

I.C.P.O. Bulletin (19-26 December 2014)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)

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19/12/2014: Steve, VE3OC, will be back in Turks and Caicos Islands from 19-26th December operating vacation mode. Between scuba dives, he will be QRV as VP5/VE3OC from the island of Providenciales (NA-002, WLOTA 2003) using Icom IC-7000, Buddipole antenna, Lithium-Ion battery for portable use on the beach and cliff sides. Steve will confirm QSO's via LoTW and eQSL, or direct... NO Bureau please. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ve3oc [DxCoffee]

20/12/2014: Nobuaki, JA0JHQ plans activity from Anson Bay lodge, Norfolk Island (OC-005, WLOTA 1469, WWFF VKFF-392) as JA0JHQ/VK9 between 20-22 December, 2014. QRV mainly on 12-15m SSB. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

21/12/2014: Carlos, PJ2/HK4CM and Herbert, PJ2/HK4RB will be active on 80-10 metres from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) from 21-28 December, 2014. QSL via home calls, direct or Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [rsgbiota.org]

22/12/2014: Koji, J11LET as JD1BOI and Take JA1UII as JD1BON will be active from Chichi-jima [Father Island] (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, WWFF JAFF-018, Grid Loc. QL17), Ogasawara, from 22 December 2014 to 2 January 2015. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

22/12/2014: Imam YB4IR will be active as YB4IR/8 from Banda Neira island, Banda Archipelago (OC-157), Maluku province, Indonesia, from 22-25 December, 2014. QRV on 40-10m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call direct/Bureau/OQRS. Online log search will be hosted by ClubLog. [rsgbiota.org]

23/12/2014: Andy, DL3YM is expected on the air holiday style between 23rd December 2014 and 5th January 2015 as A6/DL3YM. QRV on 40-10 metre CW. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX Newsletter]

24/12/2014: On Christmas-Eve, 2014, Clemens DL2GAN plans to get on the air on 14MHz and 21MHz (just as he did in Nov. 2012). SSB is planned, but if conditions are bad, Clemens will operate CW instead. Power: Medium 50 to 100W pep. He will be operating from the QTH of Satish 9N1AA. Time of operation: from 8.00am to 2.00pm UTC roughly. Exact time of operation is not yet known! QSL via DL2GAN, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

26/12/2014: Members of the Holyland DX Group will activate Mamshit [UNESCO World Heritage site - see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mamshit] (WWFF 4XFF-026, Holyland Square H26BS) for the Israel National Parks Award. This will be the first time ever activation. Look for the group to sign 4X0WFF between 26-27th December. They plan to have two stations operating CW and SSB on the WFF frequencies. Operators include Shalom 4Z4BS, Mark 4Z4KX, Ruben 4Z5FI, Yulik 4X6HP, Ros 4Z5LA, Vlad 4Z5IW and Jan 4X1VF. QSL cards will be handled by Ros, 4Z5LA. [OPDX Bulletin]

26/12/2014: Michael, G7VJR, will be active holiday style as VK9/G7VJR from Norfolk Island (OC-005, WLOTA 1469, WWFF VKFF-392) between 26th December 2014 and 1st January 2015. QRV using CW on the higher bands. No low band activity is planned. QSL via M0OXO. [DX-World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

27/12/2014: Imam YB4IR will be active as YB4IR/8 from Yamdena Island, Tanimbar Islands (OC-224), Maluku Province, Indonesia, from 27-31 December, 2014. QRV on 40-10m CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct/Bureau/OQRS. Online log search will be hosted by ClubLog. [OK1DH]

28/12/2014: Look for Jim KG4JSZ/p, Tim KI4GMR/p and Tony N2MFT/4 to be active on the HF bands from the Cedar Keys Group (NA-076), Florida. Operation will start the evening (local) of 28th December and run through 29th December. Send QSL requests to operators home address. [rsgbiota.org]

