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*** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTES (by Tedd, KB8NW): This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late CQWW DX SSB Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the CQWW DX SSB Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 17th-October, through Friday, 24th-October there were 225 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, 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, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK3, 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".

3W, VIETNAM. Dervin "Derk", PD9DX, is now active as 3W2LI/PD9DX from Ho Chi Minh City until October 29th. Activity has been on SSB and on 15 meters. QSL via PD9DX, direct or by the Bureau. NO IRCS.

3W, VIETNAM. Tony, KM0O, will be active as 3W3O from Danang between November 25th and December 24th. His main activity will be the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Tony likes 80 and 160 meters, so he will probably be emphasizing those bands before and after the contest. QSL via LoTW, by the Bureau or KM0O (see QRZ.com). He will upload his logs to LoTW as promptly as possible. QSLs will not go out until summer of 2015.

4A, MEXICO. Alejandro, XE1EE, will use the special callsign 4A5XX (to celebrate his 20 yrs in amateur radio) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Band entry. QSL via LoTW, LZ3HI, eQSL, by the Bureau and direct to his home callsign. ADDED NOTE: Callsign is valid for one year. See: <http://www.qrz.com/db/4A5XX>

4X, ISRAEL. Operators Zvi/4X6FR and Moshe/4X1DX will be active as 4X7R from Herzliya during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a

Multi-Single/All-Band entry. QSL via 4X6FR.

8Q, MALDIVES. Francesco, IK0FUX, will be active as 8Q7UX from Maayafushi Island (AS-013) between December 1-9th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands, mainly CW. His equipment is an Icom IC-7000 into a Big stick MFJ-2286 and dipole. QSL via his home callsign.

9K, KUWAIT. Operators Hamad/9K2HN, Essa/9K2HQ, Yasser/9K2MY, Muhammad/9K2NO, Osama/9K2OD, Ahmad/9K2QA, Basil/9K2RX and Nick/HB9EFK will be active as 9K2HN during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi/Single or Multi-2 entry. QSL via 9K2HN, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW. Visit the home page at: <http://www.9k2hn.com>

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Members of the Malaysian Special Expedition Team will be active as 9M2SE from Pangkor (AS-072) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via 9M2RDX. Operators mentioned are Piju/9M2PJU, Rahmat/9M2RMT, Khairul/9M2KRZ, Weerut/9W2RUT and Mohd/9W2EDU. For more details, visit the following Blog page at: <http://9m2se.blogspot.com>
Also, see below: IOTA NEWS - AS-072.

AH2, GUAM. Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are: Nozomu/JE8KKX (AH2K), Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C), Tad/JA3XOG, Kazumasa/JG3RPL, Sato/JH7QXJ and Mikawa/JR7OMD. QSL via LoTW or direct to JH7QXJ. PLEASE DO NOT QSL via the KH2 Bureau.

ASIAN AND AFRICAN TOUR. Toshi, JA8BMK, plans to be active over the next month and into the new year. Activity will be focused mainly on the lower bands (160-80m) with better receive antennas and locations. His tentative schedule is as follows:

October 31st-November 20th - Nagarkot, Nepal; callsign 9N7BM; set up a vertical in stead of a inverted V with RX antennas.

January 10-25th (2015) - Antananarivo, Madagascar; callsign 5R8DX; operators Toshi/JA8BMK and Ken/JN1THL; focusing on the low bands.

February 5-25th (2015) - Vientiane, Laos; callsign; from a new QTH with lower noise and wider area and with RX antennas.

March 1-31st (2015) - Nha Trang, Vietnam; callsign XV7BM; with improved RX antennas.

QSL all callsigns via JA8BMK.

BV, TAIWAN. Look for the BV2A club station of China Radio Association (C.R.A.) in Taipei to be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via BV2A. Operators mentioned are Tang/BM2AAV, Eddie/BV2DD, Evan/BV2KS and YaoJun/BV5OO.

C45, CYPRUS. Spyros, 5B4MF, will be active as C45T during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Assisted/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via his address on QRZ.com.

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. Gerben, PG5M, has announced that he will be active as CE0Y/PG5M from Easter Island (SA-001) between November 23-28th. This will be a holiday-style operation. Further details will be forthcoming.

QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct or the OQRS on his Web page. Important: Don't use IRCs as they can't be exchanged at his post office. For updates, watch his Web page and Twitter account at:

<http://www.dx.to>

<http://twitter.com/@PG5M>

CQ NEWS (CQ Reconsiders Policy on Crimea in CQ Contests). The following was announced Tuesday, October 21st: "In response to requests from a large number of testers around the world, CQ has reconsidered its decision regarding the acceptance of logs from stations in Crimea in CQ-sponsored contests.

As CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, explained, 'a large portion of the contesting community felt that we were unfairly denying our fellow amateurs in Crimea of the opportunity to fully participate in our contests. Since the country list for CQ contests is based on a combination of the Worked All Europe (WAE) and ARRL DXCC lists, and the ARRL has already adopted a

policy regarding Crimean stations in its award and contest programs, we will amend our policy to be consistent with the ARRL's DXCC policy.'

'Therefore, the listings of Crimean stations submitting logs for CQ contests will be based on the call sign under which they have operated. If they used Russian-issued calls in the contest, they will be listed under Russia; if they used Ukrainian-issued calls in the contest, they will be listed under Ukraine. This change reflects not only the desire of many contesters around the world, but also of a large majority of members of the CQ World Wide DX Contest Committee.'

DXCC NEWS. The DXCC desk is now accepting ZS8A QSLs for DXCC. If you've submitted a card that was rejected for lack of documentation, send a note to <dxccadmin@arrl.org> to have your record updated.

E2, THAILAND. Members of the Thailand DX Association (HSDXA) will be active as E2X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via E20GMY. Operators mentioned are Phot/E20GMY, Kriangkrai/E20HHK, Wat/E20MDN, First/E22WWZ, Paul/HS4DDQ, HS4HLW, Art/HS4LKW, Apiwat/HS4SCI, Wanlop/HS6MYW, Son/HS6NDK and Bunknite/HS6RMY. Visit the HSDXA FaceBook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/hsdxa>

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Andrea/IK1PMR and YL Claudia/PA3LEO will once again be active as EA8/homecall from Tenerife Island (AF-004) between December 9th and January 8th (2015). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via HB9FKK (preferred) or their home call signs, by the Bureau, direct, or E-mail requests for Bureau cards. Also via LoTW and Clublog. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.ik1pmr.com>

ED9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Members of the Ceuta Legion Contest Team will be active as ED9K during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are Jose/EA7BJ, Salvador/EA7FQB, Jorge/EA7HZ, David/EA7IVN, Julio/EA7JB, Manolo/EA7LL, Jose/EA7LS, Cris/EA7RU, and Jose/EA9CD. QSL via EA7LS, only direct (NO BUREAU - NO IRCs). Visit the ED9K Team's FaceBook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/ed9kteam>

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS (Update). Jaime, WP3A, will be active as EF8U from the Las Palmas Contest Club radio station (EA8URL) on Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Assisted entry. Before and after the contest he will sign EA8/WP3A. QSL direct only via NP3O. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW after he returns to Puerto Rico.

FT4TA, TROMELIN ISLAND. Just a reminder that members of the F6KOP Team and Lyon DX Gang will be activating FT4TA from Tromelin Island between October 30th and November 10th. They plan to have 4 stations on the air for 10 days, on 160-10 meters using SSB, CW and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are <<http://www.tromelin2014.com/plan-de-bande/>>:

CW - 1826.5, 3523, 7023, 10115, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023 kHz

SSB - 3790, 7082, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz

RTTY - 10142, 18099, 21080, 24912 and 28080 kHz

6m - 50105/CW and 50105/SSB

An online log will be available during the DXpedition. An OQRS will be available by ClubLog. QSL via F1NGP. QSLing details can be seen at:

<http://www.tromelin2014.com/cartes-qs1>

For more details, visit: <http://www.tromelin2014.com>

EW3, BELARUS (WFF Op). Eugene, EW3LK, will activate Prostyr (EWFF-024) for the World Wide Flora & Fauna Award (WWF) between November 1-4th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB.

HC0, ECUADOR. Members of the Quito Radio Club (HC1QRC) will be active as HC0E from Quito during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via HC1QRC or HC1JQ.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Ezequiel, HI3EPR, will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct (see QRZ.com).

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Tino, HI3CC, will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160m)/Low-

Power entry. QSL via W2CCW.

HO1, PANAMA. Members of the Colon DX Group will be active as HO1C from Panama during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. Operators mentioned are Emilio/HP2NG, Jose/HP2BWJ, Manolis/HP1CQ, Dorian/HP2DB, Roger/HP2ROC and max/HP2EK. QSL via HP1CQ.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. (Update) Dan, S50U, reports, "On Thursday night strong winds caused by Gonzalo hurricane destroyed almost all antennas at IO9Y M/M Lampedusa Contest Team station. There will be only sporadic operation from IG9/CALL stations in low-power category during CQWW SSB contest. All transportations from the Island are canceled because of bad weather and team will return home when ferries start to run."

