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73 and Have a Great/Safe/Healthy New Year de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. Sorry for the small content this week. Things should be back to normal next week....

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 25th/December, through Sunday, 1st/January there were 216 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, 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, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP6, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, 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".

5K6, COLOMBIA (Special Event). Members of the Liga Radioaficionados Manizales - DX Group will be active as 5K6RM between January 1-9th. This special callsign is to commemorate the special event "Feria de Manizales". Activity will be on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and SSTV. QSL via the Bureau, eQSL or direct. Operators mentioned are HK6JIL,

HK6BRK, HK6JCF, HK6F, HK6KDJ, HK6NVV, HJ6FSL, HK6PVA, HK3PSA, HK6KDK, HK4JCC, HK4GOO, HK4LIS, HJ6CMC and HJ6ERU.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Operators Frank/DL2SWW, Gaby/DF9TM and Baldur/DJ6SI will be active as 5R8UR, 5R8UJ and 5R8GC, respectively, from Nosy Be Island (AF-057) until January 12th. Activity will be on various bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will use 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL 5R8UR via DL2SWW, 5R8UJ via DF9TM and 5R8GC via DJ6SI.

6Y, JAMAICA. Yuri, VE3DZ, is once again active as 6Y2T from Jamaica (NA-097) between February 17-21st. Activity will include the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Operations outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands and using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via VE3DZ.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Per-Olof ("PeO"), SM5EPO, is now active as D44TBT from Santa Maria, Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde, until January 12th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

E5, NORTH AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update). Bengt-Erik/K7ADD, who will be active as E51AMF from Manihiki Island (OC-014) between January 11th and February 6th, announced that he will also be active as E51ADD from Rarotonga
(OC-13) in the South Cook Islands between January 5-9th, and again between February 8-18th. As with the North Cooks, he will also focus on EU, ATNO, and rates. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (160m possible, not guaranteed) on SSB, and RTTY (other high-rate Digital modes possible) using 1500w into vertical and wire antennas near salt water. There will be no operations on CW. This DXpedition commemorates the launch of a new non-profit supporting charitable works by DXpeditions. The Amateur Foundation's Web site is located at: http://amateurfoundation.org
QSL both callsigns via LoTW or by ClubLog's OQRS (the highly recommended methods). They will also eQSL upon their return home. QSL both callsigns via K7ADD for direct mail. Stay up-to-date on their preparations and other news at: http://e51amf.amateurfoundation.org

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Vlad, UA4WHX, continues his African tour and is now active EA8/UA4WHX from the Canary Islands. As this was being written, activity has been on 80/40/30 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. As always, the length of his stay is not known. QSL via his home callsign.

HEARD ISLAND (Special Issue of DX Magazine). Bob, KK6EK, reports: Team and Friends -- If you subscribe to DX Magazine, you probably have received your Jan/Feb 2017 copy, and see that it is a special issue devoted (almost) entirely to VK0EK, the 2016 expedition to Heard Island.

We thank the Editor (for 20 years!) Carl N4AA for this honor. As you will see, the six articles cover more than the radio operation; they also describe the spectacular field observations on Heard Island and the infotech
we developed and deployed (the other two major parts of the project). I also
took the opportunity to opine on the past and future of DXing and DX-peditions. I think the issue will stand as an historical documentary of an historic project, and I again congratulate and thank everyone who had a hand in making it happen.

If you do not subscribe to DX Magazine, I will be happy to send you a printed copy (the publisher supplied me with 100). If you have names or radio callsigns of other deserving people, let me know and I'll send them a copy as well. Just reply and provide me with mailing addresses.

BTW, you can download the entire Final Report (264 pp) at

<www.heardisland.org> [click */DOCUMENTS/*], or directly HERE: <http://www.heardisland.org/HD_documents/AAD_Final_Report/CE_HD_FINAL_REPORT_5.0.9.pdf>.

Happy New Year!

IOTA NEWS..... (None reported this week!!!)

