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*** SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR: Sorry for the small content this week. I was on vacation visiting my daughter's family and having fun with the grandkids in Murfreesboro and Sevierville/Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg, TN, in the Great Smoky Mountains.... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 2nd/October, through Sunday, 9th/October there were 222 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, 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, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, 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, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T31, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XX9, YB, YI, YK, 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".

9N, NEPAL (Update/Reminer). Operators Zenon/SP2GCJ, Bogdan/SP2FUD, Kazimierz /SP6AXW and Janusz/SP9FIH will once again be active 9N7ZT, 9N7FD, 9N7XW and 9N7WE, respectively, from Chengu Narayan, Nepal, between October. Activity is usually on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL 9N7WE via SP9FIH. QSL 9N7FD via SP2FUD. QSL 9N7ZT via SP2GCJ. QSL 9N7XW via SP6AXW. For more details and updates, watch: <http://9n.dxpedititions.org>

AH2, GUAM. Santos, EA4AK, will be active as AH2P from Guam Island (OC-026) between March 29th and April 17th. Activity will be on various bands and modes where Guam is most needed. QSL AH2P primarily via LoTW, eQSL or by ClubLog's OQRS. Later all QSLs will be sent by the bureau. Please, no direct QSLing to neither AH2P/Guam or EA4AK.

BOTA (Birthday-On-The-Air/Excerpts from a Press Release by OH2BH). The following are all BOTA (Birthday-On-The-Air) activities/DXCC counters by Martti, OH2BH, with his close friends. He says: "have once gotten excited over and made them active with a major frequent presence. OH0 for more than 40 years, OJ0 now for 48 years, and even the Azores Islands, as of today for 16 years." Here is his schedule:

THIS PAST WEEK -- Activity was from Aland Island as OH0B (via OH2BH). Operators were Juha/OH1ND, Martti/OH2BH and Ville/OH2MM/PY2ZEA. Activity included the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB).

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Operators Toivo/ES2RR, Martti/OH2BH and Pertti/OH2PM will be active as OJ0B from Market Reef, West of the Aland, starting on October 23rd, for a 7-day operation. Activity will be focused on the low bands and RTTY. This outing is targeted to cover the CQWW DX SSB Contest. QSL via OH2BH.

CR2, AZORE ISLANDS. Martti, OH2BH/CU2KG, will be active as CR2BH between October 12-17th. He plans to put his signal on the air specifically for the October 15-16th, weekend while converting the world renown CR2X site to its new application. QSL via OH2BH.

CARIBBEAN BOTA TOUR. Martti states, "In November the party will continue to the Caribbean for the actual 70th birthday in Antigua, as V26BH, continuing to Dominica, as J70BH, for the week of the CQWW DX CW Contest. More information on the Caribbean activities will follow. Special nostalgia
QSLs are via OH2BH.

DXCC NEWS. The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved the 2015/2016 operations by E44QX in Palestine for DXCC credit.

E2, THAILAND. Members of the Thailand DX Association (HSDXA) will be active as E2X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) and the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW. Visit the HSDXA FaceBook page or Web page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/hsdxa>

<http://www.qsl.net/hsdxa/index1.htm>

EE8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operator Dan, N6MJ, will be active as EE8Z from the Los Chachos Contest Club during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL info TBD. Dan will be on the island between October 26th and November 1st. Activity outside of the contest Dan will sign as EA8/N6MJ. QSL EA8/N6MJ via W6TMD.

EP2A VIDEO. There is a video/slide-show available on the April 2016 EP2A DXpetition to Iran. It is about 41 minutes long on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsPrvtfi3xo>

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA (Reminder). Heinz, DF1YP, will once again be active as FO/DF1YP from Moorea Island (OC-046, ARLHS FRP 004, WLOTA 0465, WWFF FFF-178) between October 10th and November 2nd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau (preferred).

