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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 5th/November, through Sunday, 12th/November there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, 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, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9L, VK9M, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, 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".

3C1, EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update). By the time you read this, operators Yuris/YL2GM and Kaspars/YL3AIW should be QRT as 3C1L from Luba located on the ocean's coast. ClubLog.org shows as of 0315z, November 9th, the 3C1L team made 35143 QSOs with 12481 unique callsigns (28307/CW, 1532/RTTY and 5304/SSB). Breakdown is: 246/AF, 3708/AS, 22191/EU, 8118/NA, 78/OC and 802/SA. QSL via YL2GN direct or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). Look for the logs to be uploaded to LoTW six months after their operations. Updates are being posted to: http://www.lral.lv/3c01_3c11

LAST MINUTE UPDATE (November 12th): Operation is over. 3C1L is QRT since November 12 05:00 GMT. Around 42,000 QSOs made it into 3C1L log during roughly 16 days of on-the-air time. Plus 32,447 QSOs in 3C0L log in 12 days on the air. Yuris will upload the last part of 3C1L log today in the evening when in Malabo. Their flight home is on November 13 morning.

3D2/R, ROTUMA ISLAND (Update). Operators Tony/3D2AG, Heye/DJ9RR, Erno/DK2AMM, Hans/DL6JGN and Ronald/PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU from Rotuma Island (OC-060) between February 23rd and March 16th, 2018. They will have two radio locations on the western peninsula of Rotuma. One in Fapufa in the south. This is the annual QTH of Tony. The second QTH is in Maftoa on the north coast. This is a joint operation using the resources of Tony and the European group. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. The team will use two stations (2x K3, 1x Expert 1, 3k-FA and 1x Tokyo Hy-Power HL-1.1KFX), a Spiderbeam and vertical antennas. Subject to a reliable Internet connection, they will upload the log to

ClubLog on a daily basis. Otherwise the complete log will be uploaded upon their return. QSL via DK2AMM (OQRS, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW). They now have a Web page online at: <http://www.rotuma2018.de>

3V, TUNISIA. SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY), will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse, during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: <http://www.kf5eyy.info>

5A, LIBYA. Abubaker, 5A1AL, has found the new FT8 mode to operate on the 30 meter band. QSL via his home callsign. QRZ.com states, "Last log update into ClubLog was on November 8th, at 2330 UTC.

5B, CYPRUS. Alex, SQ9UM, is now active as 5B/SQ9UM from Cyprus (AS-004) until November 17th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters, including 30/17/12m, using CW, RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via his home callsign.

5N, NIGERIA. Bodo, DF8DX (ex-DL3OCH), will once again be active as 5N7Q from the Voice Of Nigeria in Abuja between November 12-16th. Activity will be limited to his spare time (there working) on 80-10 meters using mostly CW. QSL via DF8DX, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

6W, SENEGAL. Willy, ON4AVT, will be active as 6W/ON4AVT from Mbour sometime in February 2018. Activity will be on 20 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31 and PSK63. Equipment is a Yaesu FT891 transceiver into a Buddipole antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

9U, BURUNDI (Update). Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club are now active as 9U4M until November 17th. Activity is on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (see OPDX.1338 for frequencies). ClubLog.org shows as of 1618z, November 12th, the 9U4M team made 32833 QSOs with 11773 unique callsigns (16016/CW, 13051/SSB, 3469/RTTY and 297/FT8). Breakdown is: 474/AF, 2847/AS, 23359/EU, 5196/NA, 131/OC and 826/SA. QSL via IK2VUC, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.mdxc.org/9u4m>

ARGENTINA NEWS (new bands/other bands get extended). The Radio Club Argentino (LU4AA), IARU Member Society, informs the international amateur community that they have succeeded with its petition to their local communications authorities, having granted new privileges to the Amateur Radio Service on 630m and 60m as well as getting extensions on existing allocations on 160m, 80m and 30m. The new allocations are the final result of efforts made by the RCA during its participation in the preparatory meetings of the WARC '07, '12 and '15; and will be effective in 90 days.