AS-072. Members of the 9M2SE Malaysian Special Expedition Team will be active from Pangkor Island between 0800z, November 7th and 0100z, November 9th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and CW. Operators mentioned are Piju/9M2PJU, Rizal/9M2RDX, Khairul/9M2KRZ, Wak Mit/9M2TPT, Rosli/9M2RHQ, Zamri/9W2NMX, Ikmal/9W2EDU, Mat Meran/9W2VVN, Weerut/9W2RUT, Kopok/9W2JDY and Izat/9W2RI. They will have 2 transceivers with 100 watts on the air using 2 element 3 bands yagi (20/15/10m), EFHW vertical (40-10m) and G5RV junior (40-10m). Piju informs OPDX, "Please support our activity. We are promoting our country, heritage, culture, beautiful islands and beaches to the world. Malaysia has many beautiful beaches and islands, lots of city excitement, nature and adventure, also cultural attractions. It is time to explore Malaysia. Spread the words."

EU-025. The I19K Contest Team will once again be active as I19K from Sicily Island during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are Giuseppe/IT9HBT, Girolamo/IT9GNG, Rino/IT9FXY, Vincenzo/IT9ECQ, Sal/IW9FRA, Mike/IF9ZWA, Domenico/IW9GTD, Salvatore/DH7SA and Josep/EA3KS. The I19K Contest Team will be active with an improved setup and new Momobeam stacked Yagis. QSL via IT9HBT.

EU-174. Operators Peter/HA5OV, Kéki/YT7DQ, Barichek/YU7CM and YZ7ZZ are now active as SV8/HA5OV from Thassos Island (GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA LH-4186, QRA KN20HS) until October 29th. Look for operators to use their own call signs outside of the contest as SV8/homecall. QSL via their home call signs.

IOTA and Crimea - "IOTA Management has decided that, given the unresolved political situation in Crimea, it has no course open to it except, for a period initially of one year, to freeze certain actions connected with Crimea that it would normally take in the routine management of the IOTA programme. This means that it will not accept or issue credit for EU-180 operations taking place after 17 March 2014 that use a non-Ukrainian call sign, or accede to any requests from programme participants for update of their records or changes of call sign and/or checkpoint that involve a change of DXCC entity. The Committee will review the situation after one year in the light of developments. IOTA Management regrets taking this action but it accords with practice adopted elsewhere..... G3KMA, 21 Oct 2014"

SA-024. Operators Marcelo/PY2AE, Murilo/PY2DS, João/PU2KKE, Willian/PU2XIZ and Fábio/PU2KFL will be active as ZX2CA from Cardoso Island (DIB SP-07), and as PW2BA from Bom Abrigo Island and Lighthouse (ARLHS-BRA-013, DIB-SP-05, DFB-SP-03) between November 21-24th. Operators will spend two days on each island (Cardoso Island should be first depending on the sea conditions). Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10/6/2 meters using CW and SSB. QSL ZX2CA via PY2DS direct. QSL PW2BA via PY2AE direct.

IY, ITALY (Special Prefix). Look for special event station IY1EY to be active between November 1st and December 31st, from Loano <www.ariloano.it> to commemorate the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from his yacht

'Elettra' in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. Expect activity on CW and SSB, and on all bands including 30/17/12m. Receive a special QSL card via IK1QBT direct.

JW, SVALBARD. Look for JW5E, Svalbardgruppen Av NRRL Clubstation on Longyearbyen, to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) possibly as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via JW5E. List of operators were not mentioned. Visit the JW5E Web page at: <http://jw5e.com>

JW, SVALBARD. Alexander, UA3IPL, will be once again active as JW/UA3IPL from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) for 4 months starting October 30th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW (slow speed), SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. Equipment will be a Yaesu FT-857D with FC30 tuner into a G5RV antenna. QSL via RW6HS direct.

KH7, HAWAII. Once again the members of the "Coconut Wireless Contest Club" (formerly AH6XX) will be active as KH7CW from Aiea, on the Island of Oahu (USI HI008S, WLOTA 1227, WW Loc. BL11bj, Honolulu county), Hawaii (OC-019) in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are: Tetsuo/AH7C, Soi/JH1ECG, Rich/K2WR, Akira/KH6BU and possibly 2 others. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K2WR.

KP1, NAVASSA (Press Release). From the The KP1-5 Project, dated October 22nd: "The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has notified the KP1-5 Project that they will be the team to activate Navassa Island (KP1) in January 2015.

The DXpedition will be a maximum of fourteen days. The exact dates in January will be determined by USFWS mission requirements and weather windows.

Our experienced team of fifteen is complete and is ready for the challenge. The weeks ahead will be extremely busy as the team has less than 90 days before the DXpedition comes on the air.

