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\*\* EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE: It is "GOOD" to be back home (Sunday 2:00 AM). Who would have thought watching two little grand-kids (4 & 1 years old) would wear you out. Whew!!!! Hello Bed, Peace & Quiet and Back to Normal.... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th/September, through Sunday, 4th/October there were 213 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FK/c, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, 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".

4L, GEORGIA. Operator Gia, 4L4WW, will be active as 4L0A from Obcha (Western Georgia) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-All/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or via EA7FTR. He states, "PLEASE do not send QSL cards direct to him".

5X, UGANDA. Jay, K4ZLE, informs that he will be active as 5X2A from three different locations in Uganda (Kampala, Jinja and Lira) between October 10-19th. However, operating will be secondary and hours of operation can be in the evenings and/or early mornings Uganda time (1800-2000 UTC and 0300-0500 UTC). Operations will most likely be on 40-17 meters using CW, maybe RTTY. Equipment is an Alinco DX70TH with EDX2 (HF Auto Antenna Tuner) running 100 watts into an end fed wire in trees, etc.... w/counterpoise. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or LoTW.

5Z, KENYA. German operators Manfred/DK1BT, Sigi/DL7DF, Reiner/DL7KL and Frank/DL7UFR will be active as 5Z4HW from Kenya between November 4-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Equipment consists of two K2 transceivers K2, two OX1000 power amplifiers, a 18m lowband vertical, a 40m and a 30m loop, a Spiderbeam for 20m through 10m

and a 5 element yagi for 6m. Pilot station will be Bernd, DF3CB. QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the Bureau. Also, look for operators to possibly sign 5Z4/homecalls. For more details and possible updates, see:

[http://www.dl7df.com/5z4hw\\_2015](http://www.dl7df.com/5z4hw_2015)

6Y, JAMAICA (Update). Masato, JA0RQV, will be active as 6Y5/JA0RQV mainly from a Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica (NA-097), from the middle of October for 2 months (between October 24th and December 9th). Activity will be mostly on the weekend and spare time during his local time as he is on a business trip. He states that if situation allows, he might stay and operate from the station of Josh, 6Y5WJ, and to be a Single-Op entry in both the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) from his powerful station (1kw and Beam antennas). QSL via M0OXO (ORQS) or LoTW.

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Operators Giles/N5YA, Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX, and Esa/OH7WV will be active as AH0K from the Mariana Intrepid Contest Club on Tinian Island (OC-086) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. Also, look for operators Fan/BA1RB, Olli/OH0XX, Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX, Esa/OH7WV and Harry/WX8C to be active as AH0K during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL both operations via OH6GDX. Look for possible activity before the contests.

C3, ANDORRA (Update/Confusion). Members of the "Andorran Amateur Radio Union (URA)" will once again be active as C37NL during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via C37URA or by the Bureau. Also, look for C37N to be active in the contest by the members of "Tifariti Gang" <http://www.dxfriends.com/c37n2015/index.php?i=eng> and some C3 operators from the operational site located in Naturlandia the Thematic Pyrenees mountains Ecologic Park. Operators mentioned are Antonio/EA5RM (Team Leader), Joan/C31US, Belisario/C31KC, Michel/C31MO, Martinho/C31VM, Xavi/C32JK, Alberto/EAlSA, Roberto/EA2RY, Gerardo/EA3HCJ, Dimitri/EA4CWW, Manuel/EA7AJR, Paco/EA7ATX, Arturo/EA7JHQ, Tony/EC7ZK, Vincent/F4BKV, Flo/F5CWU, Yannick/F6FYD, Bernard/F9IE, Simone/IK5RUN, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR and Valery/UT7CR. The C37N callsign is to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the URA. Also QSL via C37URA or by the Bureau.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Marko, N5ZO, will be active as C92ZO during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to OH0XX.

DX MEETING IN ROME & HV0A IN THE SPOTLIGHT OCTOBER 10-11th (News release from the Eternal City - Vatican City, Rome) [edited]. Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 -- Francesco/IK0FVC, Martti/OH2BH and Giordano/IK0XFD, President of the Rome branch of Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI), are organizing a DX summit in the Eternal City, Rome. The historically rich surroundings help to spotlight several timely issues on the way to the first DX University session to be organized in Italy.

During this event, HV0A is to be activated on several bands, as high as permitted by the Solar Flux. The activity will begin on Saturday, October 10th, at 1400 UTC and finish with a dinner party at 1800 UTC featuring a talk given by Martti, OH2BH. Further HV0A activity will follow the next day, October 11th.