New allocations	Extended allocations
630m -- 472-479 kHz	160m -- 1800-2000 kHz
60m -- 5351.5-5366.5 kHz	80m -- 3500-4000 kHz
	30m -- 10100-10150 kHz

AU2, INDIA (Special Event). Look for special event station AU2JCB to be active between November 23rd and December 11th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB. Suggested frequencies are (depending on the propagation): 3710, 7040, 7150, 14210, 14250, 14310, 21235, 21310, 21350, 28490, 28510 and 28545 kHz. On FM Mode: 6m - 50800 and 51500; 10m 29700 kHz If higher bands are open, operations will be on those bands. The operator will be Surabhi, VU2DSI. QSL direct (with 2 IRCs) to VU2DSI. Operations are to celebrate the 159th anniversary of the birth (November 30th) of Sir Jagadeesh Chandra Bose, India's great scientist and inventor who they consider the "Father of Wireless Communication". For more details, see the following Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/JCBOSE.htm>

C2, NAURU (Reminder). Operators Kuni/JA8VE, Mat/JA1JQY and Kaoru/JA3MCA are now active as C21VE, C21JY and C21JY, respectively from Nauru (OC-031)

until November 14th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau.

CR2/CU4/CT8, AZORES (Rare IOTA/Update). Operators Alan/K0AV and Oliver/W6NV will activate the rare IOTA Graciosa Island (EU-175) in the Azores Group between November 21-28th. Oliver, W6NV, will be active as CR2M during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th), while Alan, K0AV, will be active as CU4DX during the contest. Look for Oliver to sign as CT8/W6NV on the lower bands prior to the contest. Look for Alan to be active as CT8/K0AV before the contest with possible SOTA activations and some 60 meters. QSL CT8/W6NV via W6NV direct. QSL CT8/K0AV via K0AV direct. QSL CR2M via LoTW. QSL CU4DX via LoTW.

CR3, MADEIRA ISLAND. Jose, CT1BOH, will be active as CR300 during the QCQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW.

DXCC NEWS.....

4W/OZ1AA -- It has been reported that Thomas, OZ1AA, states his 4W/OZ1AA log from East Timor has been uploaded to LoTW and "the operation has been approved for DXCC."

FT5XT -- QSL Manager Stephane, F4DXW, reports "good news" as "all the proofs were sent to the ARRL by email and by mail (paper copy) to accredit the FT5XT activities and also FT5WQ." Sharon Taratula, Awards Manager, has told Stephane that both operations are now approved for DXCC credit. The FT5XT operation was from Kerguelen Island on October 11th. Gil has not yet been active this year as FT5WQ from Crozet. Also, LoTW certificate has been requested for both calls and Stephane says once received he'll upload the FT5XT logs.

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS. An international contest team will be active as ED8X from La Palma Island (IOTA AF-004, DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Kresimir/9A5K, Emir/E77DX, Krassimir/K1LZ, Velimir/K3JO, Alexey/RA1A, Alexey/RN1AM, Vladimir/RW1A, Andrey/RW7K, Adi/S55M, Alexandru/YO8TTT, Ionut/YO9WF and Tiberiu/YO9GZU. QSL via LoTW or RN3RQ.

FY/TO2, FRENCH GUIANA. Hartwig, DL7BC, will be active as FY/DL7BC/p from French Guiana in 2 weeks. He tells OPDX that he will leave for his first visit (reaching there on Saturday, November 25th), but first will have to set up an antenna of his friend Bruno, FY4VA (also DH1BL, ex-FY4VOS). Hartwig will go back to DL-land on December 7th in the afternoon, so he might close down the station on the 7th around noon time. His second visit will then take place around March 12-13th, 2018, and then he will return home probably on March 26th. He will be active as TO2BC during the BARTG HF RTTY (March 17-18th, 2018) and CQWW WPX SSB (March 24-25th) contests. Again, look for him to be active as FY/DL7BC/p before and after the contests. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (possibly 80m) using a Kenwood TS590SG into a Spiderbeam for 20-10m with WRTC-40m-extension and a Triple-Leg for 40m. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Watch his Web page for updates at: <http://www.qslnet.de/dl7bc>

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operator Didier, FY5FY, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via FY5FY.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

- VKFF-0622 -- By VK3TKK; November 13th; between 0300-0700z; French Island National Park; 7150 khz SSB; Try 80 & 40m
- VKFF-0744 -- By VK3XV/P; November 13th; between 0300-0700z; Cape Conran Coastal Park
- VKFF-0119 -- By VK2AWJ; November 13-14th; Croajingolong National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0618 -- By VK2AWJ; November 13-14th; Alfred National Park; 7144 kHz SSB