January is the month of minimum bird nesting activity and this is the primary reason USFWS is asking that the operation be completed during that month. However, the weather is unpredictable in January and because Navassa is surrounded by cliffs, this may preclude a safe landing by boat. For safety reasons and in order to maximize our time on the Island and on the air, a helicopter operation is planned. Navassa is over 100 miles (160 km) from the nearest helicopter staging point and as many as ten round trips will be required at the beginning and end of the operation. Obviously, this means that there will be a significant cost for activating this #1 ranked DXCC entity.

In the next few weeks, we be working with USFWS and as details firm up, we will issue periodic press releases. Check our webpage, <<http://www.kp1-5.com>> for more details of the operation and how you may financially support this DXpedition.

The KP1-5 Project team has committed to fund 50% of the total costs. We are hopeful the DX community at large will fund the remainder. for The KP1-5 Project,

Bob Allphin, K4UEE, President
Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Vice-president
Mike Thomas, NA5U, Secretary"

ADDED NOTES:

* OPDX was informed that the callsign they will use on the island will be "K1N".

* Press Release: "INDEXA Supports Navassa Island DXpedition -- Hello fellow DXers and INDEXA Members:

INDEXA is pleased to announce that we are generously supporting the just announced major DXpedition to Navassa Island, KP1. The official team announcement says this will occur in January, 2015. The DXpedition call will be announced later. Navassa Island is currently ranked #2 on the DX Magazine's "Most Wanted list".

The Navassa Island DXpedition Team leader is Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and he has assembled an extraordinary team of DXpeditioners with the know-how to plan, implement and activate the rarest of the rare DX entities. The team includes AA7JV, HA7RY, K0IR, K4UEE, K5AC, K9CT, N2TU, N4GRN, NA5U, NM1Y, VE7CT, W0GJ, W6IZT, and WB9Z.

INDEXA is the first DXpedition support group to announce financial support for this DXpedition. This support is possible because of your membership in INDEXA and the many prior donations. Interestingly, over

half of the DXpedition team is made up of INDEXA officers, directors and members. INDEXA has provided support that is over and above what is customary; so if you would like to help replenish our reserves you might consider an additional contribution via the web page <<http://www.indexa.org>>.

This DXpedition should provide many of you with an all-time new DXCC entity as well as new band/mode countries for various ARRL, CQ and IOTA awards.

Regards,
Gary Dixon, K4MQG - INDEXA President
John Scott, K8YC - VP-Newsletter Editor
Dick Williams, W3OA - Secretary-Treasurer"

NH2, GUAM (OC-026). Joel, KG6DX, will be active as NH2DX in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via NH2DX, CBA or QRZ.com address. NO Bureau QSLs.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Operators Juha/OH1JT, Jouko/OH1RX, Kari/OH2XX, Ari/OH5DX, Tomi/OH6EI and Pasi/OH6UM will be active as OH0Z during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W0MM.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Pekka, OH2YY, will be active as OH0YY from Aland Island during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band (only 40-10m) entry. He states, "I will not have time to install antennas for 75 and 160." QSL via OH2YY.

OP, BELGIUM (Special Prefixes). Belgian Telecom authorities (BIPT) granted to all Belgian stations the privilege to use the OP prefix to commemorate the Great War between November 1-30th of each year and until 2018 (included).

P4, ARUBA. Operators Elza/K4ISV, Ray/K9RS and Art/N3DXX will be active as P40S from the P49Y rental station in Pos Chiquito (WW Loc. FK52AL), Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via K9QVB.

P5, NORTH KOREA (Update On The P5/K6VVA Quest). Rick, K6VVA, posted the following on October 20th: "In just a few months will begin Year #9 of my quest for approval to operate from P5. There have been many, MANY different proposals made to the D.P.R.K. Authorities during the past 8 Years. Recently, my primary Advocate and Envoy to P5 has left the NGO to a new position with a different organization not involved with Humanitarian work in the D.P.R.K. I am pursuing alternative new pathways to success in this project to be able to fulfill the intended Humanitarian goal, and the objective to provide an equal opportunity for all DXCC Program participants in need of ONE "CW" QSO credit with North Korea.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES & INFORMATION -- An original purpose of the P5/K6VVA Expedition was to operate from at least one IOTA (AS-197), with background plans to hopefully QRV from all 4 of the P5 IOTAs. However, based on data Results of my K6VVA IOTA SURVEY and a very detailed analysis of almost 100,000 QSOs made by 25 different "IOTA-ONLY" Expeditions, plans have now changed. The previous expressions of interest in donations for Humanitarian work in the D.P.R.K. were astonishing for which I am grateful. Yet, LESS than 5% (Five Percent) of Callsigns from the serious IOTA Community in the combined 2010 + 2014 Honor Roll and Annual Listing Reports participated. The overwhelming level of support for the Humanitarian goal in the D.P.R.K. came from the DXCC Community. Accordingly, IOTA is no longer a primary objective in my P5/K6VVA plans due to lack of IOTA support."

