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*** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE: This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late Lighthouse Weekend activity announcements.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 7th/August, through Friday, 14th/August there were 206 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, 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, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, 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, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, 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".

7U0, ALGERIA (Special Event). Members of the Algerian Amateur Radio Union (ARU) will be active as 7U0ARU to celebrate the new creation of the Algerian Amateur Radio Union between September 1-30th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via SM4VPZ. An award is available, see QRZ.com for details.

9J, ZAMBIA (Special Event). Peter, 9J2HN, will be active with the special callsign 9J2JOCV from Lusaka, Zambia, between September 1st and December 31st. Activity will be on the HF bands. The special callsign "9J2JOCV" is for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the "Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer" (JOCV). If you need a paper QSL, please send your QSL with SASE (SAE + 1IRC or \$2) to JLIHE direct only (no bureau access): Mr. Yoshitaka KAWAKU, 2-10 Yamate-cho, Hanno-city, Saitama 3570031 JAPAN. QSL through eQSL or LoTW will be issued after the whole operation period is ended. ADDED NOTE: Special event station 8J1JOCV has been active from Kanagawa, Samukawa Town, Japan, since June 1st to celebrate the same thing. Activity will last until March 31st (2016). QSL via JARL Bureau or direct. QSL Manager is JR1EMO (SASE+2IRC).

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA (Update). Richard, PA0RRS, who was expected to be active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS-015) between January 1st and

February 3rd, but suffered 2 heart attacks 3 weeks before, has informed OPDX that he will return to Malaysia this December 1st and stay until January 13th (2016). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, RTTY and PSK. He states, "On special request also SSB, I will take a small hand-mike with me in the luggage." QSL via PAORRS, by the Bureau, LoTW, eQSL, direct or ClubLog. For direct QSL, he has a new address to send to (he moved): Rich Smeets, Valeriaan 14, 5052 CT Goirle, The Netherlands.

C5, THE GAMBIA. Just a reminder that Pedro, ON7WP, will once again be active as C5WP from The Gambia between August 15th and September 1st. Activity will be limited to his spare time on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct.

CARIBBEAN TOUR AGAIN. Rick, AI5P, will activate three islands this time. Activity will be holiday style during the month of August. His tentative schedule is:

August 16-24th -- Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279); callsign PJ4/AI5P

August 24-31st -- Curacao (SA-099); callsign PJ2/AI5P

August 31st-September 8th -- Aruba (SA-036); P40 callsign pending

Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mostly CW. Rick states, "Probably most of time on 30 and 17 meters CW." Equipment is an Icom 706 with 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL via AI5P.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND. Aaron, VA1AXC, continues to be active as CY0/VA1AXC on Sable Island (NA-063) until September 23rd. Activity is SSB only and mainly on 20 meters usually around 2300z. QSL via JELLET DIRECT ONLY.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update). Milan, OK1DWC, continues to be 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 is approaching 20,000 QSOs which 32% is Europe contacts. He is still looking for stations that need E51 for an all time new one (band or mode). Milan is active every day on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. RTTY is in the working process. His antennas include dipoles (160/80/40/20m), Inverted Vee (30m), Spider-Beam (5 bands) at 10m, 3 element beam (20/15m), 2 element beam (17/12m) and 4 element beam for 10m. His equipment includes a TS-590S with a new 500w amp. 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>

FR/J, JUAN DE NOVA (Update). The following press release was sent out on August 14th [edited]: The team is mobilized and carries out many things to prepare under the best conditions for our operation from the island Juan de Nova. Until our departure, we will keep you regularly informed through our official press releases and via our website.

For this new adventure, it was possible to enlarge the team involved into the Tromelin 2014 operation.

We are happy to welcome Jacques/F6BEE, Yann/F1NGP, Patrick/F2DX and Pascal/F5PTM. They rejoin Vincent/F4BKV, Flo/F5CWU, Guillaume/F4FET, Michel/FM5CD and Seb/F5UFX.

