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** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE: This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late ARRL DX CW Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the ARRL DX CW Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 10th/February, through Friday, 17th/February there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, 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, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3W, VIETNAM. Wolfgang, DL5MAE, is once again active as 3W2MAE from Mui Ne between February 19-25th . Activity will be on 20-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

3Y0Z BOUVET NEWS (Team Member Update). On February 12th, it was reported on the 3Y0Z Web page <http://www.bouvetdx.org>: We regret that Jorge, HK1R, will not be able to join us on the Bouvet DXpedition. Jorge was with many of us on the Malpelo DXpedition and the Amsterdam Island DXpedition. We will miss him greatly on the upcoming Bouvet trip. Hopefully Jorge will be able to join us on another adventure in the future. We look forward to that and thank him for his help thus far.

Harumi Kukita "Hal," JR4OZR, will be taking Jorge's place on the team. Hal has past DXpedition experience and is a well know and competitive

contest operator. We welcome him to our team.

4M, VENEZUELA. Julio, YV1KK, will be active as 4M1K during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??) entry. QSL via OH0XX.

A3, TONGA (Rare IOTA/Update). Masa, JA0RQV, will once again be active from Tonga. This time he will activate Niuafu'ou Island (OC-123) as A35JP/P between March 22-28th [He was originally scheduled to go between September 28th and October 4th, 2016, but had to postpone]. It has been 7 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 17th February 2017). Operations will be on 40-6 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 Blog page at:

<http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>

AAW. The Worldwide Antarctic Program's (WAP) 14th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) will take place between February 20-26th. The real purpose of the event is to foster interest in the Antarctic region/continent and its matters. Look for special event stations world-wide to be available for you to work. Each has its own super special QSL card available. Check www.waonline.it for the list of stations, QSL routes and attractive awards. As of press time, there were 37 stations listed to be on the air. To commemorate the 14th International Antarctic Week, a very Special Award will be issued to all Radio Amateurs worldwide who contact a number of special event stations that will be active on the HF bands. The Special Diploma will be sent free of charge in PDF format to all participants that fulfill the required number of contacts on each category. For more information on the AAW, see: <http://www.waonline.it>

AH2, GUAM. Operators Toshinobu/JI3ERV and Mikawa/JR7OMD will be active as AH2R during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS. Drew, N2RFA, is once again active as C6ABB from Cable Beach, Nassau, Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1115), until February 23rd. Activity will be on 75/40/20/17/12/10 meters. He plans to operate on some of the Digital modes (JT65, PSK31, RTTY and possibly SSTV). QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW and also eQSL.

C6, BAHAMAS (IOTA Op). Operators John/M0IDA, Rob/M0VFC and Steve/M1ACB hope to be active as C6APY from Little Harbour Cay, Berry Islands (NA-054, WW Locator FL15do). They will fly into the Bahamas on March 2nd, but it will take them a couple of days to get to the island, so they hope to be active around March 4th - but this is very much weather dependent, as is the whole operation. They will fly back to the UK on March 12th, which means they will need to de-rig on the 10th or 11th, again varying according to the weather. Operation probably won't be 24/7 - they will do as much operating as they can, but eating and sleeping is back on the boat, there's only three of them, and they will probably want to go for the occasional swim as well. They will be running up to three stations simultaneously, all Elecraft K3s at 100W. They will be generator powered and have to carry the full week's fuel with them on the boat, hence no amps. They are expecting that most QSOs will be on 40-15 meters; they will monitor the higher HF bands as well and may venture on to 10/12m if propagation favors them; similarly they may throw up an 80m dipole, but don't expect to do very much, if anything, there. There will definitely be CW (op M0VFC) and SSB (ops M0IDA and M1ACB); they may also do some data if time permits. They should be active on some satellite passes with hand-held antennas:

the FM birds will only cover parts of the USA, and not EU, so they will attempt some FO-29 passes as well. They are not satellite experts though, so be patient with them. QSL is via M0OXO's OQRS system. They will upload the logs to ClubLog and LoTW regularly throughout the trip, assuming all the kit plays nicely. Watch Twitter for any other updates:

<https://twitter.com/rmc47> (M0VFC)

<https://twitter.com/ItinerantHam> (M0IDA)

CE, CHILE. Members of the Radio Club de Chile will be active as CE3AA from Santiago during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th). Operators mentioned are Julio/CE3OP, Danilo/XQ4CW and Willy/CE3KHZ (Team Leader). The support group for the operation (they will also participate): Patricio/CE3PBT, Cristian/CA3BKN and Luis/CE3BMI. The group has many experienced operators in competitions, island activation and DX operation. They will be in the contest as a Multi-Op/Single-TX/High-Power entry. QSL via CE3AA.

