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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th/August, through Sunday, 14th/August there were 204 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CEOY, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, 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, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HKO/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OHO, OJO, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ5, PY, PZ, SO, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T3O, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, 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".

3E, PANAMA (ILLW Op). Members of the Radio Club of Panama will activate 3ElL from the Miraflores Lighthouse (PAN 030) at the Miraflores Locks, Panama Canal Pacific Entrance, during the 2016 International Lighthouse/Lightship (ILLW) (August 20-21st). QSL via HP1RCP direct. NO Bureau or eQSL.

3Y, BOUVET (Update). An international team of operators will be active as 3Y0Z from Bouvet Island (AN-002) in early 2018. Operators mentioned are Franz/DJ9ZB, Nodir/EY8MM, Jorge/HK1R, Ralph/K0IR, Bob/K4UEE, Craig/K9CT, Erling/LA6VM, a second LA op (TBN), George/N4GRN, Arnie/N6HC, Jim/N9TK, Jeff/NM1Y, Michael/PA5M, Andy/UA3AB, Neil/VA7DX, Steve/VE7CT, Glenn/W0GJ, Gregg/W6IZT, Hal/W8HC and Jerry/WB9Z. Activity (TBA) will probably be on 160-10 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL Manager for the 3Y0Z DXpedition will be Bob, N2OO. A Web page is now active at: http://www.bouvetdx.org

[Press Release #2 -- Bouvet DXpedition 2017-2018 -- dated August 11, 2016] We are pleased to announce that our website <www.bouvetdx.org> is now active. Now, you can see more about our plans to activate the #2 DXCC "most wanted" entity. You will also meet the operating TEAM. You will recognize most, if not all the call signs as these operators have given out millions of DXpedition QSOs over the years.

We plan to be QRV on Bouvet on all available bands using the common modes with the very best antennas, radios, and amplifiers. The duration of our visit to "the most remote island on Earth" may be as long as three weeks, weather permitting of course. As with our many previous DXpeditions, we expect to make tens of thousands of QSOs. That is our #1 goal, con-

sistent with the safety of the operating team.

Now that the website is up, we are officially beginning our fund-raising program. As with our other DXpeditions, the operating team is committed to provide one half (50%) of the DXpedition costs. We are asking DX foundations, DX clubs, individual DXers and equipment vendors to provide the remainder. We believe this arrangement is fair and equitable. As always, you have the option of using PayPal, a credit card or a personal/club check.

We appreciate you becoming our partner in very expensive under taking. 73, For the TEAM, Ralph-K0IR Bob-K4UEE Erling-LA6VM

- 5X, UGANDA. Anders, SMOHPL, was active as 5X7W from Uganda this past week on 20/17/15 meters running only 5 watts, but he will be QRT on August 14th returning back home to Sweden by the time you read this. However, Anders informs OPDX that he has been there for a week giving a workshop at the Makerere University. He got his license from the UCC on August 11th. He also stated that he will probably visit Uganda again and find a better QTH and stay longer. He was living in an apartment at the university's campus with just a 20 meters longwire to his K2. QSL via his home callsign.
- 5Z, KENYA. Franz, DC4CQ, is currently active as 5Z4/DC4CQ near Migori. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity has been basically on 20/15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.
- 6W, SENEGAL. Charles, KG4KCT, is now active as 6W4AA from Dahra Djoloff. The length of his stay is unknown, but he is there working. He states that he will be using "a FT-450D into a DXCC dipole at about 40 feet". QSL via his home callsign direct.
- 7Y, ALGERIA (LH Ops). Operators from the Algerian Amateur Radio Union (ARU) will be active from five lighthouses in the next coming months. They will be using special callsigns whose suffixes form the word "LIGHTHOUSE" as follows: 7Y9LI from Cap Ivi, 7Y9GH from Cap Tenes, 7Y9TH from Ras Afia, 7Y9OU from Cap Fer Marsa and 7Y9SE from Cap Sigli. QSL for all callsigns are via SM4VPZ. Also, an electronic certificates and plaque are available. Details on the rules and trophy can be read here:

http://www.qrz.com/db/7X5ARU

The following callsigns and schedule of operations are as follows:

CALLSIGN	Dates		Lighthouse/Ref #	QTH/WW Loc.
7Y9LI	August 17-22nd	Cap	Ivi Lighthouse/ALG-013	Mostaganem/JM06CC
7Y9GH	September 21-26th	Cap	Tenes Lighthouse/ALG-018	Chlef/JM06QN
7Y9TH	October 27-31st		Afia Lighthouse/ALG-029	2
7Y90U	November 15-21st	Cap	Fer Marsa Lighthouse/ALG	-011 Skikda/JM37NC
7Y9SE	December 7-15th	Cap	Sigil Lighthouse/ALG-016	Bejaia/JM26JV