We ll use the same equipment as the one used in Tromelin, supplemented by various equipment placed at the disposal by sponsors. We are happy to have at our sides this year Elecraft (transceivers), Spiderbeam (fiber masts), Messi & Paoloni (coaxial cables), Expert - SPE (amplifiers), DX Engineering (80m phasing & accessories), MicroHam (interfaces), DX Avenue (6m DX Beam antenna). These companies allow us to implement all the desired equipment. We are very grateful for their support.

We do not forget foundations, clubs, associations and individual donators. Some already accepted our requests and gave us their confidence. However, we are still far away from the set objective. Within 1 month, the first payment to settle the boat will have to be carried out. We'd like to make another call toward the amateur radio community to ask for their assistance and support. Like we have done with our previous operation, we are engaged in a meticulous control of the costs by studying each expenditure and by

dismissing all things non essential to a DX Expedition.

The boat that we will use sails in the Indian Ocean throughout the year, and the crew knows Juan de Nova well and regularly transports scientists over there. Based on the experiment of our captain, we have determined dates by taking into consideration the end of the cyclonic season as well as the best low tide conditions to unload our equipment at our arrival in the lagoon. We will be on the island from March 31st to April 14th, 2016. The callsign used during this expedition will be FT4JA. We recently received the confirmation from the administration.

By then, many points must be solved in order to propose a formidable experience on the two sides of the pile-up. More than ever we count on your support.

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FT4TJA - Juan de Nova 2016 team.

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-157. Operators Jim/G3RTE, Phil/G3SWH and Matt/MJ0ASP will be active as F/G6AY from the very rare Cezembre Island between August 16-19th. Activity will consists of two 100 watt stations with vertical antennas on 30-10 meters using CW only. According to their QRZ.com page: "Cezembre is one of Europe's rarest islands in the IOTA program, being needed by more than 60% of IOTA participants. Activity will be during daylight hours only as it is not permitted to stay on the island overnight." There will be a log search o QRZ.com and the log will also be uploaded to the ARRL's Log Book of the World (LoTW) and ClubLog as soon as possible after their return to the UK. The OQRS will be enabled as soon as possible after their return to the UK.

NA-006. Gil, VE4GIL, will be operating VE4GIL/VY0 from Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Taloyoak, Nunavut and Hall Beach, Nunavut, Canada, between August 30th and September 7th, exact dates to follow. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB. QSL via VE4GIL direct.

OC-177. Budi, YF1AR, will be active as YF1AR/0 operations from Pramuka Island (Marine National Park), Seribu Islands (New Island), between August 15-17th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly SSB as well as on CW and the Digital modes. QSL via N200 or by ClubLog's OQRS. For more details, see Budi's Web page at: <http://www.yflar.com/2015/08/yflar0-ybff-025-oc-177-pramuka-island.html>

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY FOR THE ILLW. Almost 500 stations (from 44 contries) are listed for this weekend's International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) [August 15-16th]. Complete details and list of participants are available at: <http://illw.net>

Here is a list of last minute entries sent to OPDX:

7T7T -- Operators 7X2UV, 7X2ME, 7X2ZE, 7X2RO, 7X2SP and 7X2OR will be active as 7T7T from the Chercell Lighthouse, Algeria, during the ILLW. QSL via 7X2ARA.

H81L -- Members of the Radio Club de Panama will activate H81L from Miraflores Lighthouse (ILLW PA0001 and ARLHS PAN-030), Panama Canal Pacific side, on Sunday, August 16th, from 15:00 UTC through 24:00 UTC. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB and CW. QSL via HP1RCP.