CQ NEWS RELEASE. Rich, W2VU, sent out the following press release on February 15th [edited]: CQ to Introduce MF/LF Column; John Langridge, KB5NJD/WG2XIQ, to be Column Editor -- As ham radio operators in the United States await final FCC action to open new amateur bands at 630 meters (472-479 kHz) and 2200 meters (135.7 kHz - 137.8 kHz), CQ magazine is getting a head-start by introducing a column that will help interested hams get ready to "hit the ground running" once the FCC issues its final rules. The new column - to be titled "MF/LF Operating: Life Below the AM Broadcast Band" - will appear quarterly, starting in the April 2017 issue, and will be edited by John Langridge, KB5NJD/WG2XIQ.

Licensed as a high school student in 1989, John's interest in "life below the AM broadcast band" extends back even further, when, at age 11, he read an article in Radio-Electronics magazine about the unlicensed 1750-meter band (160-190 kHz). He had to content himself with operating on 160 meters until the opportunity arose in 2012 to join the ranks of Part 5 experimental stations authorized by the FCC to conduct propagation research in preparation for the new medium frequency (MF) and low frequency (LF) bands at 630 and 2200 meters respectively. He was granted a construction permit and station license for WG2XIQ and maintains a regular schedule of beacon transmissions and two-way contacts on 630 meters. He also

shares tips and posts a "grabber," or bandscope view, of 472 kHz (which updates every 5 minutes) on his website at <http://njdtechnologies.net/>.

In his column, John says he plans to cover a variety of topics, including station building, propagation, news events affecting LF/MF, and operating strategies. "My goal," he says, "is to market the bands to people who know nothing about them." The title of his inaugural column in the April issue is "Ham Radio Below 500 kHz: What is All of This About and Where Should I Start?"

Professionally, John is a consultant in broadcast engineering and information technology, working for a variety of clients. He has a degree in physical chemistry and is currently working toward his Ph.D. in that field. John and his wife, Paula, KD5YHI, live with their pets in the Dallas, Texas,

suburbs. John's column will appear in the January, April, July and October issues of CQ.

"We are looking forward to sharing John's knowledge and experience with our readers," says CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "CQ has always been a leader in promoting new bands and modes, and in helping hams use and enjoy them. We are already seeing a growing interest in our soon-to-come MF and LF bands and John's column will be here to help our readers get active on them as soon as they become available for general use."

FM/TO7, MARTINIQUE. Dimitry, UT5UGR, is once again active as FM/UT5UGR

from Martinique (NA-107). Look for him to sign TO7A during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via UT5UGR. See UT5UGR and TO7A listing at QRZ.com for log search and OQRS QSL request.

HC, ECAUDOR. Bill, W0OR, will be active as HC1WBT (not HC1WDT as in the past) from Cotacachi during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via W0OR. Bill reports, "In the past 3 or 4 years my temp call in Ecuador has been HC1WDT. But this year they assigned the call HC1WBT. May have been a clerical error, but for now the suffix is WBT not WDT."

INDIAN OCEAN 6M EME DXPEDITIONS (Update). Lance, W7GJ, will once again be active from the Indian Ocean to focus on 6 meters EME QSOs. This time Lance is planning a 6 Meter EME DXpedition (for the first time) to West Island/Cocos Island as VK9CGJ between September 12-28th, and Christmas Island as VK9XGJ between October 2-18th. All airline tickets have been purchased, and lodging reservations have been made. He informs OPDX this week of the following: "In order to get the word out as soon as possible, preliminary information on the upcoming 6m EME DXpedition is here:

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Indian%20Ocean%202017.htm>

With the great increase in people capable of using digital modes, I hope to be able to provide these rare DXCC entities to many serious 6m DXers. Please check back for updated information! GL and VY 73, Lance"

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-022. (Update) Operators Yuri/R2DG, Vasily/R7AA and Eugene/UA6EX will be active as RI0LI from Leont'yeva Island, Medvezhyi (Bear) Islands, in the East Siberia Sea, sometime during the third week in July. Activity will be on various HF bands. They now have a Web page up at: <http://www.ri0li.com>

AS-046. Members of the Kuala Lumpur DX Team (KLDX) will be active as 9M4IOTA from Tioman Island, West Malaysia, between March 3-5th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operators who will be involved at this time are 9M2000, 9M2AIS, 9M2VDX, 9M2ZDX, 9M2ODX, 9M2ROL, 9M2UDE, 9M2JEP, 9W2NMX, 9W2FEL and 9W2NYO. QSL via address on QRZ.com.