To read the complete update by Rick, go to: <http://www.k6vva.com/p5>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 27th-November 2nd)....

Oct/27th HN	Oct/30th AN	Nov/01st AN
Oct/28th AN	Oct/31st AN	Nov/02nd AN
Oct/29th 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's is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PoISAR system used by NASA.

PS43, BRAZIL (Special Event). Look for special event station PS43GPB to be on the air because of the Grand Prix Brasil F1 Race, Interlagos Circuit, from São Paulo between November 1-10th. Activity will be SSB only, and on 20/17/15/10 meters. QSL via PS7AB, direct (SASE + USD), by the Bureau, LoTW, and eQSL. SWL QSL cards are welcome. For more informations, see: <http://www.qrz.com/db/ps43gpb>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (October 24th)

3W2LI/PD9DX via PD9DX IT9/VE8DX via VE3FDX SN1956PW via SP3PGR
5T0ITU via ON8RA J43TR via SV3DCX SN650B via SQ9CAQ
8P5A via NN1N JV5A via WV6E SP/DJ9ZZZ via DJ9ZZZ
9A/DJ8QP via DJ8QP JW1ENA via LA1ENA SP/DL1EKO via DL1EKO
9M2TO via JA0DMV K3K via K3TW SV0GU via DL4SV
EA8/UY5ZZ via UY5ZZ KH7Y via EA5GL SV3/DF9ZV via DF9ZV
EA9KB via EA7FTR N8M via KD8HNF TG9AJR via NR6M
EG5PO via EA5HOX OP14Z via ON4GI TJ3SN via IZ1BZV
FR5DZ via F6CXV OR3A via ON6CC TT8/F5RQP via F5RQP
GB1BGS via GW1IOT P40L via WA3FRP V31SW via W3HMK
GW3TTC/P via G3TTC PH146EU via PD7YY V5/OE6GLD via OE6GLD (d)
IG9/S59M via W3HMK R14CWC/0 via UA0C VI3RVAC via VK3CAM
II8RJP via IK8PXZ R14CWC/7 via RK6HG
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5Q2J, 8Q7SN, 9M6XRO, A61DD, EA3DUM, F6ATS, GM4WZL, HA5AGS, HB9CVQ, JA1BJI, JE4JPQ, JG1TIV, JM1LRA, KH2L, KH6GMP, OO2T, RA4CC, SV5/DL3DRN, SV5/G0TSM, SV9CVY, TG9ANF, TJ3SN, VK4UC, VP9I, YC1DOL, ZA/ON4ANN, ZA/ON4CCV, ZA/ON6NB and ZA/S56A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3W4DK, 9M2MI, BA4TB, CE0Z/UA4WHX, CT1CT, F8BEC, HK0/UA4WHX, RI44ANT, RK9UN, TY1AA, VK2HSL/BW9 and VK5CE/8

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 9M6XRO, 9M6XRO/P, CO2ELS, DV1UD, JX5O, MQ6EOW, PY5BLG, PY5DK, PY5UP, PY5ZHP and V31ZM

RU9, ASIATIC RUSSIA. Marko, N5ZO, will be active as RU9CZD from R9DX QTH during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or by the Bureau.

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. Roberto, EA2CNU, will be active as S0S from Western Sahara during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). Outside of the contest, he will sign S01WS. QSL both call signs via EA2JG.

STANDARD TIME. Remember to change your clocks next week? Countries who observe Daylight Saving Time (DST), which took place on Sunday, March 9th, are now expected to move their "local clocks" backward 1 hour on Sunday, November 2nd, from 2:00 AM local time to 1:00 AM. In 2015, Daylight Saving Time (DST) will again go into effect on Sunday, March 8th, at 2:00 AM local time. For the history and details about ST and DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_time
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
<http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2015.html>

ADDED NOTE: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change

their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

TI, COSTA RICA. Operators Eddie/K4UN, Juan/TI2JCY, Carlos/TI2KAC and Mauricio/TI4ZM will be active as TI5M from Poas Alajuela during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via TI2KAC. The TI5M callsign is the new callsign for the TI8M Contest Group due to a location change.

VI6, AUSTRALIA (Special Event). Members of the Southern Electronics Group (VK6SR) will be active as VI6ANZAC between October 31st and November 2nd. Activity is to mark the 100th anniversary of the departure of the first convoy of ships carrying ANZAC troops and the significant role Albany has played in Australia's ANZAC history. Operations will primarily focus on the HF bands SSB, 80/40/20/15/10 meters including 30/17/12 meter bands, possibly 160 meters, and depending on the propagation. Also, if they can find some interested operators, there is some possibility of Digital modes and CW. QSL via VK3CAM or by the address on QRZ.com.