NW8S -- Members of the Lorain County Wireless Operators (LCWO) will be active August 14th starting at 0001z for 48 hours. The LCWO will be operating for the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW). The three man team will depart Lorain Sailing Club marina by boat for lighthouse number ILLW US0143 and ARLHS USA-453 at 2pm Friday afternoon. The team will leave with enough gear to operate from 80-10m with four stations on the air. The team plans to operate on all bands and all modes including SSB, CW, and Digital modes. The team plans to set up antennas Friday

afternoon to be on the air for event start. They will use the club callsign NW8S and will have operators on the air around the clock. Local operators can coordinate HF on the simplex frequency of 146.505 MHz which they will be monitoring during certain time slots of the event. They also plan to engage in local simplex on 2M FM, and local analog machines as well. The team will have enough supplies to last for 3 days at the lighthouse and plan to depart Sunday afternoon. This will mark the fourth time an amateur radio station has ever operated from the lighthouse and the fourth time in decades that the structure will be occupied overnight. The team of operators would like to mention that this event, under certain weather conditions, could be very hazardous and set up times could be delayed pending weather. Suggested frequencies posted are subject to change with QRM and the NAQP:

- FM - 146.505 MHz
- 10M - 28350, 28050 and 28120 kHz
- 12M - 24940 kHz and 24900 kHz (ILLW during NAQP)
- 15M - 21350, 21050 and 21070 kHz
- 17M - 18150 kHz and 18080 kHz (ILLW during NAQP)
- 20M - 14275, 14050 and 14070 kHz
- 40M - 7210, 7050 and 7070 kHz
- 80M - 3810, 3550 and 3580 kHz

Lorain Lighthouse Foundation Inc. <http://www.lorainlighthouse.com>

PA25SCH -- Wouter, PA3WEG, and possibly others will be operating as PA25SCH from the Scheveningen Lighthouse (NL0025), Netherlands, during the ILLW. QSL via the Bureau only. QSL Manager is PD2RKG.

VARIOUS CUBAN STATIONS -- Look for 14 Cuban stations to be active during International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) and 9 of them for the very first time. Cuba has had a permanent presence during the ILLW since a few years ago, but without doubts this year will be the first time with so many lighthouses on the air. QSL via operators instructions. The callsigns and references numbers are as follows:

- 1 - T41C - Cayo Jutia Lighthouse CU0009 (new one)
- 2 - T42R - Morro La Habana Lighthouse CU0003
- 3 - T43SD - Boca de Jaruco Lighthouse CU0015 (new one)
- 4 - T44IJ - Carapachibey Lighthouse CU0013 (new one)
- 5 - T45FM - Maya Lighthouse CU0005
- 6 - T46BY - Yaguanabo Lighthouse 0012 (new one)
- 7 - T46LC - Los Colorados Lighthouse CU0008 (new one)
- 8 - T46BC - Bahía de Cadiz Lighthouse CU0011 (new one)
- 9 - T47LH - Colon Lighthouse CU0007 (new one)
- 10 - T48LHH - Punta Rasa Lighthouse CU0014 (new one)
- 11 - T48FL - Punta Lucrecia Lighthouse CU0006
- 12 - T48FV - Cabo Cruz Lighthouse CU0010 (new one)
- 13 - T48SC - Morro Santiago de Cuba Lighthouse CU0004
- 14 - T48FM - Punta de Maisi Lighthouse CU0001

W2GSB/LH -- Peter, W2JV, will be active from the Fire Island Lighthouse (FN30KP) from 1400-2100 UTC Saturday and Sunday celebrating Lighthouse/ Lightship weekend. The callsign will be W2GSB/LH and will be on all Amateur Satellites including EO-79. If you would like a commemorative QSL card please SASE to his QRZ.com QTH. More information is available on his QRZ.com page.

NH0, MARIANA ISLANDS (Canceled). Koji, JL3RDC, who was expected to be active as NH0DX from Saipan during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th), has cancelled his activity because the Saipan Rent Shack radio room has collapsed due to the typhoon.

POINT OF VIEW ABOUT THE POSSIBLE OPERATION FROM NORTH KOREA (P5). Paul, N6PSE, has posted the following interesting article - "The realities of a North Korean amateur radio activation...." at:

<https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2015/08/10/the-realities-of-a-northkorean-amateur-radio-activation>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 17-23rd)....