07/01/2015: Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active from Tutuila Island (OC-045, USi AS007S, WLOTA 4385), American Samoa, as AH0CO/KH8 between January 7-12, 2015. QRV mainly on 30, 17 and 15 metre SSB, some CW. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

16/01/2015: Col, MM0NDX plans a quick visit to Orkney Island (EU-009, IOSA OR01, SCOTIA OI14, WLOTA 1652) between 16-18th January, 2015. QRV on the HF bands as MM0NDX/p. QSL via IW7EGQ. [rsgbiota.org]

17/01/2015: Gene, N9SW plans to be active holiday style once again from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA 0377, Grid Loc. FK87) as FJ/N9SW between 17-25th January, 2015. QRV on 40-6m, maybe 80m. Mostly CW. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [DX-World]

27/01/2015: Jean-pierre F6ITD will be FG/F6ITD from Guadeloupe island between 27th January and 30th March, 2015. He will be from Basse-Terre (NA-102, DIFO FG-019, WLOTA 0644, WWFF FFF-155) from 27th January to 1st February and from Desirade Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-004, WLOTA 1121) for the rest of the time. He will be on the HF bands and 6m using SSB and the Digital modes. He will use the TO6D callsign during the week-end. The logs will be uploaded to

ClubLog and LoTW. [F6AJA]

01/02/2014: Bernhard, DL2GAC will again be active from Honiara, on the northwestern coast of Guadalcanal Island (WLOTA 0086, WW Loc. RI00AJ), Solomon Islands (OC-047) as H44MS between 1st February and 30th April, 2015. QRV holiday style on 80m to 6m SSB only. QSL via DL2GAC, Bureau or direct. Website: www.qrz.com/db/H44MS [PA3CWN]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

19/12/2014: Mark, PD0MV, is going to operate the special event station PD17MH between 19-26th December to draw attention to the tragedy of Malaysian Airline's flight MH-17. QRV on 14200, 7080, and 28400 kHz SSB. QSL goes via PD0MV, Bureau or direct. [DX Newsletter]

19/12/2014: Until 23rd December 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/3 will be operated by PVRC from the station of W3LPL, located in Glenwood, Howard County, State of Maryland. W1AW/4 will be operated by Fred WW4LL, located in Sharpsburg, Coweta County, State of Georgia. W1AW/KH6 will be operated by Lloyd KH6LC, located in Keaau, Hawaii County, State of Hawaii. QSLs preferred via LoTW. [ARRL]

20/12/2014: PA6XMAS, run by members of the Romeo Foxtrott DX Club, will be active on all bands and modes between 20th December 2014 and 1st January 2015 on the HF bands. QSL via operators' instructions. [DX Newsletter]

24/12/2014: From 24-30 December 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/0 will be operated by Glenn W0GJ, located in Calmar, Winneshiek County, State of Iowa. W1AW/3 will be operated by Team K3LR, located in West Middlesex, Mercer County, State of Pennsylvania. QSLs preferred via LoTW. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

19/12-26/12 VP5/VE3OC: Providenciales Island WLOTA:2003 QSL H/c (d)
20/12-22/12 JA0JHQ/VK9: Norfolk Island WLOTA:1469 QSL H/c (d/B)
21/12-28/12 PJ2/HK4CM: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
21/12-28/12 PJ2/HK4RB: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
22/12-2/1/15 JD1BOI: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL JI1LET (d/B)
22/12-2/1/15 JD1BON: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL JA1UII (d/B)
26/12-1/1/15 VK9/G7VJR: Norfolk Island WLOTA:1469 QSL M0OXO OQRS