EU-120. Operators Jef/DD2CW, Cis/ON6LY, Cel/ON6UQ and Dirk/ON3UN will be active as G/DD2CW/P from the Island of Wight. Their main activity will be in the RSGB IOTA Contest, using a special callsign and as a Multi-Op/Island entry. QSL via ON3UN.

EU-187. Cliff, SV1JG, will be active as SX9VK from Gavdos Island between July 1-10th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

OC-093. Sadao, JA1PBV, is now active as DU2/JA1PBV from Batan Island. The length of his stay is not known. Activity has been on 30/20/15/12/10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

K4, UNITED STATES (Special Event). On the weekend of February 18th-19th, members of the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a special event celebrating George Washington's Birthday. They will start operating around 9:30 AM E.S.T on Saturday and go until about 3:00 PM E.S.T. On Sunday morning, they will start operating around 8:00 AM and go until about 1:00 P.M. The group will be operating on 20m SSB and also on 40m. They have a nice QSL card (see QRZ.com). The callsign for the special event will be K4US. QSL via KK4ODQ or P.O Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS (Special Event). Look for special event station N0J which is now active from Tinian's Hot Peppper Festival until February 20th. Activity/operators will be by Radio Space Club of Tinian (NH0J) and Mariana Intrepid Contest Club (AH0K). Activity will be on 80-10 meters using some CW, but mainly on SSB (SSB by JA1NVF). They will not operate 24 hours a day. QSL via JJ2VLY. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog.

KH6, HAWAII. Look for a group of operators to be active as KH6LC from Keaau (Hawaii County, Grid Square: BK29), during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi/Multi entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to QSL Manager WA6WPG.

MJ, JERSEY. The Low Land DX Team will return to the Island of Jersey (EU-013) between May 5-11th. A small LLDXT team consisting of Alex/PA1AW, Ron/PA3EWP, Jo/PA9JO and Bob/PB5X will be active from the JARS Signal Point on Jersey. Like the previous visits in 2013 and 2010, the team will activate all bands between 160 and 2 meters in as many as possible modes. The teams focus will be "Demand driven" so they are open for any requests. Each team member will sign MJ/homecall and individual stations will enable maximum presence on the bands. QSL will be handled by Alex, PA1AW, for all callsigns. The team will have (realtime) on-line logs and QORS using ClubLog and daily uploads to LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.lldxt.eu/mj2017-lldxt-goes-to-jersey-bci>

NP3, PUERTO RICO (NA-099). Eric, NP3A, will be active during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via WD8CW or LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Kelly, N0VD, is once again active as PJ4D from Bonaire Island (SA-006) until February 26th. Activity has been on 40-15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via W3HMK. Kelly is part of PJ4X contest team for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th).

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Noah/K2NG, Steve/K3SW, David/NA2AA, PJ4DX/PJ4DX and Hans/PJ4LS will be active as PJ4G from Bonaire Island (SA-006) during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL PJ4G via WA2NHA or LoTW. Look for the U.S. operators to sign PJ4/homecall before and after the contest. U.S. operators will be on the island between February 25th and March 11th. David, NA2AA, is expected to operate on the Digital modes, and skeds are accepted for ATNO with PJ4 via NA2AA's E-mail address listed on QRZ.com. QSL all others via their home callsigns or LoTW. Check out the "PJ4G Radio House" at: <http://www.pj4g.com>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 20-26th).....

Feb/20th AN	Feb/23rd LN	Feb/25th AN
Feb/21st AN	Feb/24th AN	Feb/26th AN
Feb/22nd 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.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>

NEW!!! A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF.. (February 17th) <www.qsllinfo.eu>