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For January). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of January 2017:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Great Sutton, in Cheshire, by Geof, M0BAU.
(/A WAB Square SJ37 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Skegby, in Nottinghamshire, by Merv, G0UJD.
(/A WAB Square SK56 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on <www.iswl.org.uk> or <www.qrz.com> or via <www.eQSL.cc>. NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see <www.iswl.org.uk> for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

KP2/NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators Dick/K4XU, David/N3RD and George/W2VJN will be active as NP2/homecall from the rental Mountain Breeze Villa on St. Croix <http://www.MyMountainBreeze.com> during February. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns. Also, look for them in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-2 signing as NP2N. QSL via LoTW or NP2N, direct (USA address) or by the KP2 Bureau.

LM80, NORWAY (Special Event). Look for special event stations, LM80Q and LM80REX, to be active throughout 2017. Activity is to celebrate the birthdays of the Norwegians royal couple Queen Sonja and King Harald V. Both are turning 80 years old. QSL for both callsign go to LA9VDA. For more details, see: http://lm80rex.no

MOST WANTED UPDATED. The ClubLog announces its last 2016 "Most Wanted List". See: http://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php
Top 10 are:

1. P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2. 3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND
3. FT5/W CROZET ISLAND
4. KH1 BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS
5. BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF
6. CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS
7. BV9P PRATAS ISLAND
8. KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND
9. VK0M MACQUARIE ISLAND
10. KH7K KURE ISLAND

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators George/K5KG, Fred/K9VV and possibly others will be active as NP2X from the "Caribbean Friends United By Amateur Radio" Gallows Bay Club Station on St. Croix (NA-106), during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via K5WW or LoTW. Look for Fred to be active outside of the contest probably as K9VV/KP2. QSL K9VV/KP2 only direct to K9VV.

OA0, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Members of the Peruano Radio Club of Peru will be active OA0MP the Machu Picchu Antartic Base on King George Island, South Shetland Islands (AN-010), sometime soon. QSL via OA4O. More details will be forthcoming.

OFFICERS FOR 2017. Members of the South Jersey DX Association (SJDXA) have elected the following officers for 2017. They are:

President: Bob Schenck, N2OO

V. President: Steve Sullivan, KZ2I
Secretary: Steve Molo, KI4KWR
Treasurer: Bob Pantazes, W2ARP

OZ100, DENMARK (Special Event). Members of the EDR Skanderborg Club Station (OZ7SKB) will be active as OZ100DVI from Skanderborg throughout 2017. Activity is to commemorate and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the "Treaty of the Danish West Indies" sold to the USA – thereafter named United States Virgin Islands. In Danish they are called "Dansk Vest-Indien" or "De vestindiske øer". They are composed of the main islands Saint Croix, Saint John, and Saint Thomas, and many other neighbouring minor islands. For details, please see:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_the_Danish_West_Indies
Operations will be on various bands and modes. Operators mentioned are Peter/OZ8CTH, Kaj/OZ1EDD, Frank/5P2BA, Soeren/OZ1RE, Arnth/OZ0AP and Lars/OZ1IVA (QSL Manager). For more details, see QRZ.com.

P4, ARUBA. Ed, W0YK, will once again be active as P49X from Pos Chiquito between January 2-9th, including the ARRL RTTY Roundup. All 26 HF band-modes will be worked. During the Roundup, of course, only 5 band-modes will be active (80/40/20/15/10 RTTY). Outside of Roundup, those 5 band-modes will be lower in priority than the other 21. ClubLog and LoTW will be updated at least daily throughout this week. ClubLog's P49X log will temporarily show only the QSOs during this week. The current 145K QSOs will be cleared with the first upload on January 2nd and then restored on January 10th. Note that the Roundup log will not be uploaded to LoTW until after the log submittal deadline of February 7th.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 2-8th).....

Jan/02nd	AN	Jan/05th	LN	Jan/07th	HN
Jan/03rd	HN	Jan/06th	HN	Jan/08th	AN
Jan/04th	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.