Martti's presentation will highlight the challenges faced in making DXpedition traffic run smoothly, with both ends contributing to a good result. The gathering will focus on areas of improvement which are of interest to DXers and DXpedition operators alike. These areas include a DX University paper tentatively entitled How To Work Everything With No Pain Even Europe. The paper is scheduled to be released shortly. The centerpiece of the summit is the unveiling of a new Q-Code.

The TX3X DXpedition currently underway will be used as a case study and part of the Italian DX summit.

HV0A QSLs, as usual, via IK0FVC and also LoTW.

Rome DXers, please contact [ggiordano@teletu.it](mailto:ggiordano@teletu.it)

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS. Jeff, N6GQ, will be active as EF8U from Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a

Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. He will be using mono-bander antennas. QSL via LoTW. To see the station, see: <http://ea8url.blogspot.com>  
<https://www.qrz.com/lookup/ef8u>

EP, IRAN. Reports indicate that Yuris, YL2GM, and others will be active as EP2A from Iran between November 10-25th. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Bill, K2HVN, will be active as FJ/K2HVN from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA 0377) between December 12-19th. Activity will be on "all bands CW and SSB except 80 meters" using 100 watts into Buddipole Vertical. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

FT4TA VIDEO AND BOOK AVAILABLE. The FT4TA DXpedition team that went to Tromelin Island now has a video out that can be viewed on YouTube.com at <https://youtu.be/D-ig1VU5Jxk>. Also, the team does have a book available to view or purchase at:

Book in French : <http://blur.by/1KGFCIT>

Book in English: <http://blur.by/1LziqfS>

Just a reminder. This team will also be going to Juan de Nova in 2016. They need your support. Take a look at their Web pages:

<http://www.juandenovadx.com>

Twitter : <http://twitter.com/juandenovadx>

#### IOTA NEWS.....

AF-119. (S79C Press Release #3) During early July, plans started to firm up for a DXpedition to Coetivy Island AF-119NEW. Such was the interest in this project, our experienced team was in place within moments of invitations going out to join this exciting island activation.

In little more than 6 weeks from now, the S79C team will be on air from the South Indian Ocean looking to work as many uniques as possible. Planning and logistics are now complete and we're confident of giving out this new IOTA group to many.

We are deeply encouraged by the level of support, both individually and through organizations who realize this IOTA activity is not a holiday style operation, but rather to a remote destination hundreds of miles from anywhere. Our aim is to work all corners of the globe using a combination of verticals and hexbeams placed near the waters edge. This November time-frame was chosen to maximize propagation paths to all geographical areas. We want your QSO!

Our most difficult path from this Brand New IOTA group is to West Coast North America. Special attention will be given to this area as we realize that even regular S7 is still much needed - # 53 most wanted DXCC in fact! We are puzzled however, that to date, all groups and organizations contacted from this area have all refused our funding requests. Nonetheless, we will focus on this tricky path during peak propagation times. Let's remember the 'forgotten West Coast'.

Such is the extreme expense of activating this brand new IOTA, we appreciate every single donation being made. We urge those considering to donate to please do so before, during or after our DXpedition. Remember, advance donors will be rewarded with a free QSL ( see <http://af119new.com/donate/> )

Just before we leave our homes in mid-November we will issue a last minute update. In addition, twitter @af119 will be in use as we journey to Coetivy island. Please see <http://af119new.com> for latest information.

Thank you, Team S79C

AS-128. Operators Kunio/JA8VE and Hiro/JF1OCQ will be active as 3W4VE and 3W4VX, respectively, from Phu Qoc Island between November 4-11th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from

here as NP2P during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Fred, K9VV, will be active as NP2X from the "Caribbean Friends United By Amateur Radio" Gallows Bay Club Station on St. Croix during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via K5WW. Look for Fred to be active outside of the contest probably as K9VV/KP2. QSL K9VV/KP2 only direct to K9VV.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 5-11th)....

Oct/05th LN      Oct/08th DIS      Oct/10th HN  
Oct/06th DIS      Oct/09th HN      Oct/11th HN  
Oct/07th HN

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.