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-176. Operators YL Sarla/VU2SWS, Nandu/VU2NKS, Rajesh/VU2EXP and Deepak/VU2CDP are to announce the first activation of Shiyal Bet Island in the Gujarat State East IOTA Group between October 12-17th. The callsign will be AT2SL. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with 2-3 stations. from 40-15m

on CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL via VU2CDP or Clublog's OQRS. No incoming Bureau QSLs. More details at:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/AT2SL>

NA-088. Jacek, SP5APW, will be active as H84JK from Colon Island between October 13-19th. Activity will be holiday style on 20-10 meters using SSB and, maybe the Digital modes (RTTY, PSK). Equipment is an Icom 7300 and SP7IDX hexbeam. QSL direct or by the Bureau to SP5APW. OQRS via Clublog. More details on the Web site at: <http://na-088.blogspot.com>

KH6/KH7, HAWAII. Operators Walt/DJ0FX and Kuno/DF1SD will be active as KH6FX and KH7SD, respectively, from Honolulu, Hawaii (OC-019, USi HI-008S, WLOTA 1227), between now and October 23rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 10-16th).....

Oct/10th AN Oct/13th AN Oct/15th AN
Oct/11th AN Oct/14th AN Oct/16th AN
Oct/12th 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.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SFB, (October 9th) www.qslinfo.eu

407TC via UA3TCJ (d)	H44LG via JE1LGY	OZ11A via OZ6ABA (d)
5B4AGN via M0URX	HB9SPACE via HB9ACA	P3X via 5B4AMM
5N/PA3TG via PA3TG	HF6FIRAC via SP6IEQ	PD/DO1BEN via DO1BEN
5P6PI via OZ6PI	HG0HEXV via HA5GY	PF30EUDXF via PA1AW
5T2AI via NI5DX	HP1RN via IZ8CLM	PW7M via PS7HD
A05GCE via EA5GUQ	IB2VIG via I2MYF	S51STWW via S59DAJ
C91CCY via K3IRV	K6C via W1RH	SN730MA via SP2ZFT
DM16RRV via DL6MOG	KD2IRA/KP2 via KD2IRA	SV9/UW7LL via UW7LL
DX2R via W3HNK or (L)	KH0UA via JF1UCV (d)	T2J via JA2FJP
EA6/DF7XE via DF7XE	LT0H via EA7FTR	T31T via 3Z9DX (d/O)
ED1DST via EA1DST (B)	N6G via W6TCP (d)	TM300CCAE via F6FMT
ED5HFD via EA5HFD	OE30EUDXF via OE4VIE	TM51LP via F6AJM
EG1RGC via EA1SV	OG9W via OH2BCI (d)	VI50CC via VI50CC (O)

EG3PLE via EA3FNI OH0B via OH2BH VP2ETE via W3HNK
EH1RGC via EA1DST OT40METRO via ON4CRD W8/DL9SEP/P via DL9SEP
 (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: 9P9NX, A61FX, A61HA, A92FQ, C6ANT, CY9C, D66D, DL7VOG, OE4AAC, OY/ON6NB, RI1FJ, TO5FP, TR8CA, UA9UX, XW4XR and ZA/SQ3RX

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4JF1EU, 7P8C, B4R, FT4JA, T2COW and TN2MP

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3W4VE, 4K9W, 5V7GD, 9J2HN, 9M2TO, 9V1PW, A52AEF, C21EU, JD1BLY, P40R, RI1ANF, T32DX, TX6A, UN3M, V55HQ, V73YL, VK9LC, VU4MY, XR0YJ, XV9NPS, Z81X and ZS9MADIBA

SILENT KEY. OPDX is sad to report that former ARRL DXCC and Awards Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, became a Silent Key on the morning of October 6th. The ARRL Special Bulletin Nr 13 (ARLX013) states: "Former ARRL DXCC and Awards Manager Bill Moore, NC1L (ex-KA1MRR, KB1UN), of Newington, Connecticut, died on October 6. He was 64. Moore was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident in July 2014 that left him paralyzed from the chest down. He was never able to return to work at ARRL Headquarters and retired in 2015. An ARRL member, Moore had worked at League Headquarters for 23 years, starting in 1992. His friend Pete Chamalian, W1RM, said that a memorial service would be held "in the coming weeks."