3Z6M via SP6IEQ FM/UT5UGR via UT5UGR PC55C via PD7YY
5J0NA via LW9EOC & (L) FY/F6CKD via F6CKD PC73X via PC1EMR
6W2SC via HA3AUI (d) HB9/DF2DD via DF2DD PH30NVRA via PI4HLM
6Y2T via VE3DZ II0LOVE via 9A8AOT PJ2/N1ZZ via N1ZZ
8P50B via KU9C IT9ADT/YI9 via IT9ADT PJ2/NF9V via NF9V
A31MM via EA5GL KG4AW via KG9LB (d) T77LA via T77LA (d/L)
CR3A via EA5GL KG4DX via W4WX T88DT via JH1OLB
CR5WVI via CT1EEB NP2/N3RD via N3RD TM40ULIS via F6CKE
CT9/DL5AXX via DL5AXX OP0PPY via ON7LX UE28AFG via RZ3QWW
CT9/DL5LYM via DL5LYM OZ100DVI via OZ1IVA VP9/VE3OP via VE3OP
D4Z via HB9DUR(d); IK2NCJ(B) OZ30EU via OZ8IE VX3100 via VE3XN
DL60NEU via DC1MAS P4/NE9U via NE9U XX9D via DL4SVA (O/*)
DR160TESLA via DK8ZZ P40W via N2MM (d/L) YB9K via HA3JB
EN90IWA via US4IWA & (e) PA1MUC via DL3LUM ZZ2T via PY2MNL (d/L)
EV90DOSAAF via EU1EU PA6X via PA7CW
(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: 3A/DF8DX, 5A1AL, 9Z4Y, C31KC, CG9NC, CU5AQ, DJ8OP, DL9MS, EL2BG, HK3W, JA8COE, JH4GJR, OD5ZZ, OE3KKA, OJ0LA, PC2T, SM0MPV/0, SP5GMM, SP6NIN, TA1PB, TL8TT, VA1SEA, VP2EGR and ZS1LS

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4S7AB, A70X (AS-088), A71YY, T31T (OC-043), TT8FC, VK5CE/P (OC-228) and ZD8V

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3D2LJ (OC-016), 4O/UY5ZZ, 9M6/N2BB (OC-088),
BV2KI (AS-155), BV0WPX (AS-020), BV9A (AS-103), E51MQT, EY8MM, HK3W, J39A, KG4HF, W1AW/KH2, W1AW/KH6, W1AW/KH0, PJ2/K2PLF, V25WY, V4/K5WA, VA1SEA, VA2WDQ, VA3NQ, VA6SP, VA7CRZ, VE1JF, VE2JCW, VE3BZ, VE4DXP, VE7BV, VK9AN (OC-002), VP2MQT (NA-103), VY2/K5WA, W1AW/1, W1AW/2, W1AW/3, W1AW/4, W1AW/5, W1AW/7, W1AW/8, W1AW/0, XL3A and XR0YS (SA-001)

S2, BANGLADESH. Juris, YL2GM, will lead a team of operators to be active as S21GM and S21KW from Bangladesh between March 15-27th. The S21GM call-sign will be used in the first half of their DXpedition, and S21KW during the second half. This is caused by the specifics of the regulations in Bangladesh, and not because they want more duplicated QSOs in the log. They state, "Please do not attempt to make QSOs with both of these call-signs on the same bands and modes. Please treat both callsigns as one, thus giving other fellow HAMS better chance to make their QSO with us, potentially All Time New One (ATNO)." Operators mentioned are Juris/YL2GM, Valery/YL3CW, Jack/YL2KA, Kaspars/YL3AIW, Dmitry/UT7UJ, Oleg/US7UX,

Sasha/UT7UV, Andrey/UX1UF, Syed/S21ED, Anup/S21TV and possibly two other operators. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY.

Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5/1821, 3526, 7019, 10119, 14029, 18086, 21029, 24904 and 28029

SSB - 3795, 7100, 14190, 18140, 21290, 24940 and 28490

RTTY - 3583, 7043, 10136, 14083, 18103, 21083, 24923 and 28083 kHz

QSO CW up 2 (160m down 2, JA 1810 - 1820).

QSO SSB/RTTY up 5.

QSL via YL2GN, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's QORS (for direct or Bureau) or E-mail requests via [<yl2gn@lral.lv>](mailto:yl2gn@lral.lv). A full LoTW upload will be done in 3 months time after the end of their trip. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.lral.lv/s21gm/index.html>

UA2, KALININGRAD. Members of the UA2 Contest Club will be active as RW2F during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via RW2F, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's QORS.

V2, ANTIGUA. Bill, KG4ZXXN, will be active as V21XN from Antigua Island (NA-100) sometime in July. Activity is as follows per Bill: "This is a holiday style activation to Antigua. I will be located in the southeast end of the island. My priorities for the trip are my wife, cigars, rum, sun shine and some radio. Not always in that order and sometimes all together.... As for actual operating plan, I will be attempting multiple bands and modes. If you hear me on CW understand that this is a new mode to me and I am going to make mistakes. I will be on in the early hours of the morning while the XYL enjoys sleeping in and in the evenings, provided the rum punch has not taken its toll. Other times will be on a whim. Equipment will be primarily a FT857D, and a YouKits HB1B for some QRP CW work is also making the trip, with an end feed or Buddistick depending where my room is." QSL via his home callsign, direct, eQSL, QRZ or LoTW.