PY70, BRAZIL (Special Event). Rony, PS7AB, will activate special event station PY70FEB between October 1-30th. 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. PY70FEB is the tenth 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://www.radioamador.org.br/certificate_70th_world_war.htm)  
<http://qrz.com/db/py70feb>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (October 4th)

5P00 via OZ1GDI (e)	HF13URSA via SP5PPK	SN9SONDA via SP9HTY
5R8UI via IZ8CCW	HG1ITU via HA5AGP (d/e)	SP/DL7ATR/P via DL7ATR
AO2015STJ via EA1EG	HG30CW via HA3NU	SV5/MW0JZE via M0OXO (O)
CE2AWW via N7RO (d)	HG6ITU via HA5AGP (d/e)	SX8HOMER via SV8GXQ
CT9/EA5KA via EA5KA	HG8ITU via HA5AGP (d/e)	T2GC via LZ1GC
DL60STATUT via DK8VR	K6C via W1RH	T42GDXC via RW6HS (d)
DR9A via DK8SG	LZ/OH8MSM via OH3BHL	UN7AB via DL8KAC
E51MKW via N7BX	LZ/OH9MM via OH9MM	V85/VE3LA via VE3LA
E51MQT via N7BX	LZ130SAK via LZ1KCP	VK9LN via NI1L
EM80CY via UY7LM	OE/DM1LE/P via DM1LE	VP2MLJ via K8ESQ
GB2ROC via G0TRB	OE/PA0SKP/P via PA0SKP	W7/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
HB0/DL3TU/P via DL3TU	P29LL via EA7FTR(d)/EA4PL (B)	YQ40KNE via YO6KNE
HB0/DL4AAE/P via DL4AAE	PI4CGR via PA1JLG	ZL2WL via WN2IHJ

HB0/DL5YL via DL5YL                   PI4DWN via PA8DWN                   ZV10M via PT7ZT  
 HB0/DL5YM via DL5YM                   PI70VERON via PA3CAL  
 HB0/HB9CVQ via HB9CVQ (d/L) PJ6/WB0TEV via WB0TEV  
 (e) eQSL only   (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only   (\*-B) DX's- Bureau  
 (O) OQRS only   (C) ClubLog only   (L) LoTW only

CUBAN SPECIAL EVENT QSL ROUTES. The following were provided by Raul,  
 CO8ZZ:

T41GDXC	Pinar del Río -----	RW6HS
T42GDXC	La Habana -----	RW6HS
T43GDXC	Mayabeque -----	CO3JA
T44GDXC	Isla de la Juventud -----	EA7FTR
T45GDXC	Matanzas -----	PA3ACA
T46D	Cienfuegos -----	K4TXL
T46G	Villa Clara -----	RW6HS
T46X	Sancti Spiritus -----	EA5ZD
T47GDXC	Camagüey -----	K2AU
T48C	Guantánamo -----	EA5KB
T48D	Santiago de Cuba -----	EA7TV
T48G	Las Tunas -----	K2AU
T48X	Holguín -----	K2AU

ADDED NOTE: Raúl, CO8ZZ, informs OPDX that the special stations' licenses  
 (celebrating the anniversary of GDXC) has been extended until October  
 31st. Now you will have more chances to work them for the commemorative  
 certificate.

QUICK DXCC & WAZ ENDORSEMENTS. George, K8GG, reports the following:  
 "I took QSL cards for DXCC updates for myself and others to W9DXCC.  
 The cards were checked on Saturday, Sept 12th, processed at ARRL HQ,  
 postmarked Sept.22nd, and the endorsements were received by all of us  
 via USPS on Saturday, Sept 26th.

Some of them were totally hand written, others were done electronically  
 on the DXCC site within ARRL dot org.

I think two weeks total turn around is great! I am very happy that  
 the DXCC desk is not backlogged!

I heard similar turn-around times from some Wisconsin hams who had  
 cards checked in Milwaukee over the summer.

Similarly, I took some QSLs for 5BWAZ and a single band WAZ to W9DXCC  
 and they were all processed and double checked, including a mailed sub-  
 mittal to John Bergman, KC5LK, the new WAZ administrator, in 2-1/2 weeks  
 as well. It is nice to know that awards managers are 'on the ball'."

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B9FR, 4M4C, 4O3A, 8P2K, 9A5Y, 9M2TO, A61EK,  
 A61ZX, A93JA, AP2IA, D44TUK, D67GIA, DL7URH, E2X, E6GG, EA6NB, EA9CD,  
 F1RHS, F5CBL, FG5LA, G0BNR, GM4FDM, HB0A, JA0CGJ, JA1XYO, JA7IC, JA9APS,  
 JG3RPL, JH1FNU, JH4UYB, JQ1TIV, JR4OZR, LA8FTA, LU7HN, LV1F, LW9ETQ,  
 LX7I, MJ5Z, OH1AF/P (EU-173), OH1MA, OH2XX, OK1KSL, OT6M, OY1OF, PI4DX,  
 R0QA, RT9K/0 (AS-203), RU3FM, S51A, SM4EMO, SM6BGG, SM7CIL, SV9FBM,  
 UA0AKY, UB7K, UT1AA, V4/W6HGF, VA7KO, XE2FGC, YB0NDT, YL2KF, YL9T,  
 YO3RU, YT9A, YV5KG, YV5LAY, YW5T and ZL3X