SW9, CRETE. Christo, LZ3FN, will once again be active as SW9AA from Crete (EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) between November 24-30th. Activity will be holiday style on all bands, mainly CW. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LZ1PM.

T48, CUBA. Members of the Las Tunas Contest Crew (T48K) will be active during the next CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators will be Mirek/VE3XIN, Kirill/VE3AXC, Van/W2DLT, Ed/K1EP, Bill/K1MM, Douglas/CO8DM and Raul/CO8ZZ). All radios will be ICOMs and vertical antennas as usual. They are planning to be active as soon as station setup permits starting October 26th until October 30th, including contest entry. QSL via DK1WI.

TM85, FRANCE. For the "Vendee Globe" (round-the-world single-handed yacht race), look for the special event callsign, TM85VGC, to be on the air between October 30th and November 13th. The activity will be on all bands. QSL via F6KUF by the Bureau or direct via F5OEV.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI. Operators Dom/3Z9DX, Leszek/SP3DOI and Przemyslaw/SP7VC are now active as T31T from Kanton Island (OC-043) for about 6 weeks. Activity is expected to be on 160-10 meters and probably be on CW, SSB and with some Digital modes. They will use Icom 7300 transceivers with amplifiers. QSL via 3Z9DX direct (see QRZ.com) or ClubLog's OQRS (preferred). For more details or updates, see QRZ.com under T31T or <http://k38dom0.wixsite.com/3z9dx/t31t-kanton-isl>.

V4, ST. KITTS. Operators Andy/N2NT, Doug/K1DG and Dave/K1TO will be active as V47T from the QTH of V47KP on St. Kitts (NA-104) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via W2RQ direct or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Look for Andy, N2NT, to be active as V47NT before and after the contest.

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 7).

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 2, No. 7) is now available at:

http://www.heardisland.org/HD_documents/HD_Newsletters/HD_Newsletter_02_07.pdf

This Newsletter is dated September 30, 2016 [LAST ISSUE!]. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or they 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 7181 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this—we just want to keep you informed about the Heard Island Expedition VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work. This is the last Newsletter—we do not plan to issue any more—the project is complete, although the work continues.

THE SPONSORS -- This issue contains the names and/or callsigns of every sponsor we know about: people who made a cash donation, bought a souvenir, or ordered a QSL card, and organizations that provided cash contributions and/or equipment as a donation or on loan. Inside this newsletter are the 18 pages that list every single sponsor. You might enjoy scanning the lists to find yourself, and your friends."

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 - b. Select Two-page scrolling
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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.

VP2, ANGUILLA (Update). Operators Manfred/DK1BT, Wolf/DL4WK, Sigi/DL7DF, Juergen/DL7UFN and Frank/DL7UFR will be active as VP2EGR from Anguilla between October 25th and November 7th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They plan to have two stations on the air using 2x K2 transceivers, with 2x OX1000 power amps, a 18m lowband vertical, a 40m and a 30m loop, and Spiderbeam for 20-10m. Bernd, DF3CB, is their pilot station. QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the DARC Bureau. An OQRS will be available on the following Web page. They will upload the full logs of the DXpedition to LoTW within 6 months after the DXpedition. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.dl7df.com/vp2e>

VP2E, ANGUILLA (Update). Operators Henri/OH3JR and Seppo/OH1VR will be active as VP2EHC and VP2ESM, respectively, from Anguilla between November 22nd and December 1st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, especially the 30/17/12m bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). Look for VP2ESM to operate as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry and VP2EHC as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL cards will only be direct to CBA.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Dan, N6MJ, will once again be active as ZF2MJ from ZF1A QTH on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will be on the island between November 22-29th. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via W6TMD.

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