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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 26th/July, through Sunday, 2nd/August there were 200 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5V, 5W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, 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, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TI9, TK, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, 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".

3C, EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update). Ken, LA7GIA, will be active as 3C7GIA (pending) from Malabo Island (AF-010) between November 12-23rd (not October 10-22nd as first announced). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. There is a slight chance for 80m depending on conditions. Equipment will be a TS-480SAT with an Ameritron ALS 500m into a Mosley Mini 32 ASP (2 element beam 20/15/10m), Mosley TW 22 M (2 element beam 17/12m), Hygain AV640 and G5RV 80-10m wire antennas (backup). QSL via LA7GIA direct ONLY (SAE + 3 USDs). Please note, NO IRC, NO Bureau QSL. Bureau QSL will not be answered. For updates, check:

<http://la7gia.com/3c7gia/index.html>

5E, MOROCCO. Members of ARRAME (Association Royale des Radio Amateur du Maroc) are now active from Rabat and using the special event callsign 5E2E until September 30th. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via EB7DX.

5H, TANZANIA (Update). Chas, NK80/VE3ISD, will be active from Zinga, Tanzania, between September 4-28th. His promised callsign is 5H3DX and activity will be from the pediatric hospital at Zinga. Operations will be holiday style. Power output will be the legal limit for Tanzania at 100w and the primary antenna should be a Hexbeam configured for 20-6 meters, including the WARC bands. Operations will be primarily CW. He states that he will use a simple wire antenna and his KX3 with a KXPA100 amp. QSL via EA7FTR, LoTW and eQSL.

9G, GHANA. Piotr, SP3UQE, will be active as 9G5SP from Ghana starting sometime in mid-September. Look for him mainly on 20 meters using SSB and RTTY. Activity on the other bands will depend on the antenna situation at the site. QSL via SP3UQE. PLEASE NOTE: This callsign was previously used by Sigi, DL7DF, during his DXpedition to Ghana <http://www.dl7df.com/9g5sp/>. For all QSOs made before June 2015 please contact Sigi, DL7DF.

9X, RWANDA. Bjorn, LA9IAA, is now active as 9X0AA from Kigali. The length of his stay is unknown as well as his operating practices (bands/modes). Activity so far has been mainly on 20 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign.

CO, BOLIVIA. Antonio, EA5RM, will be in Bolivia from August 29th to September 15th, working on a NGO project installing HF radios solar powered for medical purposes in isolated small villages deep inside the Bolivian Amazon jungle. He will be on the air during his spare time as CP1XRM using a barefoot solar powered HF station. QSL card via his home callsign EA5RM.

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS (Update). Operators Rob/N7QT, YL Melanie "Mel"/N7BX, and Grant/KZ1W will be active as E51MKW and E51MQT from Manihiki Atoll (OC-014) between September 29th and October 27th. Activity has been updated to 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with a K3/KPA500 and a CrankIR vertical on the beach. Rob reports, "We are making progress on expedition planning. Lodging and airline tickets have been secured. K3/KPA500 and CrankIR verticals on the beach. We might be calling for EU/AF as well as NA/SA during their respective sunrise and sunsets, and will work the rest of the world during the remaining time. QSL Manager for this expedition is N7BX." QSL available using LoTW, direct with SASE (IRC or 2 USDs for international), or by the Bureau.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update). Milan, OK1DWC, is once again active as E51DWC from the Rarotonga Islands (OC-013, WAZ - 32) and will be there at least until September. Actually, Milan has been there and around the islands since June 11th. He informs OPDX that he just got back (Friday, 07/17) from visiting neighboring islands and is now relaxing in the gorgeous lagoons on Rarotonga Island. Remember, Milan is there to celebrate his birthday. His activity will continue to be holiday style (family holiday) on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment includes a TS-590S with a new 500w amp, a 5 band Spiderbeam at 10 meters, Inverted Vee and dipoles for 160, 80, 40 and 30 meters at a height of 20 meters. Milan states he has made 12,000 QSOs (as of 7/24). QSL via his home callsign. Confirmation is not a problem across all OQRS's and the information can be found on:

<http://QRZ.com/lookup/E51DWC>

<http://QRZ.COM/lookup/OK1DWC>

<http://www.hamqth.com/E51DWC>

FM/TO, MARTINIQUE. Gerd, DL7VOG, will be active from Martinique (NA-107) between November 10th and December 8th. Gerd explain the use of his callsign for this operation as follows: "The only problem with the guest license was, they issue TO calls just for a period of only 15 days. That means for me to work half of the time under TO(4X), the other half under FM/DL7VOG. Odd rules! Unfortunately the time period is too short to cover both contests - the WAE-RTTY and the CQWW CW with a short callsign - there is always a day missing, either the first day of the WAE or the last day of the CQWW. So I decided to use the short callsign only during CQWW CW." For more details and updates, watch: http://www.dl7vog.de/html/fm_travelreport.html

FS, ST. MARTIN. John, W9ILY, will be active as FS/W9ILY from St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383) between October 21-29th, outside of the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: John will join operators John/K9EL, Paul/K9NU and Guy/VE2BWL as TO1E during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry.

HH, HAITI. Doug, KD8CAO, son of K8YSE (OPDX Webmaster), will be active as HH8/KD8CAO from Jacmel (FK38rf) between August 15-22nd. He is there

on a "Medical Mission Trip" with his XYL. Activity will be mainly on the satellites (SSB/FM), with a possibility of some HF activity (QRP). His activity on the satellite will be on FO29, AO7, AO73 and SO50. As this was being written, Doug was thinking of using/taking his FT-817 (this could change). QSL via KD8CAO and LoTW.

HI7, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Roberto, YV5IAL will be active as HI7/YV5IAL between October 25-31st. This will be a QRP/Portable, holiday style operation. Activity will be on PSK31 Digital mode on 14070.15 kHz, and also on 40/30/15/10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

HR, HONDURAS (IOTA Op). John, AD8J, will be operating as AD8J?/HR9 from Roatan Island (NA-057) between August 13-18th. Operation will be holiday style, mostly CW and mostly between 1900z and 0400z. Bands will be 40-10 meters, including the WARC bands, with usually a maximum of two bands per day as he swaps out antennas. QSL via LoTW or direct with S.A.S.E.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-119. Operators Christian/EA3NT, Dave/EI9FBB, Col/MM0NDX, Ronald/PA3EWP, Jacek/SP5APW and Craig/VK5CE will for the first time ever activate Coetivy Island in the Seychelles between November 15-23rd. According to their press release [edited]: Situated 300km south of Mahe Seychelles, Coetivy Island is home to an active prison for low security prisoners and a rehabilitation center for drug abusers. Visitation is strictly controlled and access is only possible by private airplane charter, using the short 550 meter airstrip.

The cost of staying for just one night on the island is extortionate we are staying for six nights! We have no choice but to pay these staggering costs if we are to activate this 'Brand New IOTA' for the 1st time.

Using the callsign S79C, the experienced team (with over 160 DXpeditions between them) will be active on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, and if special permission can be granted, 6m too!

We are calling on all DX clubs, Foundations and the IOTA/DX community to kindly consider donating to our Support page on www.af119new.com where full information can also be found."

AS-058. Members of the Persatuan Radio Amateur Melayu Malaysia (ASTRA) are organizing an operation to Pulau Songsong (Songsong Island) between August 7-9th. The group will sign 9M4KI and will be active on 40-10 meters SSB. QSL via 9W2ZHL direct at: Yuslefaizal Ismail, No. 8, Jalan 6, Taman Pelangi, Simpang Empat, Perlis 02700, West Malaysia.

