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VP8SGI SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Update 1615z, February 5th)...
Received from Paul, N6PSE at 16:15z:

"Today is day 8 at VP8SGI. We are pushing forward to our goal of 80,000 contacts from South Georgia Islands. The ten and twelve meter bands are very good today.

Our biggest challenges are the high winds which are destroying our antennas and tent and the many out of turn callers that continually call while we are trying to work others.

We are particularly frustrated by those EU callers that continue to call as we are trying to work to Asia/Japan.

Please let's all show our best Ham Spirit over the next three days so that everyone has a chance to work VP8SGI.

On Sunday, we will be seeking ATNO contacts on 17 meters SSB. We will QRT on Monday morning.

Best wishes from the Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team."

At this point, I want to remember to everybody that VP8 team members left their homes past January 7th, and they expect to be back at home around February 22th. More than 45 days out of home, working and risking their lives in one of the hardest places of the World, trying to give us three new DXCC countries, two of them in the highest part on the most wanted list, in a project that exceeds 215,000\$. So please, let's help them to reach their aim following operator instructions and respecting other callers.

Paul will try to do first six meters QSO during their afternoon and evening time. Take a look to my spots on DX Cluster, he will call me by Sat phone few minutes before start to call on 50.110 Khz.

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VP8SGI SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Update February 6th)...

Today I was in contact with N6PSE from early morning. We exchanged a lot of messages while they are in the middle of a big storm with high winds and snow. It seems that South Georgia weather does not want to give them a rest.

ATNO (all time new one) plans are going to change due propagation is

shifting day to day. Tomorrow, February 7th, they will be asking for ATNO contacts time to time on any band so please, follow operator instructions and respect to those for whom VP8SGI is still an All Time New One.

We did not speak about 6 meters but plans for this band is still the same, if there is an available radio during his afternoon-evening, Paul will call me via Iridium Satellite few minutes before to start to call on 50.110 MHz so check DX Cluster Network spots.

I asked them for an earlier 160 meters activity looking to Western Europe and also to take profit of Grey Line with East Coast and it seems they are going to be on the Top Band earlier than previous days.

In my last press release, I stated that this project exceeds \$215.000. Well, VP8 project budget is \$425.000, team members contributed with \$210.000.

They are very grateful to all sponsors and individual donors who will help them to cover remaining \$215.000.

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VP8SGI SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Update February 7th)...

Past night they had a big storm and VP8SGI members went back to Braveheart for security reasons. Everybody is OK and now, they are waiting a weather change to dismount and pack everything. Last log file will be uploaded from Stanley, Falkland Is.

VP8SGI now is QRT.

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