectures) are available at:

<http://www.dokufunk.org/talk>

- \* "Yagi and Quad antennas for HF/Shortwave" by Martin Steyer, DK7ZB, (in German)-- in two parts.
- \* "The Enigma and Others famous Cipher Machines" by Tom Perera, W1TP
- \* "FT5ZM- Amsterdam Island DXpedition" by Ralph Fedor, K0IR

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 1-7th)....

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 Sept/02nd AN    Sept/05th HN    Sept/07th AN  
 Sept/03rd 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

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

SPECIAL NOTE (Canadian Postal Costs). QSL Manager Nenad, VE3EXY, reports:

"I am still receiving two green stamps with SAE for direct overseas QSLing of my clients. Please be advised that Canada Post has increased the postal rates on April 1. 2014 as follows:

Overseas: \$2.5 CDN + %13 Taxes, (max 30 gr) or 1 valid and stamped IRC  
 US: \$1.2 CDN + %13 Taxes (max 30 gr)

Please take above values in consideration when mailing. Today's Exchange rate is: \$1 CDN = \$0.92 U.S."

T49C QSL STATUS. AI, K8SIX, reported on August 28th: "All T49C cards will be going out in tomorrow's mail. Had to wait for the logs and when they came in it was vacation time."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4S7DFG, 4X6KA, 4Z4OQ, 4Z5IW, 5B4AHL, 7Z1TT, 8P6NW, 9A0HQ, 9A7C, 9K2GS, 9K2OD, A71AM, CN8YR, EG3ANT, ES5RW, FG4NO, FO4BM, FR4NT, GJ0VNK, HI8CR, HI8K, HK3W, HP3AK, IR8C, MU0FAL, OL4HQ, PJ4DX, RA3QK, SN0HQ, SV3GLL, SV9CVY, SX5LA, TG9AJR, UA3KW, UA4LCH, UA9MA, UN6GDX, V21ZG, VK8NSB, VU2NKS, W1AW/5, YB9DJ, YR0HQ and ZS8Z

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2RH, 3E100PC, 4Y1A, A35JP/P, A43MI, BA5CJ/5, BD5BAJ, C7A, EX8VZ, J6/G0VJG, JA6TBE/5, OJ0R, PJ4/G3TXF, S01WS, T6T, TM70UTAH, VP2MSN, XR0YG, YN9SU, YV8AD and ZS8Z

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3A/ON4LG, 3DA0FC, 4L1MA, 4S7KKG, 5V7TH, 8P9XC, 8Q7TB, 9G1AA, 9H25Y, 9H3AAG, 9L5MS, 9M2MRS, A6/DL9WVM, A61AV/P, CN2LG, CS8/PD9DX, CT8/DK9WI, EA8/DJ9BN, EA8/DK1R1/P, H44MS, HB0/ON4WRC, HB0/PA3CNO, HS0ZJF/9, J45MD, J45PO, J79ZG, J8/PE1IGM, JW/DL2JRM, LX/PA3DUU, MD/DM2VC, MJ/ON6NB, MU/OT9Z, MU/PA9M, MU/PA0VHA, OH0/ON5UR, OH0/PA2AM, OX5YL, OY/DL3UB, OY/PA2A, PJ2/PA1CC, PJ2/PA0VDV, PJ2/PE2MC, PJ4X, PZ5MM, SI9AM, SW8YY, T2YY, T6JR, T8GM, TN2MS, TO3X, TF/PA3DUU, TF/PD3EM, TF/PD7YY, XU7AFU, and Z21MA

SILENT KEY. It is with great sadness to report that Tony, N3ME, father of Bernie McClenny, W3UR, Editor of The Daily DX, became a Silent Key on August 25th, at the age of 70 years. OPDX and its readers would like to

send out our deepest sympathy to the McClenny family and friends of N3ME.

SV5, DODECANESE. George KQ8Z (C6AZZ, GM0IIO), will be active as SV5/GM0IIO from Kos Island (EU-001) between August 28th and September 8th. Activity will be holiday style on 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. Equipment is a K3 w/100 watts into a 1/2 wave vertical endfed antenna. QSL via GM0IIO, direct only, SAE and either 1 EURO for Europe or 2 USDs for the rest of the world. NO BUREAU.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI (Update/Bulletin #2): "(August 29th, 2014) --

Everything is on schedule 4 weeks before our expedition starts at the end of September. As already announced our group will run four stations 24/7. Also one or two more well equipped stations can be used from time to time and as back-up. Only one station will be possible on each band at the same time because we have only one antenna location. The antenna setup includes 3 spider beams, a 4 element for 6 m, several full size loops and verticals and small amplifiers. Our main targets are lots of radio contacts with far away Europe, but we will not forget the hams from the other parts of the world. A serious effort is planned to all bands 160 to 6 m and modes CW, SSB and RTTY. We decided to change the previous announced 10-m-SSB-Frequency from 28.445 to 28.465 MHz to avoid conflicts at the IOTA frequency 28460 kHz with our split. The most wanted bands and modes are known and will be considered. Right now we have no plans to take part in any contests to a full extend. If we have a good internet access we will do a daily log update at club log.