EU-012. Members of the Black Country DX & Contest group will be active from Fair Isle between September 9-15th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, RTTY, SSB and some PSK. Due to no main power throughout the night, they will be QRT each night around 2330 local and active each morning starting 0730 local. Hence, no 160 or 80 meters. They will have 3 stations on the air at all times from 0730 till 2330 each day between September 10-14th. They are staying at the south lighthouse (SKADDAN) GRID O99EM, WAB HZ16 and for the lighthouse chasers ILLW UK0127, ARLHS SCO 079 FAIR ISLE SOUTH SKADDAN and WLOTA LH 1319. QSL via Tim, M0URX, online OQRS system at: <http://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/> For direct QSLs, send to: Mr Tim Beaumont, P.O. Box 17, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1SF, ENGLAND. THEY DO NOT REQUIRE YOUR QSL CARD FOR CONFORMATIONS. Request QSLs via M0URX OQRS. LoTW upload will be done upon their return home. CLUBLOG uploads will be every day. Operators are Simon/M0VKY, Terence/G4MKP, James/M0YOM, Brian/G0JKY and Jim/M0CKE. For more information, see their Web site at: <http://www.ms0oxe.net>

EU-040. Members of the GPDx-Portuguese DX Group will activate Berlenga Island between August 11-15th. Operators mentioned are Luis/

CT1EEQ, Arlindo/CT1EGW and Luis/CT4NH and they will be signing as homecalls/p. QSL via their respective callsigns. The operation will take place from the Lighthouse (ARLHS POR004) thanks to the Portuguese Navy. Counting also for WFF (World Flora and Fauna Award) CTF-015.

- EU-064. Bernard, F9IE, will be using the special callsign TM73IE from his QTH on Noirmoutier Island (DIFM AT020) for 15 days between August 11th and October 5th. Activity will be from 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.
- NA-212. Dan, HR2DMR, states that his H76W has been extended for at least another week or two on Farallones de Coseguina. However, his operations will be limited to weekend style operation as well as alternating his navy duties and hobby. Most of his operations will be SSB with some CW. QSL via KD4POJ.
- NA-248. (Reminder/New IOTA) Cezar, VE3LYC, is planning to activate Melville Island from the Arctic Watershed Observatory between the period of August 3-11th. This will be a new entry on the Arctic Challenge Directory. The callsign will be VY0M. All contacts will count for CQ Zone 1." Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog for both direct and Bureau QSL. There is now a Web page available at: <http://vy0m.weebly.com>
- OC-110. Rod, YJ8RN, will once again be active from Loh Island starting August 4th through the 14th. Activity will be limited, and it is suggested to watch 20 meters SSB around 0600z on 14190 kHz. QSL via YJ8RN, direct, eQSL or LoTW.
- SA-071. By the time you read this members of the PW2G team, who cancelled their IOTA contest operation last weekend due to storms, are now active (or about to go QRT) from Gatos Island. Activity will only take place between August 1-2nd. For more details and updates, see QRZ.com.

IOTA TOUR. Mike, VY0BRR, currently active from Cape Dorset on Dorset Island (NA-156), is expected to activate the following: "I will be traveling to other places in Nunavut and will activate some very rare IOTAs including: Coral Harbour, Southampton Island/COATS (NA-007); Sanikiluaq, Belcher Islands (NA-196), Igloolik Island (NA-174), Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island (NA-006), and Qikiqtarjuaq/Broughton Island (NA-130)...and maybe I will travel to some rare iotas in the Northwest Territories or NWT to the West... and maybe to Yukon too (Vy1)." No dates have been announced, but on his Web page Mike states, "For the summer, I hope to be on the air from Broughton Island (NA-130) in August 2015 with my Hexbeam, 500w amp and window for several days around 1800z-2100 on 7, 10, 14, 18, 24 and 28 MHz (possibly 6m) if band conditions are good." For more details and updates, watch: <http://vy0brr.jimdo.com>

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For August). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of August 2015:

- GX4BJC/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 GX4BJC/P from various locations.
His WAB information will be given if requested.
- MX1SWL/A - Operated from Ivybridge, in Devonshire, by Peter/G4VFG.
(/A WAB Square SX65 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

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

their awards.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Operators Bill/AA4OC, Frank/KB7NJV, Russ/N7QR, Dave/N7DWL, and Mac/WT4BT will be active as J6/homecall along with Joe/N7BF (J68KF) from St. Lucia between November 7-14th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (possibly 80/6 meters) using all modes. Their operations will be from a villa and from various beaches and hilltops. QSL via LoTW or via their home callsigns.