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 9M2/R6AF/P (AS-073), DX0P, EK4JJ, ET3AA, KV4FZ,  
 OY1OF (EU-018), T41C (NA-093), TI9/RA9USU, YF1AR/7 (OC-166) and YJ0GA

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5P9Z/P, 9Q6QL, BG5RSO, DL0SOP, DQ40AIX,  
 DR100MF, DR175LDE, EA6/DJ5GI, EK/DL7UCX, J79AN, LX90IARU, LX2007L,  
 R55TV, RG9A, RG110RAEM, RP9A, RP67TG, V5/DC8QT, VK9DCX and Z6/9A6AA

S7, SEYCHELLES. Just a reminder that a group of Polish operators (Polish  
 DXpedition) should be active now as S79SP from Mahe Island (AF-024) until  
 October 8th. Operators mentioned are Wlodek/SP6EQZ, Jan/SP2EBP, YL Gala/  
 P2GKS, Jan/SP3CYY, Ryszard/SP6FX Y, Kris/SP6JIU and Roman/SP9FOW. Activity  
 will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SP6FX Y, ClubLog's  
 OQRS, eQSL or LoTW. For more details and updates, watch:

<http://www.s79sp.dxing.pl>

SI9, SWEDEN. Operators Roger/ON7TQ, Cel/ON6UQ and Jef/DD2CW will operate as SI9AM from the "King Chulalongkorn Memorial" the largest Thai Pavilion in the world outside Thailand in Raganda, Sweden, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Op/Single-TX entry. Outside of the contest, they will be active on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FM.

Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1817, 3517, 7017, 10117, 14017, 18077, 21017, 24897 and 28017 kHz

SSB - 1840, 3760, 7060, 14210, 18160, 21310, 24960 and 28510 kHz

FM - 145.550 MHz and repeater RV49 - 145.612 MHz

QSL via SM3CVM, direct or by the Bureau. Bureau cards can be requested

by E-mail at: [info\(at\)si9am.se](mailto:info@si9am.se)

Visit the SI9AM Web page at: <http://www.si9am.se>

Look at their special page at: <http://www.si9am.tk>

SV5, DODECANESE. Carlo, IK2ECC, is now active as SV5/homecall from Rhodes Island (EU-001) until October 14th. Activity will be on CW with a 500 watt rig into a vertical antenna. QSL via IK2ECC, direct or by the Bureau.

SV9, CRETE. Seppo, OH1VR, will be active as SV9/OH1VR from Crete between October 4-10th. Activity will be on the HF bands using mainly CW. QSL only direct to Seppo's home QTH.

TF, ICELAND. Operators Marko, N5ZO, will activate the TF4M Rhombic Farm club station in Otradalur, using the callsign TF4X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry.

QSL via G3SWH, direct only or the OQRS. For more on the TF4M station,

see: <http://www.tf4m.com>

Also for a log search, see: <http://www.g3swh.org.uk/tf4x.html>

TX3X CHESTERFIELD DXPEDITION NEWS. The TX3X is now active until October 12th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the info on <http://www.tx3x.com>. Here is the latest update:

(Update #8, dated October 4th)[edited]. The wind continues to blow. If you imagine being in a wind tunnel with a wind speed between 20 - 30 knots, and occasional stronger gusts you'll understand the challenges. Wind and tent noise makes it difficult to hear, even with cans, so we apologize for repeats. Sleeping is difficult because the tents are shaking. The pile-ups are energetic and orderly, THANK YOU. The team continues to be in good spirits and dealing with the situation as you would expect.

Safety is a priority - we're being overly cautious when it comes to taking chances with antennas. Today we installed the 2 SteppIR beams and tried to install the Battle Creek Special but the winds were too strong to complete the installation, The SteppIR are withstanding the wind and working well.

The tents are holding up well, the very deep sand requires us to pay constant attention to all guy wires and ground stakes. Placing 50 pound (22 kg) sand bags at the most critical guy points has helped immensely. Because of the rough seas the skipper will bring supplies to the island 2 times per day until the sea calms down. We are hoping for a break in the weather in 24 hours. Being on a tropical island you may not think about it being cold, but tonight it is cooling down and we're all wearing layers and jackets, however there has been very little rain.