- VKFF-0158 -- By VK3XV/P; November 13-14th; Morning Errinundra National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0026 -- By VK5PAS/2 and VK5FMAZ/2; November 14th; between 0300-0700z; Ben Boyd National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0455 -- By VK3XV/P; November 14th; between 0300-0700z; Snowy River National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0761 -- By VK5PAS/3 and VK5FMAZ/3; November 14-15th; Lake Tyers State Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0321 -- By VK2AWJ; November 14-15th; Mitchell River National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0962 -- By VK5PAS/3 and VK5FMAZ/3; November 15th; between 0300-0700z; Colquhoun Regional Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0556 -- By VK3ZPF/P; November 15th; between 0300-0700z; Yarra Ranges National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; Also 80/20/15/12/10m
- VKFF-0321 -- By VK3XV/P; November 15th; between 0300-0700z; Mitchell River National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0480 -- By VK5PAS/3 and VK5FMAZ/3; November 15-16th; Tarra-Bulga National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0484 -- By VK2AWJ; November 15-16th; The Lakes National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0626 -- By VK5PAS/3 and VK5FMAZ/3; November 16th; between 0300-0700z; Morwell National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0758 -- By VK3XV/P; November 16th; between 0300-0700z; Holey Plains State Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0020 -- By VK2AWJ; November 17-18th; Baw Baw National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- OHFF-0011 -- By OH6EFH/p; November 19th; OHFF-0019 Leivonmaki National Park; 80m SSB; Operator Kai, OH6EFH

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>

Canada Flora & Fauna (VEFF) link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Canadawffveff>

Other links for VEFF are:

Home Page at: <http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/veff.html>

Yahoo Groups: <https://groups.yahoo.com/group/veff>

PLEASE NOTE: Yahoo Groups might be removed if the Facebook Group works as expected. However, it will remain online well into the New Year 2018.

HK0, SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA (Reminder). By the time you read this, members of the Yaguarete DXers Group will be active as 5K0T from San Andres Island (NA-033) until November 25th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and various Digital modes. QSL via LU1FM.

HP8, PANAMA. Operators Mike/W1USN and Bob/AA1M will once again be active as HP8/W1USN and HP8/AA1M, respectively, from Panama between February 1-15th, 2018. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL HP/W1USN via W1USN direct or LoTW. QSL HP/AA1M via AA1M direct or LoTW.

HQ9, HONDURAS (Update). Operators Dennis/W1UE, Paul/K1XM and Charlotte/KQ1F will be active as HQ9X during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. They will be operating from Chillax Roatan (NA-057). QSL via KQ1F. Operators will be active outside of the contest signing homecall/HR9. W1UE will be there between November 11-27th, and K1XM/KQ1F will be there between November 18-27th.

IOTA NEWS.....

SA-040/

SA-093. (Update/Postpone). Reports indicate that Martin, LU9EFO, has stated [edited], "Due to the strike of pilots of the Avianca Local Airline of Colombia, the team of the DXpeditions to IOTA SA-040 and SA-093 (operators Martin Butera/LU9EFO and Camilo

Andres Fierros Castellanos/HK3TU), have decided to postpone their DXpedition until February of next year."

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new <www.iota-world.org> have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announced upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J5T GUINEA BISSAU DXPEDITION (Reminder). The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from Bubaque Island (AF-020) this week between November 13-26th. They expect to have 4 stations on all HF bands (no 50 MHz), using CW and SSB, and RTTY one band only, to be chosen. It was also mentioned that there will not be any FT8 operations. You can participate in the J5T survey on their official Web site at: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>
Subject to the availability of internet connection, the REAL TIME Log will be available at: <http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline>
Official forum at: <http://www.hamradioweb.net>
QSL via I2YSB direct, OQRS or LoTW.

JW, SVALBARD. Erik, LA2US, will once again be active as JW2US from Bear Island (IOTA EU-027) for the next 6 months starting in early December. Activity will be limited to his spare time and he will operate on various HF Bands mostly CW at the lower band edges and IOTA frequencies. Also, on this trip he will be on BPSK, FT8 and RTTY. Equipment is a FT-450D, Signalink USB, Expert 1K-FA and a OCFD antenna. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW or eQSL.

PJ2, CURACAO. Before going to Aruba for the CQWDXCW Contest, Alex, KU1CW, will be active as PJ2/KU1CW from Curacao (SA-099) between November 15-20th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 13-19th).....

Nov/13th AN	Nov/16th AN	Nov/18th AN
Nov/14th AN	Nov/17th AN	Nov/19th AN
Nov/15th 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>

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 (November 12th) <www.qslinfo.eu>