6 METRES & UP -

20/12 Feld-Hell Rudolf Hell Sprint 6m class 0000z-2400z
20/12 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 1700z-1800z
21/12 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 0900z-1000z
21/12 ARRL CW Rookie Roundup 6m class 1800z-2359z
22/12-2/1/15 JD1BOI: Ogasawara AS-031 Grid:QL17 6m SSB/CW QSL JI1LET (d/B)
22/12-2/1/15 JD1BON: Ogasawara AS-031 Grid:QL17 6m SSB/CW QSL JA1UII (d/B)
23/12 LY 2.4GHz & Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
23/12 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
23/12 RSGB SHF UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
24/12 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z
26/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm 1400z-1600z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 5T5JA, 5T5JH, 8J1ITU, 8Q7GS, 9Y4/DL9DRA, DR175LDF, DU1/JJ5GMJ, FG/DJ2BC, FY/F6CKD, HI3/DK8OJ, I11MGY, IY4MKD, J8/DH5FS, JW/DL2JRM, JW/DL5CW, KP2/JS6RRR, MQ0YBC, OD5/HB9JOE/p, PJ2/DM3HZN, PJ2/DM3KZN, PJ5/DL7VOG, PJ6/G4IUF, R2014H, R2014O, R2014P, RM22DG, RT34ST, RT9Kp, TM16C, V4/DF8AN, VE6RAC, VK9AA, YE0M, YO900OED, YP0C and YV5EAH.

QSLs via Direct: 7O2A (OQRS), 7Z7AB [AS-190] (7Z1CQ), DP0GVN/p [Olymp - VNA3] (DL5EBE), VK9XSP (SP6IXP), XT2AW (OQRS) and ZD8O (OH0XX).

QSLs via LoTW: 4X7R, 8P2K, 9A1UN, AD1C, CE4KCA, CR6K, CW5W, DL5LYM, F4FLQ, F5IN, EA1BP, EA6URA, EF8O, EF8S, EF8U, EI1Y, EI2CN, EU1AA, F5IN, F8ATS, F8DFP, G3SXW, G4R, GM3YOR, GM4O, HG7T, HG8C, HK3C, IK2PZC, IQ9UI, IZ3QCH, JH5RXS, JH6WHN, K5KG, K6RB, K7OM, KH6LC, KH7M, KH7Y, KL7SB, KP2DX, KP2M, KP3W, KP4EJ, KS0M, LT7H, LU6ETB, LU7YS, LY4A, LZ2PT, LZ5R, LZ9W, MW5R, N1LN, N4PN, NE0U, NP2N, NP2P, NP3A, NR4M, OM7M, PP1CZ, PP5KR, PT2CM, PT3T, PU4YJS, PX2A, PY4ZO, RJ4P, RV9UP, RW1CW, S51TA, S56A, S57Q, SO9Q, TM0R, TM2B, TM6M, TY1AA, UA4W, UP0L, UW2M, VE1OP, VE1RGB, VE3DZ, VE3EJ, VE3FJ, VE4GV, VE5UF, VE7TJF, VE7SZ, VY2LI, VY2SS, W1VE, W5MX, WO4O, WP3C, WX3B, XE1MM, XE2B, YN5Z, YR1C, YT6A, YV4NN, Z35F, Z36W, ZF2DX, ZM4G, ZS6A, ZS6RJ and ZY2B.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LAND OF SANTA CLAUS - FROM THE DESK OF SANTA CLAUS

Lapland

December 18, 2014

Our Vision for Every Child, Life in All its Splendor - Our Prayers for Every Heart and Soul.

Over a period of several years, Santa Claus has appeared on Amateur Radio bands to bring cheer to the whole world, adults and children alike, with the thrill of hamcasting from Santa Claus Land (SCL) and even talking directly to kids of all ages all over the world.

Santa himself at OH9SCL in the capital of Lapland, and OF9X, Santa's communication arm, will again be active on all bands. But this Christmas, Santa goes beyond his normal mission and welcomes you and your children to join him in the spirit of World Vision <www.worldvision.org>.

This is to bring Christmas also to needy children on all continents and this year specifically in Albania. Radio Arcala and World Vision UK have signed an agreement for cooperation aimed at increasing the value of Amateur Radio in society at large. The worthy cause directly involves amateurs in Albania as well. You can join the mission at <<http://qrz.com/db/of9x/>> via a World Vision link and also find Santa's ClubLog and spot windows.

