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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 3rd/September, through Sunday, 10/September there were 209 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YO, 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".

3B7, ST. BRANDON (Update). A team of French operators will be active from Saint Brandon Islands (AF-015) for two weeks. The team will leave Mauritius (3B8) on April 5th, 2018. Operators mentioned are Pat/F2DX, Vincent/F4BKV, Gil/F4FET, Diégo/F4HAU, Flo/F5CWU, Pascal/F5PTM, Seb/F5UFX and Michel/F6AGM/FM5CD). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with seven stations (one for 6m) on the air. Look for more details to be forthcoming, and watch their Web page at: <http://www.saintbrandondx.com>

5X, UGANDA. Nick, G3RWF, will once again be active as 5X1NH from Fort Portal between November 20-30th. He should be on 80-10 meters, possibly 160m, and he prefers to operate CW, but he will also be on the Digital modes with some SSB. He plans to be in CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20 or 15m) entry. Nick uses a K3 with a variety of antennas - (always) an inverted "V" dipole with links for all bands, (sometimes) a single band 2 element Moxon beam and an all band Hexbeam. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau (may take while), ClubLog's QORS or LoTW.

8P50, BARBADOS (Update/Special Callsign). Dean, 8P6SH/8P2K, will be active using the special callsign 8P50B during the following upcoming contests:

- CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th)
- CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th)
- CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th)

Dean will be a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry in all contests. Barbados is celebrating its 50th anniversary of independence

from Great Britain and Dean will use the special callsign until December 31, 2017. A full color QSL card will be available via KU9C and the usual LoTW updates and confirmation. Also, QSL via ClubLog's OQRS.

9U4M BURUNDI DXPEDITION (Press Release #4). Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) sent out the following on September 6th [edited]: Great news especially for the lovers of digital modes. The international MDXC team is working to build the new DXpedition from Burundi with the callsign 9U4M, and will be on air also with the new FT8 digital mode. Called FT-8 (Franken-Taylor design, 8FSK modulation) will be another good way to catch the weak signals. As a matter of fact a weak signal mode that is not as sensitive to JT-65/9, but definitely something that will work when voice and CW will not.

We remind that the team will be on air from November 6th to November 17th, just on the banks of the Tanganyika Lake, Bujumbura, to operate 24/24 hours with 5 stations with a particular focus to low bands, WARC and "old and new" Digital modes.

Antonio, IZ8CCW (leader), and Gabriele, I2VGW (co-leader of the team), will share this new DXpedition with the others 18 members from eight countries. For any further news and updates please visit the official Web site at: <http://www.mdx.org/9u4m>

Of course any donation and sponsorship will be very very appreciated by the entire team!

8Q, MALDIVES. Roland, HB9VQQ, will be active as 8Q7HB from Kandima Island (AS-013) between, December 22-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Nick, VE3EY, will once again be active as 9Y4/VE3EY from Trinidad and Tobago between November 22-27th. This will be a (Field Day) suitcase operation on 160-10 meters using a K3 and KPA500 amp into two verticals. His activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Focus prior to the contest will be on Low Bands/WARC. QSL via VE3EY.

BW, TAIWAN. Koji, JL3RDC, will once again be active as BW/JL3RDC from New Taipei City during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via JL3RDC.

BW, TAIWAN. Kushi, JP3PZG, will once again be active as BW/JP3PZG from New Taipei City during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-power entry. QSL via JP3PZG.