3B9FR via M0OXO (O) HF40PLV via SP3CGK PA25ZWN via PI4ZWN

4J3J via RW6HS (d)	HF6FIRAC via SP6IEQ (B/L)	PI4SRN via PA3DHR
4U1A via UA3DX	HF7ASQ via SP7VC	PJ4/DL5CW via DL5CW
4X/R1CC via DJ1ND	HF7HB via SP7VC	PJ4/DL5LYM via DL5LYM
5B/RAlALA via RAlALA (d)	HF7JX via SP7VC	SP9IZ via K5QB (B/d)
9A/IZ3NXC via IK3GES	HG44DSL via HA1DSL	TC630MECCA via TA3X
C93PA via PA5X & (L)	HG7T via HA7TM	TM100LGG via F4GRW
CT8/DL7AFS via DL7AFS	HS0ZLP via DJ9ZB	TM17PGM via F4FCE
DK0HN via DJ5QE	J68GD via K9AW (d/L)	TM8OMC via F8KGN
DU7/DK5EW via DK5EW	LX/PC2D via PC2D (L)	TR8CA via F6CBC (d)
EA7/OG55W via OH2OT (O/L)	MW5R via MW0EDX	VP9/DK7LX via DK7LX
EA8/DM6KG via DM6KG	N4T via WN8Y	W1H via KB1QXJ
EA8/OH5ZN via OH5ZN	OL1C via OK1ONA	YB0ECT via W2FB
FP5BZ via F5TJP	OP17RCL via ON3AR	ZW1CML via PY1CML
H2X via IZ4AMS (d/O)	OP8ON via ON8ON	ZZ2Z via PY2GTA
HB9/DF4WX via DF4WX	OZ/KH6DXX via DF3XX	ZZ8A via PY1MT

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (88) no QSL required

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/4W/OZ1AA>

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/9U4M>

NEW QSL ROUTE 9N1AA. Dan, N4GNR, reports, "Satish, 9N1AA, has asked me to pick up his QSL duties...so QSL DIRECT to N4GNR. I understand that N4AA has a sack full of unanswered cards at his home up to the time of his death. I will be getting those cards this week, and I hope to have them answered within 2 weeks... and any cards that come in hereafter will be answered same day ... Again-- QSL DIRECT to N4GNR...
73 Dan Cisson N4GNR"

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9U4M, A5A, CN2AA, EA2VE, EL2EL, HB0/DL2SBY, JE7JDL, OK1VK, RI1ANO, RI1F (EU-190), RQ6M, TI2DYP, TX5EG, TY2AC, VU7T and ZS4JAN

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5A5A, A25BE, NL6/AA7CH (NA-157), RI1F and TZ4PR

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4J90UD, 4U1GSC, 4U20B, 9L1A, CT9/DJ9RR, HH2/9A7GAE, HL4/JA8COE, IS0ANT, IS0DCR, JD1BON, SV5/DJ5AA, T8CW, T88KK, TJ3SN, V51LK, V51MH, XV9NPS, Z61KR and ZF2CJ

SILENT KEY. It has been reported that the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) President Pietro "Mario" Ambrosi, I2MQP, of Rodano, Millepini, Italy, became a Silent Key (SK) on November 6th, at the age of 74. Mario served for several decades at the head of Italy's national Amateur Radio organization and IARU member society. He was also a long-time ARRL member, DXCC card checker, and a 2005 CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame inductee. Ambrosi was a DXer and Contester, a member of the ARI DX Club Contest Team, and held #1 Honor Roll and 9-Band DXCC. He also served as a QSL Manager for multiple stations and was an author of many radio books. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of I2MQP.

ST, SUDAN. DXNews.com reports that Sergey, R4PBW, is currently active as ST/R4PBW from Khartoum, Sudan. Length of stay is unknown. He is using a Yaesu FT-847 transceiver and GP Antenna. QSL via eQSL.

TI5, COSTA RICA (Update/Change). Chris, KL9A, will once again be active from Costa Rica, but as TI7W (not TI5W as first announced) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL TI7W via W4FS. Outside of the contest he will use the callsign TI5/KL9A. QSL TI5/KL9A via W2GR.

V2, ANTIGUA. Frank, N2FF, will be active as V26FF from English Harbour, Antigua Island (NA-100), between November 15th and December 7th. Activity will be on 40/30/17 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY and FT8). Look for him to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). QSL via LoTW. PLEASE, send NO cards to Antigua home callsign N2FF.

V3, BELIZE. Michael, K5MDK, will be active as V31MK from Maya Hill Lodge near central Belize between March 1-5th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. He also plans to operate with V31VP during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th). Watch QRZ.com for more details.