N2, UNITED STATES (IOTA/LH Op). Members of the Old Barney ARC will be operating as N2OB from the Barnegat Lighthouse (USA-039, "Old Barney") on Long Beach Island (NA-111), NJ, on Saturday, August 1st from about 1300-2100 UTC. QSL via N2OB.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 3-9th)....

Aug/03rd AN	Aug/06th AN	Aug/08th HN
Aug/04th AN	Aug/07th LN	Aug/09th BN
Aug/05th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <<http://www.bandconditions.com>>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPP, QRPE and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

PW70, BRAZIL (Special Event). Rony, PS7AB, will activate special event station PW70FEB between August 1-31st. Activity is to celebrate the 70th anniversary of World War II and to remember the importance of PEACE. The special callsign is also in honor to all who participated in the war, especially the Brazilian Expeditionary Force - FEB, on the battlefields in Italy. Operations will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters using SSB and CW/Digital. QSL via PS7AB, direct (2 USDs), by the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW. A special certificate will be sent in 2016 via E-mail to stations who made contacts with at least 10 Special Event Stations by mode (SSB, CW or Digital), or mixed (3 modes). Each month in 2015, Ronaldo will activate a different callsign and also send 12 different QSLs. PW70FEB is the eighth special event station to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015. For more details, visit the following Web pages at: http://www.radioamador.org.br/certificate_70th_world_war.htm
<http://qrz.com/db/pw70feb>

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Leo, PP1CZ, will once again be active as PY0F/PP1CZ from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003, DIB OC-01, WLOTA 1208, WWFF PYFF-016) between August 26-31st. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters with some tries on 6 meters (if he has propagation on this band) and using CW, RTTY and some SSB. QSL him direct, by the Bureau (Slow), LoTW or OQRS (pp1cz@terra.com.br). Check out the pictures of his 2013/2014 operations on QRZ.com.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (July 31st)

4L13EYOF via 4L1BR	EM1000UKW via US5UCC	PV70FEB via PS7AB
5E2E via EB7DX (d)	HT7C via TI4SU	R15CWC/0 via RM4C
5P00/P via OZ1GDI (e)	LA/OE5FSM/P via OE5FSM	R1CC via DJ1ND
5P6BA via DK6BA	MX0WFF via M0WFF (B)	R70NIK via RV9CQ
8N23WSJ via JA1YSS	OK/PA5MH/P via PA5MH	S61KK via JH1ILX (d)
9A/OK1RS via OK1RS	OS22F via ON4RSX	SM/DG5CST via DG5CST
9A/S59A via S59A (d)	OU0POLIO via OZ1ACB	SP9/DJ7ZO via DJ7ZO
9A8TQF via HB9TQF (B)	OZ7TM via DL1TM	UB50/3 via R5QA
9X0AA via LA9IAA	PA12HJ via PA9LUC	UE85WDW via RV3SBS
DL0PPP via DH8GHH	PD44FF via PD3MR (B)	YU178SB via YU1KN
DU1/A61DJ via A61BK	PI600SRA via (B/e)	YU45DX via YU1DX

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

NEW QSL MANAGER. Pedro, EA5GL, informs OPDX, "I'm the new QSL Manager for all DXpeditions past and future of I1FQH. I can confirm these past expeditions: 5V7V, 5V7DX, 5V7PRF, MJ/I1FQH, SV5/I1FQH, SV9/I1FQH and EA6/I1FQH. If there are still people who need these cards, you can send to EA5GL."

QSL 5Q2J via LoTW, Bureau and direct (see QRZ.com) [Please NO E-QSL]. Activity was from Sjaeland Island (EU-029) during the RSGB IOTA Contest.

QSL OZ2PBS via LoTW, Bureau and direct (see QRZ.com) [Please NO E-QSL]. Activity was from Sjaeland Island (EU-029) during the RSGB IOTA Contest.