VP2, MONTSERRAT. Charles, K1XX, will once again be active as VP2MMF from Montserrat Island (NA-103) between February 25th and March 5th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He also plans to be in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS. Operators John/AF3K and Ross/W2TT will be active VP5/homecall from Turks and Caicos Island between March 23-30th. Activity will be vacation style except for operation in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) using the callsign VP5P as a Multi-2 entry. QSL VP5P and VP5/W2TT via W2TT, direct or LoTW. QSL VP5/AF3K via LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA. Kurt, W6PH, will once again be active as VP9/W6PH for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL only direct to his home callsign W6PH.

XT2, BURKINA FASO. YL Elvira, IV3FSG, will be active as XT2SE from the city of Ouagadougua between February 17th and March 13th. Activity will be limited to her spare time on 80-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. She is there working on a project for the Informatici Senza Frontiere ONLUS. QSL via IK3GES.

ZA, ALBANIA. Operators Kees/PE1KL, Lennart/PD5LKM and YL Lisa/PA2LS will be active as ZA/PA2LS from Albania between March 22-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters as well as 6m and 2m using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. They will also be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th). QSL via PA2LS, direct or by the Bureau.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (Update/Change). Operators Dan/N6MJ and John/K6AM will be active as ZF1A (not ZF2ZJ as first announced) on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Single/All-Band/High-Power entry. Look for activity outside of the contest on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via K6AM, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Colin, G4CWH, will once again be active as ZF2CA from the ZF1A club station on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) between March 9-13th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. His activity will also include an entry in the 80th 2017 BERU (British Commonwealth) Contest (March 11-12th). QSL via his home callsign direct.

 The following stations are expected to be active in the
 ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th, 2017)

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Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8SS	Tunisia	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
4M1K	Venezuela	SOSB	OH0XX
5J0NA	San Andres & Providencia		LW9EOC
6Y2T	Jamaica	SOAB HP	VE3DZ
8P1W	Barbados	SOAB LP	KU9C
8P5A	Barbados	SOAB HP	LoTW
AH2R	Guam	M/?	LoTW
C6AKQ	Bahamas	SOSB 80M	N4BP
C6ARU	Bahamas	SOSB 20M	N4UM
C6AUM	Bahamas	SOSB 40M	K4RUM
CO8ZZ	Cuba	M/S	
D4C	Cape Verde Island	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via IK2NCJ(B)/MCC (d)
E51DWC	South Cook Island	HP	OK1DWC
FS/F8AAN	St Martin		F8AAN (d/C)
HC1WBT	Ecuador	SO LP	W0OR
IS0/OM8A	Sardinia	SOAB HP	OM2VL
KG4ZK	Guantanamo		W4ZYT
KH6LC	Hawaii	M/M	WA6WPG
KH7Q	Hawaii	SOAB	KH7Q(d); AH6NF (d)
LY4A	Lithuania	M/2	LoTW
NP2N	US Virgin Islands	M/2	LoTW
NP2P	US Virgin Islands	SO	LoTW
NP2X	US Virgin Islands	M/?	LoTW
NP3A	Puerto Rico	SOAB LP	WD8CW
NP3X	Puerto Rico	SOAB LP	EB7DX
P40L	Aruba	M/S	WA3FRP
P40R	Aruba	M/2	LoTW
P40W	Aruba	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via N2MM (d)
PJ4X	Bonaire	M/?	
PJ6T	St Eustatius & Saba		LoTW; QSL via NM1Y (d)
PJ7AA	Sint Maarten	SO	LoTW; QSL via AA9A
RW2F	Kaliningrad	M/M	(d)
TI6/HA5X	Costa Rica	SO	HA5XA
TI5W	Costa Rica	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via W4FS

TO1A	French Guiana	SOSB 15M	F5HRY
TO7A	Martinique	SO HP	UT5UGR
V3M	Belize	M/S	(C); QSL via WOMU
V3T	Belize	M/S	LoTW; QSL via WC0W
V43Z	St Kitts & Nevis	SOAB	QSL via <Ebabel.net>
V31JZ/p	Belize	SOAB LP	NN7A; QSL via (B/d)
VP2M(??)	Montserrat	M/S	By AI2N N2ZN WJ2O
VP5K	Turks & Caicos	M/?	LoTW; QSL via K0PC & (C)
VP5M	Turks & Caicos	SO LP	K4QPL
VP9/W6PH	Bermuda	SOAB LP	W6PH (d)
YN2NB	Nicaragua	SOAB	N1SNB
WP3C	Puerto Rico	M/S	W3HNK
WP3R	Puerto Rico		W3HNK
ZF9CW	Cayman Islands		K5GO
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	M/S	K6AM
ZL3X	New Zealand	M/S	LoTW

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