VK9DLX, LORD HOWE ISLAND (Updates).....

October 22nd: "Yesterday our last team member Bernd, VK2IA, arrived on the island. Due to business commitments he was not able to stay with us the full length of the DXpedition.

QSOs are running good on all bands, though we observe a decrease of daily QSO numbers. Due to the relative low ranking in the Most Wanted list (#59 clublog.org), we expected this. And the latest solar flare doesn't really help. We will see how conditions develop until the CQWW SSB.

Of course we are also preparing ourselves and the stations for the CQWW SSB contest. We are planning to participate as a Multi-Multi effort with the callsign VK9LM. Even if you already worked VK9DLX, please call us in the contest. Many thanks!

We made some good progress of finding local noise sources which make life very hard on the low bands. One main source was a small power supply of a TV distribution network amplifier. Fortunately we could replace it by one of our notebook power supplies and the noise has almost gone. But meanwhile we have a new noise source, showing up at North America prime time on 160m. We try everything possible to find the source to get a better RX situation on the low bands.

On 80m we are aware that South America is looking for a 80m QSO with us at their sunrise. We try to be QRV just before Lord Howe sunset (around 0700z to 0730z) the next days.

6m was definitely a highlight the last two days. With a 5 Element Yagi on a 10m mast, pointed to JA, we were able to make about 260 QSOs. Mainly with Japan and some VK's. We also observed the opening from North America to FK, but heard absolutely nothing from them. It is still 1200km from FK8CP to VK9DLX. We will continue to observe Magic Band on DX-Cluster. We will also temporarily operate a beacon on 50.114 with antenna directed to Japan. If you notice anything please send the info to the DX cluster network or to our contact form on our homepage.

We still get e-mails and guest-book entries to change this or that callsign in the onlinelog. We definitely will not do that during the DXpedition. If the onlinelog doesn't show your callsign, just work us again. Regarding LoTW: We will upload our log to the Logbook Of The World within 3 months after the DXpedition.

Please also have a look at the picture gallery (<http://www.lordhowe2014.org/service/gallery/index.php>) for new impressions from Lord Howe Island."

October 24th: "This is to inform the contest community that there will be a Multi-Multi operation from Lord Howe Island in the CQWW SSB 2014. Our callsign will be VK9LM. We will operate all six contest bands from 160m to 10m and man the stations when there is propagation from Lord Howe Island to anywhere in the world. Normally you will get DXcluster spots where we are on each band. But especially on the low bands it may be possible that we will not always find a running frequency (especially when we have to compete against European stations). But don't be shy to contact us to ask for a QSY frequency on 160m, 80m or 40m. In most cases not only we are the multiplier, but also you!

There will be no CW operation on the contest bands during the contest.

But we will have two stations which can be operated on 17m and 12m during the contest.

Please note and understand that there will be no upload to Club Log for the contest log as long as the official log checking takes place. Of course we will also upload the QSOs with VK9LM to LOTW later.

Feel free to visit the DXpedition website on <http://www.lordhowe2014.org> and subscribe to our newsletter to stay informed.

No idea who the Lagunaria DX Group is? Just visit <http://www.lagunaria-dx-group.org> and learn more about the group, the people behind it and their goals."

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. Michael, G7VJR, (author of ClubLog) will be active as VK9/G7VJR from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between December 26th and January 2nd (2015). Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW with an Elecraft K3 and 100 watts. QSL via M0OXO or LoTW.

VK0M, MACQUARIE ISLAND (Cancelled). It was announced on QRZ.com a few weeks ago that Rod, VK6MH/GM4AWB, would be active as VK0MH from Macquarie Island (AN-005) between early or starting November 2014 and April 2015. However, this week it was announced on October 15th by Rod, "Alas, my ship L'Astrolabe sailed yesterday to Macquarie and I was not on it. After all the weeks of training were complete I cannot go. On Friday I had a small innocent mole cut off my arm. Late on Monday, I was told it was a Melanoma and so that meant no travel on the ship. I had an op to remove it yesterday although gutted that I cannot go, feel uplifted by support of friends and family and am focused on future adventures :0)"

VR, HONG KONG. Operators Charlie/VR2XMT, Yau/VR2UBC, Solo/VR2CO, Oscar/VR2ZLI, Calvin/VR2ZCL, Brian/VR2ZXM, Dawood/VR2XNG and Farid/VR2UNG will be active as VR2S (Region Scout Special Station by the HKIR IT Club) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL direct via VR2HKS or the address on QRZ.com.