The T30D-crew is overwhelmed and grateful for the great support of many Ham Radio Foundations and individual hams. Special thanks go to sponsors who have made a donation in advance. This helped a lot with early expedition costs. Our crew also wants to thank the DL7DF-crew and DL9GFB for material help. One last challenge was to receive the confirmation from the involved airlines for oversize and excess baggage which is not only extremely expensive but also a long process.

Keep your fingers crossed for a high FLUX and good conditions. We look forward to receive messages of good and unexpected band openings during our stay and therefore we will check our email several times a day."

T7, SAN MARINO (Satellite Op). Operators Boris/9A2GA and Neven/9A5YY will be active as T7/homecall on an amateur radio satellites DXpedition from the Republic of San Marino (Grid JN63FW) between Friday, September 5th, and Sunday, September 7th. They will be active during the day on the majority of satellite passes. They plan to be on air via AO-7, FO-29 and SO-50 satellites (CW, SSB, FM). Please, be short giving reports and give others chance to do satellite QSO with them. QSL via their home call signs 9A2GA and 9A5YY, for details see QRZ.com.

TA7/TC7, TURKEY. Jun, JH4RHF/OE1ZKC, will be active as TC7S from Trabzon during the CQWW DX CW Contest November 29-30th, as a Single-Op entry. Activity before and after the contest he will be active as TA7/OE1ZKC. QSL via OE1ZKC, direct or by the Bureau.

UBA 14-18 AWARD. In commemoration of the World War One centenary, the Royal Union of Belgian Radio Amateurs (UBA) issues a remembrance award. Between August 1st, 2014, and November 30th, 2018, applicants must collect at least 1418 points. The following rules apply for obtaining points:

- \* OPOPPIY = 500 points
- \* Special event stations with prefix OP14, OP15, OP16, OP17, OP18 contribute each for 250 points; Belgian stations need to work at least three of these stations, other European stations two and stations outside of Europe one;
- \* During the month of November of the years 2014-2018 all other Belgian stations will count 30 points.

There are no band or mode restrictions, but contacts via terrestrial

repeaters, Echolink etc. are not accepted. Every station may be accounted for only once in the AWARD application. There is an "Endorsement" available if you collect the 1418 points in one calendar year. Five of these "endorsements" are available (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018).

The AWARD is free of charge, and only available in digital form. Send your log extract in TXT format as well as your points calculation to:  
on4cas@uba.be

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. Four Australian operators will be active as VK9NT from Norfolk Island (OC-005, WLOTA 1469, WWFF VKFF-392) between September 12-21st. Operators mentioned are Chris/VK3QB (Team Leader), Luke/VK3HJ, Brenton/VK3CBV and Lee/VK3GK. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. No Digital or 6m activity is planned. Equipment will be 2x TS-480HX, KX-3/KXPA-100, verticals and dipoles. Another KX-3 will be used portable and for some SOTA activity. Logs will be uploaded daily to ClubLog, and soon after the end of the activity to LoTW. An OQRS via ClubLog will also be active. QSL via VK2CA, direct or by the Bureau. For more information and updates, visit: <http://vk9nt.odxg.org/vk9nt2014>

W4DXCC PRESS RELEASE #3. Dave Anderson, K4SV, reports [edited]: "The W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention located in Pigeon Forge, TN, between September 26-27th, is less than 30 days. This is our 10th year and it will be another great event.

The presentation schedule is full and packed with presentations. We have had two new arrivals, Heil Sound and Steppir Antennas. Our manufacturers are located in the lobby right outside of the conference hall allowing you easy access to all the gear. Come and have a one on one conversation with the manufacturers and twist the knobs.

Heil Sound will have two workshops called 'The Science of Audio' on Saturday. Come learn how to improve your audio from Bob Heil himself.

We will conduct Amateur FCC License testing. It's a great time to upgrade or get your spouse or friends licensed.

Pigeon Forge is a wonderful place for the family too, bring the family and they can enjoy the local attractions while you enjoy the convention.

Check out the details at <<http://www.w4dxcc.com/>>."

W9DXCC PRESS RELEASE. Howie Huntington, K9KM, PR Chairman/NIDXA W9DXCC Committee reports [edited]: "It is NOT TOO LATE to register for the 62nd annual W9DXCC, now less than one month away. The hotel special rate is only good through August 28th, and banquet orders must be received by September 13th, so please register now at: <http://w9dxcc.com/registration.html>

DXers, those interested in learning more about DXing, and their guests are welcome. If you have already registered, we thank you and appreciate your continued support. PayPal or a check with the form are accepted.

W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet - September 19-20th, 2014, Hyatt Regency Schaumburg (new, larger location), 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173

Friday, September 19th

\* DX-U ☐ Opens at 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

A full day of exciting topics: Software, Propagation, Station Engineering, DX Contesting, Pileups, QSLing, and Conquering a Small Lot.