Aug/17th AN Aug/20th AN Aug/22nd AN
Aug/18th AN Aug/21st AN Aug/23rd HN
Aug/19th LN

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.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (Will be back in one week.....)

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

SN0RX via SP8RX. See QRZ.com for more details.

TX5P LOG. Alain, F6BFH, inform that he has sent the TX5P log for last April's Clipperton Island DXpedition to LoTW.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4Z5IW, 5B/RW9QA, 7P8LS, AC4BT/6Y5, CU5AQ, DH0GHU, DL65DARC, DU3LA, E51RAT, EC4ALB, EF4HQ, FP/NY4G, G5W, GW7X, H7/K9NW, HK6PSG, IZ8GCE, JA6WJL, K1N, KP4EJ, ON7TQ, PJ2T, PW70FEB, RK3IR, RK9UN, S57Z, TX5P, US1US, US3IY, VE1/DJ8QP, VE2OCH, VE9DX, XE2CQ, YN2AA and YV50IE

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 6K2CEW/4 (AS-093), A52SV, BC5OQ, E51AGY, EA2EEK/7 (EU-143), J68HS, MU/PA9M, OY/N2IEN, PQ0T, VE3ELX, XW1IC, YF1AR/7 (OC-166), YF1AR/2 (OC-186), ZL100ANZAC and ZS5IE

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3W2DK, 4X0W, 5B/AA7A, 8N1HQ, 9H9X, AH6HY, C6ARW, C6AXY, EA8AH, EF4HQ, EJ/SP3CW, FP/W6HGF, HI3/N3SY, HQ4W, HR2DMR, HR5/W9GL, J6/AA4W, J6/K4WA, J68/UN, J79FCG, K0BBC/VY2, KG4HF, KH6DE, KL7GLL, KL7QK, MJ/K8PT/P, NP3K, NU1AW, OA4/K6ZH, OC4CW, OC4WW, PJ6/W4VAB, SN50MKS, TN36CDXC, V63MJ, VP5/WA2VYA, VP5/WA0MHJ, W1AW and YN2ET

TC30, TURKEY (Special Event). Members (both young and old amateurs) of the "Giresun Radio Amateurs and Nature Sports Club" (GITRAD) and the "TC Special Wireless Activity Team" (TCSWAT) will be active with the special callsign TC30AZB between August 28th and September 4th. Activity is to celebrate "Victory Day" from Turkey/. Operators mentioned are Mehmet/TA1PB, Can/TA1CR, Bora/TA1UT, Deniz/TA1CQ, Burak/TA1ABG, Aziz/TA2AD, Bekir/TA2RX, Golkem/TA7AZC, Ali/TA7EB, Furkan/TA7AOF, Hakan/TA7ASN, Ismail/TA7EA, Omer/TA7BB and Soner/TB7DSJ. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. Log will be uploaded to eQSL and LoTW right after their activity. Please no hardcopy QSL requests, only electronic confirmation this time.

V2, ANTIGUA. By the time you read this, Larry, N4TAC, is expected to be active as V25LL from Antigua (NA-100) until August 20th. Details of his

activity were not provided. QSL via his home callsign.

V3, BELIZE. Jim, W2JHP, will be active as V31TA from the Turneffe Flats Lodge, Blackbird Caye, Turneffe Atoll (NA-123), between August 23rd and September 4th. Activity will be limited on the HF bands using SSB only. QSL via his home callsign (see QRZ.com - No paper QSLs at this time) or eQSL.

ZD7 & ZD8, ST. HELENA and ASCENSION ISLANDS (Update). Oliver, W6NV, will activate these two islands again between October and December. He should be on St. Helena (ZD7) (AF-022) between October 15th and November 1st. To celebrate the arrival of Napoleon Bonaparte (October 15th, 1815), Oliver has requested the callsign ZD7N. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. He is also expected to participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). After his operation on St. Helena, Oliver will then go to Ascension Island (ZD8) and be active as ZD8W between November 5th and December 2nd. He will then join others to be active on the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th).

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