For more details and updates, watch: http://www.aru-dz.org

- 8Q, MALDIVES. Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as 8Q7XG from Maldive Islands (AS-013) sometime in October. He states, "The period is not fixed and will be the middle of the month depending on my official work." Activity will probably be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands, using mainly CW with some RTTY, JT65 and PSK. Equipment is an IC-7300 into two different verticals. QSL via JA1XGI, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.
- A3, TONGA (Rare IOTA). Masa, JAORQV, will once again be active from Tonga. This time he will activate Niuafo'ou Island (OC-123) as A35JP/P between September 28th and October 4th. It has been 6 years since last activation of A33A (by K6HFA). OC-123 is currently claimed by 17.9% of participants based on IOTA Web site (as of 11th August 2016). Operations will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. His equipment is an IC-7300 (w/100W) into a vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct (SASE w/1 IRC), LoTW or ClubLog. For more details and updates, visit his

: Exact dates unknown.

Bhutan (A5)

COWS OVER THE WORLD (Update). Tom, KCOW, and his all-CW "Cows Over the World" DXpeditions still continues and is now active as T2COW from Tuvalu until August 18th. Activity will be CW only on 160-6 meters using a K3 with a KPA500 amp (500 watts) into vertical antennas over salt water. He will be in all major CW contests. He updates his activities on his upcoming operations on QRZ.com. His tentative schedule is as follows:

Tuvalu (T2) : July 19th-August 18th

Vanuatu (YJ) (YJ0COW): August 20th-September 21st

Western Kiribati (T30COW): September 24th-October 24th

Solomon Islands (H44COW): October 25th-November 26th

Returns to Samoa (5W0COW): November 27th-???

Tokelau (ZK3) : ???

Temotu Province (H40) : (Depends on Tokelau)

Bangladesh (S2) : Exact dates unknown.

Nepal (9N) : Exact dates unknown.

QSL via KCOW direct only. A log search will be available on ClubLog. He does not use LoTW. See QRZ.com for more details and updates. ADDED NOTE: Don't be BLACKLISTED! Read details under YJOCOW on QRZ.com.

CP6, BOLIVIA. Rene, DF9GR, is now and once again active from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, but signing as CP6XGR. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. He uses an IC-706 into various different antennas. QSL via his home callsign.

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update, dated August 13th). Randy, NOTG, reports on the upcoming CY9C operation for August 19-29th [edited]: All three U.S. vehicles will be on the road Sunday morning (14th) fully loaded with all the DXpedition gear on the journey to our take-off point at Dingwall, Nova Scotia. Tuesday, Phil, VA3QR, will be headed for Dingwall also with a utility trailor full. Arrival is expected on Tuesday, August 16th for all the equipment and supplies. Thanks to all who have expressed interest and for the those who have donated to the DXpedition. Dxpedition contacts logged will be posted LIVE on the website for those who desire to check if they are in the log. Also QSL information has been posted on the website. <www.CY9Dxpedition.com> We are ON THE WAY!!

FM, MARTINIQUE (Update). Operators Bill/AA4OC, Joe/N7BF, Mac/WT4BT and Ev/W6ABM will be active as TO4OC, FM/N7BF, FM/WT4BT and TO6ABM from Martinique Island (NA-107) between October 29th and November 4th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters (mostly on 40/20/15m depending on the propagation) using SSB and the Digital modes. They will also put forth a "moderate" effort in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via their home callsigns, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Heye, DJ9RR, is now active as FR/DJ9RR from Reunion Island (AF-016). The length of his stay is unknown. Activity has been on 10 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

HB88, SWITZERLAND (Reminder). YLs from Switzerland, France and Germany will meet in Hedingen, Switzerland, between August 19-21st and be active as HB88YL. They plan to have 3 or 4 stations on the air, all bands, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Dora, HB9EPE, has organized the following operators (including herself): Mado/F1EOY, Christine/F4GDI, Evelyne/F5RPB, Joana/DL5YL and Siggi/DK2YL. QSL via Dora, HB9EPE. See QRZ.com for more details.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-128. Operators Eri/KM4DAY and Alex/LZ4AX will be active as 3W4DAY and 3W4XX, respectively, from an island in the Gulf of Thailand IOTA Group, Vietnam, until August 17th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. They were active in this

past weekend's WAE CW Contest. QSL both callsigns via LZ3SM.