BW, TAIWAN. Masanori, JN3MXT, will once again be active as BW/JN3MXT from New Taipei City during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-power entry. QSL via JN3MXT.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. Operators Murray/WA4DAN, Randy/N0TG, Jay/K4ZLE, Will/AA4NC, John/N8AA, Phil/VA3QR, Lee/WW2DX, Ray/W2RE, Pat/N2IEN and Dave/N5TG, (currently, possible changes) will be active as CY9C from St. Paul Island (NA-094) between August 1-9th, 2018. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW/SSB/RTTY/EME/SAT/maybe FT8. Asia Coordination and Pilot station will be JA1WSX. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW or by the Bureau. Their Web page is still under construction at: <http://www.CY9C.com>

E6, NIUE (Reminder/Update). Grant, VK5GR, will be active as E6AG from Niue (OC-040) between September 13-25th. Activity will be a one man holiday style DXpedition with family (so operating will be at times limited) on 160-6 meters. Operations will be mainly the Digital modes (RTTY, PSK, JT65, FT8) and some SSB (CW - by prior sked arrangement only). His activity will include the CQ WW RTTY Contest (September 23-24th). He plans to take a 500W station (K3+KPA500+KAT500) with a vertical folded monopole. QSL via M0OXO OQRS Services (direct and by the Bureau). Also QSL via ClubLog's OQRS, eQSL and LoTW. He now has a Web page which includes an operating schedule and frequencies for the different modes, at: <http://e6ag.net>

ENIGMA RELOADED 2017. Cristiano, IW4CLV, A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club

President, informs [edited], "We are pleased to announce an international event which will hopefully be of interest to all Ham Radio operators:

'ENIGMA RELOADED' 2017

Fourth Edition

from September, 22th to September, 30th

The main goal of the Enigma Event is to promote as much radioamateur's activity as possible all over the world, celebrating the history of the Enigma cipher machine and its crucial role in the outcome of World War II, and spreading the knowledge of those key people who contributed to its decryption.

The Enigma Event 2017 will take place in two steps:

- From September 22-29th, 2017, -- Italian and foreign Amateur radio stations registered as 'Activator stations' will ensure the activation of their radio stations in order to allow to the participants getting their scores for the 'Enigma Award' Contest.
- On September 30th, the final event's day, the Activator Stations will exchange predefined CW messages previously encyphred by a real or emulated Enigma machine.

All details and rules are available on the official website:

<http://www.enigma-reloaded.it>

(english version: http://www.enigma-reloaded.it/index_eng.html)

Project made possible by:

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Cultural Association "Rover Joe" - Fidenza (PR, Italy)
A.R.I. - Italian Amateur Radio Association
A.R.M.I. - Marine Italian Amateur Radio Association"

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

- FFF-0178 -- By FO/DF1YP; between now and October 1st; holiday style operation from Lagoon de Moorea; activity 20/17/15m using SSB and the Digital modes; All details on QRZ.com
- FFF-0048 -- By F/OO5G; September 10-12th; reactivation of FFF-048, from Parc Régional du Haut Languedoc; All bands, holiday style
- OZFF-0001 -- By OZ0JD/P; September 10-14th; from EU-088; see webpage for more info: <http://oz0jd.dk/ozff-expeditions/>

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:

<http://wwff.co/agenda>

Also suggest URLs:

World-Wide -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44>
USA -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair>

A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: <http://wwff.co/dx-cluster>

HF0, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Sebastian, SQ1SGB, will be active as HF0ARC from the Polish Antarctic H. Arctowski. Station is located on the King George Island, South Shetland Islands (AN-010, WW Loc. GC07su), until October 23rd. The callsign HF0ARC is new for the Polish Antarctic Station. The old historical callsign HF0POL was taken by SP9GMK. Sebastian will be using 100 watts and into a SP1BKS Delta Loop antenna. Suggested times of operations are 20m (2100-2200z) and 40m (2200-2300z) using SSB, JT65 or JT9. QSL via his home callsign.

IOTA NEWS.....

- EU-037. Frank, DL2SWW, will be active as SD7W from Oland Island between September 19-21st. QSL via the Bureau to DL2SWW.
- EU-059. John, G4LTH, will be active as GM4LTH/P from Hirta Island between September 15-16th. Activation is very dependent on the weather. QSL via G4LTH direct.
- EU-068. Fabien/F4GYM, will be active as F4GYM/P from Sein Island between October 5-8th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB, PSK, RTTY and a little CW. QSL via F4GYM, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog.