The bands are in good condition, with excellent runs to all geography, we've had excellent openings and hope propagation continues to be favorable.

Team Chesterfield 2015

V3, BELIZE. Marc, V31MA, will once again be active with the special callsign V3A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via M0OXO. QSOs are regularly uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and ClubLog.org.

V4, ST. KITTS (NA-104). Operators Andy/N2NT, Doug/K1DG and Dave/KM3T will be active as V47T from the QTH of V47KP during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W2RQ direct or LoTW.

VK9WA WILLIS ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). An international team will activate an amateur radio DXpedition station VK9WA from Willis Islets

between November 14-23rd. Complete details can be found on their Web page <http://vk9wa.com>. A third newsletter was release this past week. Here are the URL addresses for all of their newsletters:

<http://vk9wa.com/newsletters/VK9WANewsletter.pdf>  
<http://vk9wa.com/newsletters/VK9WANewsletter2.pdf>  
<http://vk9wa.com/newsletters/VK9WANewsletter3.pdf>

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Fred, K9VV, will be active as VP2VVV from the British Virgin Islands during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via K5WW.

WFD 2016. Dave, W3DET, reports: "Good news, Winter Field Day (WFD) is alive and well. We have reorganized and are now known as Winter Field Day Association. Check out our new webpage [www.winterfieldday.com](http://www.winterfieldday.com) for details on WFD 2016..... To insure a successful 2016 WFD, we need your help, by spreading the word to other hams and your clubs."

WORKED ALL NCDXA "RST" STATIONS (Special Event from KL7, VY1 and VE8!). Members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active in February and March 2016 from several different locations in Alaska, Yukon and Northwest Territories using the callsigns KL7RST, VY1RST and VE8RST to further promote Amateur Radio up north. This may just be a first for the north- a joint-venture KL7, VY1 and VE8 special event. Activity will be on all modes, 160-6 meters and WARC bands are permissible. SWLs are welcome to participate. The object is to work or log (SWL) as many NCDXA "RST" stations as you can from their different locations. Work/log each "RST" station only once per their QTH/band and mode. Watch the DX spots as they plan to have stations on from Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and many other cities (maybe an Alaskan glacier or two!). QSL Manager is K7ICE. Optional full color certificates are also available (E-mail [JohnKL7JR@gmail.com](mailto:JohnKL7JR@gmail.com) for details) for working/hearing any of the "RST" stations. SPECIAL EVENT DATES: February 15th (0000Z) through March 27th (2359Z). For more details, see: <https://www.qrz.com/lookup/k7ice>

XV, VIETNAM. Miki, JJ2CJB, will be active as XV2CJB from Ho Chi Minh City between October 23-25th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (no 30/17/12m) using mainly CW, except he will be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

XZ, MYANMAR (IOTA Ops). Operators Derek/G3KHZ, Hans/SM6CVX, Nils/SM6CAS, Ulrika/SM7WYN and Eddy/K5WQG will activate "3 NEW IOTA groups" in Myanmar, namely AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Possibly a fourth group is yet to be considered. Activity will be between February 15th and March 15th - OR - April 15th and May 15th in the year 2016. All domestic logistics like transport between these groups and equipment are already arranged through their local tour agency. They intend to stay 6 days on each Island group and operations modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. Look for callsigns to be released on a Web site that will be constructed/online in January.

YB, INDONESIA (Update/WFF Op). Operators Hajar/YB8HZ, Ram/YB8BRI and Andi/YC8HBN, who were active from Bantimurung (YBFF#053), Bulusaraung, this past weekend, now have a QSL Manager. QSL via YB8BRI.

YB0, INDONESIA. Karsono, YB0NDT, will once again be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via YB0NDT, direct or LoTW. No Bureau.

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 2nd, and will be active as ZD7W. The primary purpose is to enjoy the Island and revisit some of Napoleon's history. The Island is celebrating the bi-centennial year of Napoleon's exile, and the residents are anticipating completion of an airport in 2016. See Web pages <http://sthelenatourism.com> and <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/just-got-easier-visit-st-helena-napoleon-180956633/?no-ist>  
Activity will be focused on the CQWW SSB and WAG CW Contests. Operation

will be on 160-10 meters throughout his stay using CW and SSB. After his operation on St. Helena, Oliver will then go to Ascension Island (ZD8) via the Royal Mail Ship 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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