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, DL1SBF.. (January 1st) <www.qslinfo.eu>

3Z17HNY via SP6IEQ EF2AKZ via EA2URC RO17NY via RQ7L

5B/SQ2MGM via SQ2MGM (d/L)
5T0JL via ON8RA
7X4AN via EA3GSS (d)
9J2BO via G3TEV (d)
9M2/R6AF/P via R6AF
A61SM via A61BK (d)
CT7/DJ7PR via DJ7PR (d/L)
CT8/SP7VC via SP7VC (d/L)
CU2/SP7VC via SP7VC (d/L)
DJ7R via DF7RT
DL60NEU via DC1MAS
DM60KJN via DL3VU
DR25MDK via DL8NBM
DR60SAL via DK8VR
E51DWC via OK1DWC
EA6/S50P via S50P
EA8/IV3HAX via IV3HAX (O/L)
EA8/UA4HWX via UA4HWX
EO25F via UX0FF
FY5KE via FY1FL (d/L)
H44MS via DL2GAC
HF17NY via HF17NY (L)
IQ5JA via 9A8MDC
JW2US via LA2US (O/L/e)
K4C via KK4ODQ (d)
LZ552SGO via LZ1KCP
OE/DJ6OI via DJ6OI
OF100FI via OH2BAD
OG55W via OH2OT
OH20TAR via OH1HS
OK/AI4SV via AI4SV
OK8DCC via DL3DCC
OM685RADOLA via OM3CND
OX3XR via PA3249 (d/L/e)
PG150N via PA7DA
PJ2/SM4KYN via SM4KYN
RT17NY via RQ7L
RU17NY via RQ7L
SK50BP via SM3TLG
SN0ALFA via SP5KAB
SN3WOSP via SP3CGK
T88FY via JK2VOC
T88GA via JA7XBG
TM17PGM via F4FCE
TM1CEZ via M0OXO
UA4S via RU4SU
UT/VA7UR via UR3LTE
UT5C via UX7CQ
V51WH via DK2WH
XF2L via XE1SOV
XW3DT via RK3DT
ZF2WE via K5WE

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) No QSL Needed

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: CE1TT, FG1JS, GW4SKA, OH4LRP, RU3ZX, S01WS, UX5UO and XZ1A

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3W4XX, 4U0ITU, 9Y4/VE3EY, A5A, CR3W, H40GC, H44GC, TL0A and VP2EGR

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 8J1RL, E44QX, CW5R, EA7/LA9DL, EK/DK7AO, FM5CD, HK3TK, JW8HGA, JW9VKA, JW/DF8DX, LB8IG/P (EU-076), P43E, TK5EP, UN7BBD, UN7BDU, UN7BEW, UN7FU, UN7GQ, UN7ID, UN7JZ,UN7QCC, UN7QE and UN8PAS

TM14, FRANCE (Special Event). Look for special event station TM14AAW to be on air on February 2017. Activity is to celebrate the 14th Antarctic Activity Week. Find all info on this event on <www.waponline.it>. Operation will be made by François, F8DVD, from his QTH of Mâcon in the east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon. The new reference for WAP program is 275. Operations will be from 10 to 40 meters, mostly SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + 1 IRC or 2 USD) or via Bureau. For more information, have a look at <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM14AAW> or contact François at: a.pole@laposte.net

W2, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Look for special event station W2HRU to be on the air to mark the 18th annual Ham Radio University educational conference and 2017 ARRL NLI Section Convention, between January 1-8th. Operations from January 1st through January 7th will be at various times on 7.250 and 14.250 ± QRM. Day-of-event operating on January 8th is planned for 1400-1930Z using psk31 on 14.070 @ 1000Hz center ± QRM. QSL via W2 QSL Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or direct w/SASE to: Phil Lewis, N2MUN, 22 Belle Terre West, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. Ham Radio University is a day of education, sharing knowledge and friendship at Briarcliffe College in Bethpage, Long Island, New York, with more than two-dozen ham-related forums
and workshops, and keynote address by Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Chief Executive Officer of ARRL. Further information is on line at:
http://www.HamRadioUniversity.org

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1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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