- EU-112. John, G4LTH, will be active as GM4LTH/P from Shiant Island on September 18th. Activation is very dependent on the weather. QSL via G4LTH direct.
- EU-118. John, G4LTH, will be active as GM4LTH/P from Flannan Isles on September 16th. Activation is very dependent on the weather. QSL via G4LTH direct.
- EU-171. Tom, DL4VM, will be active as OZ/DL4VM from Vendsyssel-Thy/Nordjylland between September 15th and October 7th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.
- EU-187. Jörg, DM1OS, will be active as SV9/DM1OS from Gavdos Island between September 23-25th. Activity will be holiday style on various IOTA HF bands using SSB. QSL via DM1OS by the Bureau.

J3, GRENADA. Wayde, KD2NOP, will be active as J3/KD2NOP from Grenada (NA-024) between now and September 30th. Grenada is known as the Spice Isle and boasts that they have the most variety of spices per square mile than any other place on earth. Activity will be on various HF bands using FT8, JT65 and possibly other Digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Terry, K7ASU, is currently operating from Wake Island as K7ASU/KH9 and activity will last until September 17th. However, activity will be sporadic due to his work on the island. Activity has been on 40/20 meters using CW. Listen for him around 7003 kHz between 0730-0830z and on 14027 kHz around 0900Z. Terry informs OPDX that operations will only be CW because he doesn't want to disturb his neighbors due to the living conditions being like a dorm. His equipment is a Kenwood TS-480HX (donated by Bob, K7BHM) running at 50w into a R7 antenna at 40 feet. Another reason Terry operates in the low CW portions on 40 and 20 meters is that his antenna does not tune in the upper portions -- high VSWR. He also mentioned, "The last time I operated was September of 2004, also from Wake Island. If you want a better chance of reaching me, please slow down on the code speed. I am pretty rusty." QSL via his home callsign. Terry plans to add LoTW later.

MJ, JERSEY. Kazunori, M0CFW/JK3GAD, will once again be active as MJ5Z during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Look for activity before and after the contest using the callsign MJ0CFW. QSL for both callsigns via M0CFW, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 11-17th).....

Sep/11th AN	Sep/14th LN	Sep/16th LN
Sep/12th AN	Sep/15th BN	Sep/17th HN
Sep/13th 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 pre-

dictions 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>

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... (September 9th) <www.qslinfo.eu>

3B8/PA3HGT via PA3HGT F/OE7RDI/P via OE7RDI SN0NONE via SP3KQV
40/DL1CW via DL1CW HB9/DG2RON/P via DG2RON SN0RKD via SP5WWL
4Z70ARNON via 4Z1DZ (L/e) HB9SOTA via HB9DPR (B) TI2CC via TI2CC (d*/L)
5B4ALG via EA5IDQ HF0DGS via SP9YST TM06YFC via F4FYU & (e)
7Y94I via 7X2DD HF0H via SP9KGC TM100LGG via F4GRW
9A/IQ6KX via IW6ATQ (d/e) HF11BOL via SQ9NIU TM2F via F4GTT
9A/IU0FBK via IU0FBK HF40D via SP4PKM TM39CDXC via F5CWU
A61Q via EA7FTR HF40N via SP5KVV TM500LH via F6KOH
CA6TYN via CA6TYN (e) HF400 via SQ1GPR TM63ASM via F4HVE
CX2DK via EA5GL (d) HF40S via SQ9BDB TZ4AM via W0SA
DL0PAR via DO6EA II2XC via (I-B) UE70AAA via UA9APA
E2X via E20GMY & (L) LM100UKA via LA1UKA VX3150 via VE3XN
E51DLD via W6HB (d) LY/US0VA via US0VA YB1/PD1SA via PD1SA
EO25PG via UT1PG (d/L) OF2OT via OH2OT YC2/KC5VFFV via VR2ZQZ
EO25PWC via UR4PWC (d/e) OL9W via OK2BIQ YJ0AT via NR6M (d)
EO25PWL via UT4PR (d) OZ/SM7RYR via SM7RYR (d) YT800YU via YU1MM & (L)
EO25PZ via EO25PZ (d/e) SN0BP via SP2PMW
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (d*) US address