QSL PJ4V via M0URX ONLY: by OQRS (Direct or Bureau), Direct by mail (with SAE + \$2), on LoTW, or via the RSGB Bureau (all bureau cards MUST be marked "via M0URX"). Please go to <http://www.qrz.com/db/M0URX> for M0URX's mailing address.

QSL RK3SWB/1 by the Bureau or direct to: CLUB STATION, 390000, RYAZAN P.O. BOX 1, Russia. Activity was from Kem'ludskiy Island (EU-147, RR 02-62) during the RSGB IOTA Contest. Operators were SWL R3S-367, R3SFF, Vas/RU3SD and Serge/UA3SKV.

The TI9/RA9USU log and OQRS is now available on ClubLog at: <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/TI9/RA9USU>

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2KM, EA3BT, F4FLF, FR/F5UOW, FW1JG, HK3W, JA0HWF, LA9VDA (EU-079), PJ7DX, PV8ADI, S79HN, VE3FGU, VE9DX, YJ0GA and YV50IE

QSL RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3A/F4FET, 3B8/W6NV, 3B8MM, 4S7NE, 6Y2M, 8Q7SA, D44TBO, FH/F4FET, HL60HQ/5, HR2/N6AA, HZ1HZ, JW9JKA, K8N, OX3LX (NA-220), PJ7AA, PQ0T, RI1ANT and ZF2BH

QSL RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4S7BRG, 5B8AP/P, 9H1BT, 9H1EJ, AM1W, CM7SN, CU3AK, CU3EM, CU9X, EA8DG, EJ9JM, EM140CIP, ER1DR, ER1RY, GJ6YB, IT9JAM, JX50, MS00XE, OY3QN, PY2WC, RL9AA, RM4A, RP68WR, TF3AM, TF8GX, TM8BIRD, UE9FAT, UN/ER1SS, VC3O, XE1ZVO and YB1AG

T47, CUBA (LH Op). Members of the Camaguey Contest Crew got special permission to operate as T47LH during the ILLW from the Colon Light-house at Sabinal Key, Cuba. A crew of 5 hams (CO7RR, CO7SF, CO7FR, CO7DS and CO7WT) will be active from mid-day August 14th to mid-day August 16th. Operations are planned on all HF bands (60m is pending approval) and Satellite via SO-50 passes during the ILLW. For more info and details, see the QRZ.com page for T47LH. QSL route is TBD.

TK, CORSICA. Alberto, IZ1FRM, will be active as TK/IZ1FRM from Corsica (EU-014) between August 24-29th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via IW1RLS.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. A group of JA operators will be active from Majuro Island (OC-029) between September 24-28th. Operators are YL Mami/JP3AYQ (V73YL) and her husband Sanny/JJ3CIG (V73H), Team Leader Takio/JH3QFL

(V73A), Co-Leader Keizo "Kay"/JH3AZC (V7EME) and Hiro/JR3GWZ (V73GW). Activity will be on the HF bands, 6 meters, satellite, EME, CW, SSB and RTTY. Radios are a FT857 and FT847. Their antennas will be a homebrew 3 element full size beam (3 bands) and a SpiderBeam antenna (5 band). They will also have a Elecraft 500w amp to use. QSL all operators via their home callsigns. ADDED NOTES:

- * YL Mami, JP3AYQ, states (on QRZ.com), that her activity will be holiday style (she like to scuba dive) on the HF bands using CW (be patient), SSB and the Digital mode (RTTY). Suggested frequencies are the IOTA frequencies, such as 14260, 14040, 21260 and 21040 kHz. QSL via JP3AYQ, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. She does have a Blog page at: <http://jp3ayq.269g.net>
- * Sanny, JJ3CIG/KH0YA, states (on QRZ.com), that he plans to operate on the JT65 mode. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by eQSL.

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 3).

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 1, No. 3) is now out. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or you made a donation to the expedition, or they are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or Bob, KK6EK, just happens to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 783 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this we just want to help you make a QSO with VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work. Future Newsletters will be issued now and then, when we have something to say, probably every few weeks. If you missed a previous Newsletter and would like to have a copy, you can find a link on p. 4 http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html to download the back issue.