- EU-081. Operators Tim/ON5HC, Pat/ON7PQ, Geert/ON7USB and Francis/ON8AZ will be active as TM6U from the most wanted IOTA Saint Marcouf Island between August 27th and September 3rd. They plan to have three stations on the air. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Their Web site is available at:

 http://www.eu081.be
- EU-108. Operators Jeremy/EI5GM, Declan/EI6FR, David/EI9FBB, Nobby/G0VJG, Scott/MM0LID and Col/MM0NDX will be active as MS0UKI from Lunga Island, Treshnish Islands, between September 3-6th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO direct or ClubLog's OQRS. Visit their Web page at:

 https://eu108.wordpress.com
- EU-182. Operators Con/US5ETV and Mike/UR7EZ are now active as EM0E/P from Poludennyy Island (UIA DU-04, URFF-006, URDA OD-22, WW LOC. KN45tj) as of August 8th. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via UR7EZ.
- NA-029. Operator Jeff, N6GQ, is now active as VY2/N6GQ from Prince Edward Island in eastern Canada until August 15th. He was active during the WAE Contest as VY2ZM. QSL via LoTW.
- NA-084. Jean, VE2FDJ, will be active as VE2FDJ/P from Perroquets Island between August 15-18th. Activity will be on various HF bands.

 QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.
- NA-122. A group of operators from Dominican Republic will be active from Beata Island between January 25th and February 1st, 2017. Callsign has not been announced. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via W2CCW. Look for more details to be forthcoming.
- NA-159/ Operators Mike/KD6WW and Bruce/K9AJ will be active as KD6WW/VY0 NA-196. and K9AJ/VY0 from Flaherty Island (King George Islands, NA-159) and Belcher Islands (NA-196) between August 26-29th. They will have two stations on the air and will be active during most of their awake hours. Activity will be focused on 30/20/17 meters using CW and SSB. There is the possibility of a brief operation from Sanikiluaq (capital of Belcher Islands) on August 29th. QSL via K9AJ, direct or by the Bureau. They plan to have online logs and OQRS after the operation.
- OC-228. Craig, VK5CE, announced that he will be active as VK5CE/P from Granite Island at various times starting sometime this August and will continue through the year. Activity will be limited to only 10 hours maximum. He states, "I intend to visit and operate from Granite Island until the demand diminishes. I'll be operating on 15m, 17m and mainly 20m." Read the complete details, and watch for updates on Craig's Blog page at:

 http://oc228.blogspot.com.au
- J3, GRENADA. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will be active as J3/VE7ACN from Carriacou Island (NA-147) between November 30th and December 8th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.
- J6, ST. LUCIA. Operators Bill/AA4OC, Mac/WT4BT, Scott/AK5SD, Everett/W6ABM (J68ABM), Joe/N7BF (J68KF) and Rex/NX8G will be active from Chateau Devaux in Cap Estate on the northern tip of the island between November 6-11th. Most of the operators will be signing J6/homecall, except for those who have a J6 callsign. Activity will be holiday style with an emphasis on CW, SSB and the Digital modes between 80-10 meters as band conditions permit. Rex will be primarily on the Digital modes (RTTY, JT65 and JT9 and maybe

some experimentation with PSK31 and Hellschriber). QSL J68KF via N7BF direct. QSL all others via LoTW or direct. Double check QRZ.com for QSL info.

JW, SVALBARD. Roger, SM7RYR, will be active as JW/SM7RYR from Svalbard (EU-026) between September 7-12th. Activity will be holiday style on 20 meters CW only using an Elecraft KX2 (QRP 5w) radio into a GP on the ground. QSL only via LoTW.

MD, ISLE OF MAN. Gordon, MMOGOR, will be active as MD1E from the Isle of Man (EU-116) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op or Multi-1 entry. QSL via LoTW.

MD, ISLE OF MAN. Mark, MOUTD, will be active as MD1U from the Isle of Man (EU-116) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op or Multi-1 entry. QSL via LoTW.

P4, ARUBA. Hans, DK3YD, is now active as P4/DK3YD from Aruba (SA-036). The length of his stay is unknown. Activity has been on 20/15 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators John/K4BAI, Jeff/KU8E, Mike/W4EF and Hans/PJ4LS will be active as PJ4A from the "PJ4G Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) during COWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. The team will be on the island between November 20-29th. Outside the contest operators will be active as PJ4/homecall. QSL PJ4A, PJ4/K4BAI and PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. QSL all others via their home callsigns. Check out the "PJ4G Radio House" at: http://www.pj4g.com

PJ2, CURACAO. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will once again be active as PJ2/VE7ACN from the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point Station (PJ2T) on Curacao Island (SA-099) between November 21-29th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 15-21st)..... Aug/15th AN Aug/18th AN Aug/20th HN Aug/16th LN Aug/19th AN Aug/21st HN Aug/17th 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.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....(August 14th) <www.qslinfo.eu> ._____