QSL CARDS FROM TA3J. Berkin, TA3J, informs OPDX [edited], "I sent my QSL cards for ON/TA3J, TA3J, TA3J/0 (IOTA AS-099) Yassica Island, TA3J/0 (IOTA AS-115) Rate Island, YM125ATA, YM125ATA/4, YM1907FB and YM3ATA to the following radio amateurs bureaus of Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom today (September 4th) by air mail postage." For more details about TA3J's QSL services, see: <http://www.aydogmus.gen.tr/ta3j/qslservice.htm>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 8Q7KB, CE3KHZ, CU2AP, EA8DER, F8DVD, FK8CE, HB0/DL2SBY, HV0A, IZ4NIC, J48GEO, KD6MY/VP9, S79KB, VE3NLW, VE4EAR, VK2DX, VK2FAD, VK4PQ, WH6AV and ZS8Z

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: A35JP/P, E44WE, E51LYC, FH/DJ9RR, HH2AA, S79NH and YI1SAL

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4W/JA8BMK, 9M2/JE1SCJ, 9M2TO, C31MO, C36VM, C37NL, C91IJ, E2A, E2C, E20AS, E20AX, E21EIC, E22UUW, E23IBS, E29BUQ, HL5YI, HS1NGR, HS3ANP, HS4DDQ, HS5RAST, HS6MYW, HS7WMU, HS8GLR, HS0AC, HS0/W4ESF, J3/VE7ACN, JD1BMH, JP3BEE, KH0UA, PJ2/VE2ACN, RT0C, V632KS, VC6X, VP5/VE7ACN, VU3DBG, XL3T, XR4SURF, XW1IC, XW4XR and YC9FAR

TK, CORSICA. Look for "Team Charlie" (TeamC) to be active (possibly TK0C, callsign pending) from Corsica during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via S50C. For details and updates, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/TK0CHARLIE>

TO5, MARTINIQUE (NA-107). Operators Laurent/FM5BH and Al/F5VHJ, will be active as TO5A from FM5BH's QTH during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL USA SASE via WA6WPG, all others via F5VHJ, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog.

V2, ANTIGUA. Bud, AA3B, will once again be active as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) contest station between September 14-19th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and possibly RTTY and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

VA2, CANADA (CQ ZONE 2 DXPEDITION Cancelled). Operators Jean-Pierre/VA2SG and Jean/VE2VIA who were going to be active as VA2SG/2 from ZONE 2 (Sept-iles, Quebec) during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, have cancelled their operation.

YV50, VENEZUELA (Special Event). Look for special event station YV50ARV/8 during the month of September to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association de Radioaficionados de Venezuela. The callsign YV50ARV/8 will be activated from the Monagas State by the following operators:

- Rei/YV8AD -- On 80-10 meters using CW and SSB
 - Tulio/YV8GU -- On 40 meters using SSB (in Spanish)
 - Luis/YY8HBO -- On 40/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes
- Any schedules will be accepted/welcome. QSL via W4DTA.

Z2, ZIMBABWE. David, G4NRT, is now active as Z21NRT from Harare, Zimbabwe, until September 29th. Activity will be on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB, PSK, JT65, JT69, FT8 and FM (2m). He will be using an Icom IC-7100 transceiver into a HyEndFed multi-band wire antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct, eQSL, or LoTW (preferred). ADDED NOTE: If you miss David during this visit, he mentions that he makes regular visits to Zimbabwe.

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME PAGE (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB PAGES AT:

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

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