YS, EL SALVADOR. Hiro, JA6WFM, will be active as YS1/NP3J during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5GL or LoTW.

YS, EL SALVADOR. Mario, YS1GMV, member of the Club de Radio Aficionados de El Salvador (CRAS), will be active as YS1YS during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Transmitter entry. QSL via YS1GMV.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th, 2014)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2014 CQWW DX SSB Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2014.html> (By call sign)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqsd2014.html> (By entity)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqsz2014.html> (By zone)

Contest DXCC CQZ Class QSL
Callsign Entity Route

3B8HA Mauritius 39 SO LoTW
3G1B Chile 12 M/? HA1AG
3G3W Chile 12 M/2 XQ4CW
3Z6O Poland 15 LoTW; QSL via SP6NVK (B)
4L8A Georgia 21 SOSB 20M LoTW; QLS via K1BV
4L0A Georgia 21 SOAB HP LoTW
4O3A Montenegro 15 M/S LoTW
4W/K7CO Timor Leste 28 M/? OQRS MM0NDX
4X2M Israel 20 SOSB 80M 4X4DZ
4X7R Israel 20 M/S 4X6OM
5R8C Madagascar 39 M/? LoTW
5W0EF Samoa 32 SO W8AEF
5W0QQ Samoa 32 SO N7CQQ
5W0XH Samoa 32 LoTW; QSL via KD6XH (d)

6Y4K	Jamaica	08		LoTW; QSL via VE3NE (B/d)
9A1P	Croatia	15	M/S	9A2RD
9K2GS	Kuwait	21	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via EA5KB
9K2HN	Kuwait	21	M/?	9K2HN
9M2SE	West Malaysia	28	M/S	9M2RDX
9Y4D	Trinidad & Tobago	09	SOSB 15M	LoTW
A73A	Qatar	21	M/2	A71A
AH2R	Guam	27	M/S	LoTW; QSL via JH7QXJ
AH0K	Mariana Islands	27	M/2	OH6GDX
B4L	China	24	SOAB HP	BY4IIG
BH1IOT	China	24	M/?	BH1IOT
BV2A	Taiwan	24	M/S	BV2A
C37NL	Andorra	14	M/2	C37URA
CE3CT	Chile	12	SOAB	LoTW
CN2R	Morocco	33	M/S	W7EJ
CO2IR	Cuba	08	SOSB 20M	CO2IR
CR3L or CQ3L	Madeira	33	TBD	DJ6QT
CR3A	Madeira	33	M/S	LoTW
CR6K	Portugal	14	M/S	CT1CJJ
D70LW	South Korea	25	M/S	LoTW; QSL via DS4NYE
E2X	Thailand	26	M/S	E20GMY
E78T	Bosnia & Herzegovina	15	SOSB 15M	E78T (B)
EA6/GM0EGI	Balearic Islands	14	M/2	TBD
EA8/RA1A	Canary Islands	33	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via RN3RQ
ED1R	Spain	14	M/2	EC1KR
ED9K	Ceuta & Melilla	33	M/2	EA7LS
EF8S	Canary Islands	33	SOSB 80M	OH2BYS
EF8U	Canary Islands	33	SOAB LP	EA8URE
FR/F4FET	Reunion	39		MM0NDX
FY5FY	French Guiana	09	SOSB	FY5FY
FY5KE	French Guiana	09	SOSB	LoTW
GJ2A	Jersey	14	M/S	LoTW; QSL via (C)
HB9H	Switzerland	14	M/S	HB9CXZ
HB9OK	Switzerland	14	M/S	HB9OCR
HC0E	Ecuador	10	M/2	HC1JQ
HI3CC	Dominican Republic	08	SOSB 160M	W2CCW
HI3EPR	Dominican Republic	08	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via HI3EPR (d)
HK1NA	Colombia	09	M/M	K6IPM
HO1C	Panama	07	M/?	HP1CQ
HR2WW	Honduras	07	SOAB LP	KD4POJ
IG9R	African Italy	33	SOSB	IK8HCG
IH9YMC	African Italy	33	SOSB	eQSL
II9K	Sicily	15	M/2	IT9HBT
IO4W	Italy	15	SOSB 15M	LoTW
IR5A	Italy	15	M/S	LoTW; QSL via (e) and IK5AFJ
J43TR	Greece	20	M/S	SV3DCX
J3A	Grenada	08	SO HP	WA1S
J42T	Greece	20	M/2	LoTW
J79L	Dominica	08	SOSB	SP9FIH
J79X	Dominica	08	SOSB	SP9FIH
JW5E	Svalbard	40	M/2	JW5E
KH2RU/KP4	Puerto Rico	08	SOAB	NP3O
KH6LC	Hawaii	31	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via WA6WPG
KH7CW	Hawaii	31	M/S	K2WR
KH8B	American Samoa	32	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via (C)
LT7H	Argentina	13	SOAB LP	EA5GL
LU8YE	Argentina	13	M/2	IK2DUW
LX7I	Luxembourg	14	SO	LX2A
LY4A	Lithuania	15	M/2	LY4A
LY7A	Lithuania	15	M/M	LoTW
NH2DX	Guam	27	SOSB 15M	NH2DX
NH0DX	Mariana Islands	27	SOAB LP	JL3RDC
NP2P	Virgin Islands	08	SOAB	LoTW
NP4Z	Puerto Rico	08	M/2	N4AO
OA4O	Peru	10	SOAB HP	OA4O
OH5Z	Finland	15	M/S	LoTW
OH0JFP	Aland Island	15	SOSB 10M	
OH0YY	Aland Island	15	SOAB	OH2YY
OH0Z	Aland Island	15	M/S	W0MM
OL4A	Czech Republic	15	M/2	OK1DSX
P3F	Cyprus	20	SOAB HP	