The expedition is scheduled to begin in early March 2016, and end in late April. You can see the current status of the project on the main website www.heardisland.org, and on the blogsite www.vk0ek.org.

I hope you like this Newsletter and find it useful. If you have suggestions, comments, subjects you would like to see addressed, etc., or wish to be removed from the distribution list, please write to me.....

Bob, KK6EK -- Organizer/Expedition Leader"

For more details on the mailing list for the newsletter, go to:

http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter.php

VP8SGI & VP8STI DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release). Paul, N6PSE, sent out the following press release on July 31st: The Intrepid DX Group is pleased to announce that all of our plans are moving forward very well. We are pleased that we have been able to add World-Class CW Maestro Dmitri Zhikharev-RA9USU to our team.

We have now shipped all of our equipment to New Zealand at considerable expense. Our container contents will be loaded aboard the RV Braveheart and will meet us in the Falkland Islands in January.

This will be a Pure DX event. We have assembled a team of World-Class experienced operators, including two DX Hall of Fame members. Our sole focus is on getting you in our logs!

When our voyage starts, you can see our location in real time on a map on our website. You will know when we are about to land or are departing one island for the other. We will be in daily satellite communications with our Pilots, and support team. You can get a feel for propagation as we will be QRV as VP8IDX/MM on the way to and from the islands.

Our plan is to be at each of these top ten entities for ten days. To effectively do that, we need your support.

The fourteen members of the VP8STI/VP8SGI team have committed to paying \$210,000 of the \$425,000 needed to carry out this Dxpeditio. To date, we have raised \$118,000 in club and individual donations. We still have a significant deficit of \$97,000. The VP8STI/VP8SGI asks for more support from the DX Clubs of North America, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe and Asia to support our plans. Many well established clubs have yet to donate.

To date, our Club & Individual donations by continent are as follows:

North America: 80%	Oceania 1%
Europe: 13%	Middle East & Africa: 0%

Asia: 6%

Mexico/South America: 0%

So, please consider a generous contribution to this project. To have your club or organization's logo included with the QSL card, please contribute \$250 or more. Individual contributions of \$150 or more will be listed with the QSL card. All donors of \$25 or more will receive an early LoTW upload. Everyone who supports the Dxpedition will be listed and properly recognized on our website.

We encourage you to visit our website <www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8> and donate via the PayPal link. It's easy and free to donate. Alternatively, you can mail a check or money order to the address listed below:

Payable to: Intrepid-DX Group
C/O David Jorgensen-WD5COV, CFO/Treasurer
18645 Cortez Rd SE, Deming, NM 88030 USA

Thank you, The Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team

XU, CAMBODIA. Rene, F6CTW, is currently and once again active as XU7AEX from Phnom Penh until August 10th. Activity is expected on 40-10 meters using mainly CW. QSNs show 30/20/17/15 meters. QSL via F6CTW direct or LoTW.

YASME NEWS. The following press release was sent out by Kip Edwards, W6SZN, Secretary of The Yasme Foundation, on July 28th:

THE YASME FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SUPPORTING GRANTS -- The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce that it has made supporting grants in furtherance of its goal of supporting the development of amateur radio, as follows:

- A grant to the Organizing Committee of the 2018 World Radio Team Championship for the organizational and licensing fees associated with two special call sign stations
- A grant to the Reverse Beacon Network for the purchase of the equipment necessary to establish a node at the ET3AA club station in Ethiopia
- A grant to a representative of the Voodoo Contest Group for the purchase of amateur radio training materials to be used for training sessions of future licensees in Liberia

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing (long distance communication) and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. For additional information about The Yasme Foundation, visit our website at <www.yasme.org>.

Ward Silver, N0AX, President
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YJ, VANUATU. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as YJ0NH from the Benjor Beach Resort (Club), Port Vila, between September 3-7th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters (except 15m) using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW, by the Bureau or direct (see QRZ.com). For more details and updates, watch:

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