\* RECEPTION and Cash Bar 5:00 PM, hosted by SMC along with W9DXCC Early Registration, Atrium

\* HOSPITALITY SUITE 9:00 PM, hosted by Northern Illinois DX Association, Room 1321

Saturday, September 20th

\* PROGRAM ☐ Opens at 8:00 AM, begins at 9:00 AM.

'DXpeditions and the 21st Century Dynamics', Bob Allphin, K4UEE

'DXpeditions for the Rest of Us', Jim Fitzpatrick, WI9WI

'Topband DXpedition Operations, Amsterdam and Wake Island', Craig Thompson, K9CT  
'NCDXF Update', Glenn Johnson, W0GJ  
'ARRL Roundtable Discussion', ARRL First Vice President Rick Roderick/ K5UR, Central Division Director Dick Isely/W9GIG, Central Division Vice Director, Kermit Carlson/W9XA, and DX Advisory Committee, Jim O'Connell, W9WU  
'Cycle 24 Update, FT5ZM Skewed Paths, Maunder Minimum and More', Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA  
'The ARRL Lab: Trials, Tribulations, and Tall Tale', Ed Hare, W1RFI  
'From the Top of My Tower I can see W9-land', Glenn Johnson, W0GJ  
'The Amsterdam Island FT5ZM DXpedition', Ralph Fedor, K0IR

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES: QSL checking, Vendor Exhibits, Many Prizes  
CW PILEUP Contest 5:00 PM  
RECEPTION. 5:30 PM, Atrium Lounge  
BANQUET. Speaker ARRL First Vice President Rick Roderick K5UR, the DX Countdown, and grand prizes.  
HOSPITALITY SUITE, hosted by Greater Milwaukee DX Association after the banquet, Room 1321  
For more information about W9DXCC, E-mail: [casey@w9lp.com](mailto:casey@w9lp.com)  
W9DXCC is an ARRL approved Operating Specialty Convention and is sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association: <http://nidxa.org>

WEBINAR (A Long Overdue Review of Gray Line Propagation on the Low Bands). Ken, K4ZW, reports: "The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) is pleased to present "A Long Overdue Review of Gray Line Propagation on the Low Bands" with Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA. Carl will trace the origin of gray line propagation, and show that there is a problem with the current explanation that propagation along the terminator is efficient. He will then provide an alternative explanation for gray line that satisfies both observations and ionospheric physics."

Date: Thursday, September 11

Time: 9 PM EDT (Friday, September 12 - 01:00 UTC)

Registration: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/582697442>

WESTERN GRID EXPEDITION (Satellite). OPDX Web Master John, K8YSE, will be embarking on a grid expedition to some Western States beginning shortly after Labor Day. The grids that he will definitely operate from are: CN93, CN96, DN03, DN05, DN07, DN14, DN15, DN20, DN21, DN22, DN23, DN48, DN54, DN68, DN76, DN78, DM38, DM48 and DM49. John states, "There will be many other grids on the route, but I'll only operate from them if the situation permits. This is a tent camping trip, and the weather will play a role in when and if I can operate. The first grid will be DN54 although there may be one or two before that depending on the timing. I will be using an Icom 910H and an Arrow or Elk antenna rather than the setup in my truck that was used on the Lake Superior Expedition. Setup time and weather will be a factor. I don't anticipate operating in darkness although it may be possible at campsites. I will be using computer control on the linear birds. We don't have many satellites now and since AO-7 is now switching between Mode A and B, it will only be available every other day. The primary birds will be FO-29 and SO-50. There may be some AO-73, but not likely. If AO-7 is weak, I may operate on CW on that bird only." John will be track-able on APRS as K8YSE-9 (cellphone 3g/4g) and/or K8YSE-12 on RF. He also adds, "Sometime in October I will plan a short trip over to DM63/64 if anyone needs those grids. And on January 1st, 2015, I will operate at least one pass from FM13 in the afternoon." John doesn't anticipate doing LoTW for this expedition. Cards should be sent direct to him. If you have many contacts to confirm, a log excerpt can be sent that he can sign and return to you. Please make sure you indicate which grid he was in for each QSO. He also plans to record all passes and log on paper as well. QSOs will be confirmed sometime in December. To read John's complete press release, to:

<http://amsat.org/pipermail/amsat-bb/2014-August/050548.html>

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Bob, G4DBW, will once again be active as ZD8RH from Ascension Island between September 22-30th (subject to flight confirmation). If like last time, Bob will be working on the island, and his activity will be limited. Operations will be mainly on CW. Suggested frequencies are around 7007, 10105, 14007, 18073, 21007, 24897 and 28007 kHz. Equipment is a FT857 w/100 watts and a modified MP-1 portable whip antenna. Bob will be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (Septemeber 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15 or 10m) entry. QSL direct via G4DBW with 2 'green stamps' or IRC or via RSGB Bureau. Bureau replies can take up to 18 months.

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