P40L	Aruba	09	M/2	WA3FRP
P40S	Aruba	09	M/S	K9QVB
P40W	Aruba	09	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via N2MM (d)
PJ2T	Curacao	09	M/?	LoTW
PJ4X	Bonaire	09	M/?	LoTW; QSL via W1MD (d)
PJ7/K5WE	Sint Maarten	08		K5WE; QSL via (C)
PW2D	Brazil	11	M/?	M0OXO
RA0R	Russia (Asia)	18	SOAB HP	LoTW
RK0LWW	Russia (Asia)	19	M/S	RK0LWW (d)
RM3F	Russia (Europe)	16	SOSB 15M	UA3DPX
RU9CZD	Russia (Asia)	17	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via RU9CZD (B)
S0S	Western Sahara	33		EA2JG
S19AM	Sweden	14	M/S	SM3TIR
SJ2W	Sweden	14	M/S	LoTW; QSL via SM2LIY (d)
SV8/HA5OV	Greece	20	M/S	HA5OV
SX9C	Crete	20	M/S	LoTW
T42R	Cuba	08	M/S	EA7FTR
T48K	Cuba	08	M/?	DK1WI
T88H	Palau	27	SO	LoTW; QSL via TA1HZ
T88WJ	Palau	27	SO	JS3LSQ
TC2BC	Turkey	20	SOAB LP	DL7BC
TC7V	Turkey	20	SOAB HP	M0OXO
TI5M	Costa Rica	07	M/S	TI2KAC
TK9R	Corsica	15	SOAB HP	IK8UND
TO1A	French Guiana	09	SOSB	LoTW
TO2A	French Guiana	09		KU9C
TO5A	Martinique	08	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via F5VHJ (B/d)
TO0X	Mayotte	39	SOSB HP	LoTW
TX7G	Marquesas	31	M/S	LoTW; QSL via (C)
UB7K	Russia (Europe)	16	M/M	UB7K
V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis	08	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via W5JON (d)
VE2IM	Canada	02	SOAB HP	VE3DZ OQRS; QSL via VE3DZ (d)
VK9LM	Lord Howe Island	30	M/?	OQRS DL1MGB; QSL via DJ2MX
VK9XSP	Christmas Island	29	M/?	LoTW; QSL via SP6IXF
VP5T	Turks & Caicos	08	M/?	LoTW; QSL via WA3RHW (B/d)
VP9I	Bermuda	05	SOAB LP	WW3S
VR2S	Hong Kong	24	M/S	
VR2XAN	Hong Kong	24	SOSB 15M	
WP3C	Puerto Rico	08	SOSB 40M	W3HNC
XW1IC	Laos	26	SOAB HP	E21EIC OQRS
XX9R	Macao	24	M/S	EB7DX
YB0NDT	Indonesia	28	SOSB 40M	LoTW; QSL via YB0NDT (d)
YC8ROP	Indonesia	28	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via YC8ROP (d)
YE2C	Indonesia	28	M/2	LoTW
YF1AR/8	Indonesia	28	SOAB LP	ClubLog; QSL via N2OO (B/d)
YN5Z	Nicaragua	07	SOAB HP	LoTW
YS1/NP3J	El Salvador	07	SOSB 10M	EA5GL
YS1YS	El Salvador	07		YS1GMV
ZA/F4DTO	Albania	15		F4DTO
ZA/F4GFE	Albania	15		F4GFE
ZD8R	Ascension Island	36	SOSB	OH0XX
ZD8W	Ascension Island	36	SOSB	W6NV
ZD8X	Ascension Island	36	SOSB	OH2KI
ZM1A	New Zealand	32	M/?	LoTW

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