Additionally, contacting both OH9SCL and OF9X this Christmas will earn you an attractive Santa World Vision Award at no cost following your email request to of9x@sral.fi.

The activity starts on Friday, December 19 and ends on the last day of the year, December 31. All bands, CW/SSB/RTTY, will be used, typically some 25 kHz from the band edge. When the station is operating on 20M SSB around 14.225 kHz, Santa's audio and video will occasionally be streamed at <www.ustream.tv/channel/of9x-tv>.

Those participating in the OH9SCL activity are Ynsky, OH9KLI; Tuomo, OH9JML; Jarmo, OH9EGH; Juha, OH9MM and Kimmo, OH9MDV.

At the controls of OF9X you will find Olli, OH0XX; Ville, OH1JD; Timo, OH1NX; Jaakko, OH1TX; Raimo, OH2BCI; Pertti, OH2BEE; Martti, OH2BH; Mari, OH2FPK (YL); Jyri, OH2KM; Arto, OH2KW; Pertti, OH2PM; Pekka, OH2TA; Pauli, OH5BQ; Veijo, OH6KN and Kim, OH6KZP.

Santa will soon be at your service.

QSL via OH2BH.

BITS & PIECES -

Carl D. Cook, AI6V/P40V
1939-2014

An icon of the DX-Contesting world has become a silent key. Carl Cook (AI6V, P40V) was known to most of us as the big contester from Aruba. He had won almost every DX contest sponsored by CQ or the ARRL from P40V or from his California station AI6V. Carl was a member of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame and the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll. Carl started his radio career as WA6JUD, in Concord, California, as a technician operating many VHF contests from nearby Mount Diablo. He soon joined the NCCC, upgraded to general, and started chasing DX on HF. He started traveling to various countries to operate CQWW and other contests. He upgraded to Extra and changed his call to AI6V. Although he built a big contest station in Nevada City, California, Carl loved operating from the Caribbean. When Aruba became an independent country, Carl bought a small house there and built contest station P40V. Carl sold his first house on Aruba and bought a bigger home at which he put up more towers and more antennas. For the past two years Carl has lived in Las Vegas, NV where he passed away on December 15, just two days prior to his 75th birthday.

Carl is survived by his wife Sue, AI6YL. He will be missed by all of us who have ever talked with him, and especially by those of us who operated with him in contests and were his close friends.

Russ, K6KLY

K6F, FARALLON ISLANDS (NA-178) -

UPDATE - Cancelled due to 8 foot ocean swells. They will re-attempt the week of 5 JAN (2015). @ 07:00z - Sometime this week, weather permitting, operators from "Livermore Amateur Radio Group Endeavors" plan activity as K6F from the Farallon Islands, NA-178. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more info and updates. [DX-World]

SAQ TRANSMISSION ON CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24TH, 2014

There will be a transmission with the Alexanderson 200 kW alternator on VLF 17.2 kHz from Grimeton Radio/SAQ on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, 2014.

The message transmission will take place at 08:00 UTC (09:00 local time). The transmitter will be tuned up from around 07:30 UTC (08:30 local time).

There will be activity on amateur radio frequencies with the call SK6SAQ on any of following frequencies:

- 3,755 SSB
- 7,035 CW
- 14,215 SSB
- 14,035 CW

QSL- reports on SK6SAQ are kindly received:

- via SM bureau or direct to Grimeton Radio

QSL-reports on SAQ are kindly received via:

- E-mail to: info@alexander.n.se

- or via SM bureau

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Yours

Lars Kalland

SM6NM

YC8UTI, KARAKELONG ISLAND (OC-209) -

Currently Iwan, YC8UTI is very active on 15 metre CW. He is QRV from his home base station located on Karakelong Island (IOTA OC-209). QSL ok via YB3MM or direct to YC8UTI. He asks everyone who requests by OQRS, to also send your paper QSL via the Bureau. Your QSL is necessary for Iwan not only for collection, but also for upgrading his license to YB level (extra). [YB3MM]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

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