3Z2LR via SQ2WHH 5X7W via SM0HPL 9A/IZ3QHA via IZ3QHA OG25YL via OH2YL UE23RRC via UE23RRC 9A/OK2ZAW via OK2ZAW OK/SP9DPM/P via SP9DPM W1/DL4NAC via DL4NAC CN8NW via F4KJR CN8NW via F4KJR OZ/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA/CT7/EA9CD via EA9CD P33W via UA3DX EA6/EI6DX via RA3R R100WWS via RV3YR EA8/YO7CKQ/P via YO7CKQ R16CWC via RM4C EH1LHA via EA1RKA

EN25UARL via UT5UIA EO25UA via US8UA (d/L) TM11FAJ via F5KHP OZ/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA YO/PA3GTL via PA3GTL S570ABC via S59ABC

SV0XCA/5 via SV0XCA (d) UE23RRC via UE23RRC (O) YP1WFF/P Via 1000... ZY100AVN via PY1LU (d)

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

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LOTW: DL7FAZ, DU1/A61DJ, E2X, OK2RZ, PJ4/W4IX, TI4DJ, YB71RI/2, YW0DX and ZD80

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5V7D, HF0POL, RT92KA (AS-092), WH2DX and XX9TGM

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B9/OH1LEG, 4O3M, 5H2DK, 7J4AAL, 9M2/OH3JR, A52AO, AHOK, C92ZO, CR2A, CR2WRTC, CR2X, CT9A, CT9/OH2KW, CU2KG, HC2OGT/8, HP1WW, HS0/OH1ZAA, HZ1HZ, JW/OE9SDV, OA4WW, OA6Q, OC4WW, OG0A, OF9X, OGOA, OG20YL, OG30OJ, OG55W, OG90AA, OH2AN/SUB, OH2YOTA, OH0BCI, OH0X, OH0/OH2JNZ, OH0/OH3WS and PY0FM

TC1, TURKEY (ILLW Op). Members of the "TC Special Wireless Activity Team" will be active with the special callsign TC1LHW, from the Terkos Karaburun Lighthouse during the 2016 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) (August 20-21st, Saturday & Sunday). Operators mentioned are Deniz/TA1CQ, Can/TA1CR, Leonardo/TA1FR, Mehmet/TA1PB and Bora/TA1UT. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via LoTW only.

V4, ST. KITTS (Corrected). John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87SG), located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between September 12-29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: 31' 40-10m Vertical, 35' 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical, shortened 160m Dipole, and a 6m/3elemnt Yagi. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICAOS ISLANDS. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will be active as VP5/VE7ACN from Grand Turk Island (NA-003) between December 10-19th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

WESTERN PACIFIC 6M EME DXPEDITIONS. Lance, W7GJ, will once again be active from the Pacific Ocean to focus on 6 meters EME QSOs. His schedule is as follows:

August 18-25th -- Callsign T8GJ; from Choll Village, Babeldaob Island (OC-009), Ngaraard State, Republic of Palau August 29th and September 3rd -- Callsign V6M; from Falalop Island (WW

Loc. PK90va), Ulithi Atoll (OC-078), Yap State, Micronesia

More details, along with his tentative operating schedule and projected moonrises and moonsets are available online at:

http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Palau%20and%20Yap%202016.htm QSL only via his home callsign direct.

WP3, PUERTO RICO. OPerators Rafael/KP4WW, Jamie/WP3A and Al/WP3C will be active as WP3C during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK.

XU7, CAMBODIA. Rene, F6CTW, is once again active as XU7AEX from Phnom Penh until August 19th. Activity is expected on 40-10 meters using mainly CW. QSNs show 20/15 meters. QSL via F6CTW direct or LoTW. No Bureau.

YXO, AVES ISLAND. Steve, W4DTA/YV5DTA, announced that his "group (ARV,

Asociacion de Radioaficonados de Venezuela) back in Venezuela got an invitation by the Navy to activate YVO (Currently the #18 most wanted in the world). The operation will be between August 31st and September 10th." Steve is going to be the QSL Manager for the operation. More details to come soon! Follow the latest news at:

Twitter: https://twitter.com/yx0v2016

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/yx0v2016

Also, watch short videos on YouTube.com at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjGsEFKXVwk&feature=youtu.be https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uV89vEuwRM

ZA, ALBANIA. Costa, IZ7GXB, will be active as ZA/IZ7GXB from Durres while on holiday between August 26-30th. Activity will be focused on the 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign. For more details and updates, watch: http://za-iz7gxb-albania.jimdo.com

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