VK, AUSTRALIA. Byron, KF8UN, is expected to be active as VK/KF8UN around and near the Brisbane area until January 14th. He will be using a G5RV antenna and running barefoot. QSL via his home callsign.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update). The VK9MA team continues to be active from Mellish Reef (OC-072) until November 16th. Activity is from Heralds-Beacon Islet, the only permanent land in the reef, on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. ClubLog.org shows as of 1628z, November 12th, the VK9MA team made 36771 QSOs with 12484 unique callsigns (8820/SSB, 25227/CW, 469/FT8 and 2254/RTTY). Breakdown is: 151/AF, 14190/AS, 11197/EU, 9145/NA, 1777/OC and 311/SA. QSL via N7QT, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED), LoTW or eQSL. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL shortly after the operation. For more details and updates, see:

<https://vk9ma.com>

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (6m Op). Dave, W9DR, a well-known 6m op, will be active as VP5/W9DR from VP5-land (Grid Sq. FL41AW) between June 13-25th, 2018. Activity will be on 6 meters (50.115 MHz) only using CW and SSB. Dave states that he will be using a SDR Transceiver, 1 KW, 5 element Yagi, Beacon during slow periods, all salt water launch over North Atlantic to NA and EU/Mid-East." QSL via W9DR direct.

VP9, BERMUDA (Change/Update). Tony, VE3RZ, will be active as VE3RZ/VP9 from the VP9GE apartments on Bermuda between November 19-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands (especially 160/80m) using mostly CW, some SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY, FT8). He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Bands/Assisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (direct and Bureau) or LoTW.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLAND. Kazeno, JO1GWT/KJ6ZHM, is once again active as VQ9KA near Diego Garcia. The length of his stay is unknown. If like last time, he will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. He states that if it rains there will be no operation. Kazeno uses a Yaesu FT-857D into a Buddipole. QSL via JO1GWT, direct or by the Bureau.

YASME NEWS (Press Release, dated November 6th). Kip Edwards, W6SZN, Secretary and Director of the Yasme Foundation, sent out the following: [edited] YASME FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND SUPPORTING GRANT

The Yasme Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe.

The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce the latest recipients of the Yasme Excellence Award:

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) -- to pick up the world's largest amateur radio event on a few months notice and move it to a completely different facility is a daunting task. That it went so smoothly was a testament to the extraordinary efforts of the 600 volunteers and event leadership.

Paul Verhage, KD4STH, and Bill Brown, WB8ELK -- for their leadership and continued technical innovation in amateur radio high-altitude ballooning (ARHAB - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-altitude_balloon). While not the traditional means of introduction, ARHAB is exposing hundreds of students to amateur radio through an interest in science experimentation. Both have written extensively about ARHAB and have contributed material to the ARRL Handbook.

Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF and Magda Moses, KM4EGE -- for creating and leading the HamSCI (Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation) organization that sponsored the Solar Eclipse QSO Party (SEQP). The SEQP was the largest amateur radio experiment ever devised and generated the world's most extensive set of HF propagation observations during an eclipse. Beyond the SEQP, HamSCI is attracting the interest of professional/academic researchers such as from numerous universities, the Arecibo Radio Observatory in Puerto Rico, MIT's Haystack Observatory, and HAARP facility in Alaska.

The WSJT Development Team -- initially the work of Joe Taylor, K1JT, the WSJT software is now maintained and extended by a team of developers led by Bill Somerville, G4WJS; Steve Franke, K9AN; Greg Beam, KI7MT; Michael Black, W9MDB; Edson Pereira, PY2SDR; and Nico Palermo, IV3NWW; along with Joe Taylor. Their latest digital mode, FT8, combines the extraordinary low-SNR performance of JT9 and JT65 with a much faster decoding and exchange process.

Dale Hughes, VK1DSH, -- for his excellent work as Chairman of the Amateur Working Group in ITU-R Working Party 5A and as Chairman of the sub Working Group dealing with a worldwide 60 meter amateur allocation during World Radiocommunication Conference 2015.

The Board also made a grant to Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, for his production and distribution of videos of interest to the amateur radio community through Ham Radio Now and YouTube.

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ZA1WW & Z60WW -- ALBANIA & KOSOVO IN THE CQWW CW CONTEST (Press Release from Pristina, Kosovo, dated November 11th). Kip Edwards, W6SZN, sent out the following: The Kosovar Amateur Radio Association, SHRAK with the National Association Radioamateurs of Albania, NARA are organizing a multi-multi effort from the coastal city of Durrës in Albania. Fehmi, Z62FB, and Fatos, ZA1F, are leading the team of locals plus their invited guests.

Vjollca, Z61VB, the president of SHARK, observes that these exchange programs are necessary for the time being while waiting for Kosovo itself to count for DXCC. As a CQWW multiplier, however, their HQ station Z60A would be operated as Z60WW by seasoned contester Olli Rissanen, OH0XX.

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 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will be on the island between November 20-28th. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via N6MJ or LoTW.

ZP, PARAGUAY. Manu, ZP9MCE, will be active from Hohenau-Itapúa during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5ZD only.

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