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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, AB5K & the AR TelNet Clusters Network E21EIC and OH2BH for the following DX information.

GOOD NEWS (From the Editor). OPDX's mail server (HAMNET.org) is back up and running at about 2:00 PM (EDT). Over 2000+ messages were downloaded. The bad news is some 230+ individual E-mail addresses were removed so if you are not receiving the bulletins, please resubscribe.

HS, THAILAND NEWS. Tony, HS0ZDX, RAST Liaison Officer, reports to members and friends of the RAST: "There is good news for contest operators. Thailand's regulator, the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), has granted temporary permission for intermediate and advanced class amateur radio operators and club stations with HF operators to operate throughout the 80 metre band and on 6 metres in total of 14 amateur radio contests. This authorization, contained in a notification sent to RAST by the NBTC Secretariat earlier this month (March 2018), covers HF and VHF contests in 2017 and 2018 and allows licensed intermediate and advanced class amateur radio operators to operate on frequencies from 3.6 MHz to 3.9 MHz during eight international HF amateur radio contests and from 50-54 MHz during six VHF amateur radio contests. Unfortunately, the dates for six of these contests that were approved have passed by, but another eight contests scheduled for later this year are upcoming. This permission dramatically increases the bandwidth on 80 metres which is otherwise limited to 3.500 - 3.600 MHz while 6 metres (50-54MHz) is otherwise off limits. Potential operators should note that this permission is granted on a secondary basis and is valid until the last contest on the list which is in September this year. A list of the authorized contests is displayed in the attached file and includes the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX Contest from March 24-26th. In order to take advantage of these opportunities, licensed RAST members are required to register in advance in order to participate in each one of these authorised contests on 3.600 - 3.900 MHz or on the six-metre band on VHF (50-54 MHz). Registration, which is obligatory, should be done at the RAST website by following this link <https://goo.gl/forms/OY65JXf0c27copoU2> and operators are also required to submit an electronic log of their activity to RAST within one week following the contest. This authorization also stipulates that only equipment that has been licensed by the NBTC may be used and RAST will be responsible for all operations and must file a report to the NBTC following each contest. You can also check out the RAST website in English at: <http://www.qsl.net/rast/>

PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS. Polish operator Janusz/SP9FIH will be active as PJ5Z from Sint Eustatius Island (NA-145) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry.

Z60A KOSOVO NEWS (Press Release). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following today, March 23rd:

FROM THE DESK OF MISSION GOODWILL KOSOVO
Helsinki, Finland, 23, March, 2018

Z60A LOTW AND QSL RELEASE

It is now 10-days from the last QSO made at Z60A, the Republic of Kosovo's first activation. Because this is an overall new DXCC entity, it has resulted in many requests for checking missing QSOs due to pirates,

a variety of logging errors and busted calls. We have extended this period for another week as we try to enter the cleanest possible QSO data to LoTW.

The magic day for the complete LoTW upload will be the Fools-Day, April 1st, 2018. We will continue processing log errors for another 7-days prior to the upload. Queries can be made at z60a@sral.fi

While waiting, you may have a look at the Z60A four-page QSL layout at www.qrz.com/db/Z60A to capture the essence of the Mission Goodwill Kosovo. These papers cards are at the printer, and we expect to have them here around April 1st, as well. We will proceed with mailing as fast as we can.

MISSION GOODWILL KOSOVO STORY IN VISALIA

The Mission Goodwill Kosovo is ever thankful and delighted to have been invited to present the heartbreaking -- and regrettable -- story of "The Republic of Kosovo and Z60A" at the Visalia International DX Convention over the weekend of April, 20 thru 22. The trio of Vjollca, Z61VB, Martti, OH2BH and Jim, K9JF will be the Saturday evening Banquet speakers, presenting the latest DXCC country, number 340.

UPDATED/CORRECTED CQWW WPX SSB CONTEST LISTING:

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th, 2018)
Contest Rules: <http://www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm>

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2018 CQWW WPX SSB Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2018.html> (By callsign)
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxsd2018.html> (By entity)

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8SS	Tunisia	SO	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
4H1K	Philippines		QSL via DV1KIR
4L2M	Georgia	SOSB 40M	EA7FTR
7Q7EI	Malawi	M/?	M00XO; QSL via (C)
8P5A	Barbados	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via HA1AG
9Y4/KE1B	Trinidad & Tobago	M/S	LoTW
9Y4/W6NN	Trinidad & Tobago	M/S	LoTW
9Y4D	Trinidad & Tobago	SOSB 15M	9Y4D
B1Z	China	M/?	EA7FTR
BP0P	Taiwan	M/?	See QRZ.com
C4A	Cyprus	M/2	LoTW; QSL via 5B4KH and (C)
CN2AA	Morocco	M/S	LoTW; QSL via UA2FM
CN4P	Morocco	SOSB	LoTW; QSL via EA5XX
CN7EJ	Morocco	M/2	IK2OHG
CQ3W	Madeira		LoTW
E2A	Thailand	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via (HS-B)
ED9E	Ceuta & Melilla	M/?	EA9ACD (d)
EF9R	Ceuta & Melilla	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via EA5KB
FK/5B4ALX	New Caledonia	SOSB 15M	IZ4AMS
HS0AC	Thailand	M/2	HS5NMF
IO5O	Italy	M/S	IK5RLP (B)
IO9R	Italy	M/2	LoTW; QSL via ON3AR (B/d) or (e)
K5NA	USA	M/M	
LM90NRRL	Norway	M/S	(LA-B)
MD1E	Isle of Man		M00XO
MD1U	Isle of Man		M00XO
MD0GOR	Isle of Man		LoTW
NH7A	Hawaii	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via F5VHJ or WA6WPG
NP2N	US Virgin Islands	M/?	NP2N; QSL via KP2 (B/d)
OH5Z	Finland	M/2	LoTW

P49Y	Aruba	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via AE6Y
PJ2T	Curacao	M/M	LoTW; QSL via W3HNC
PJ4R	Bonaire	SOAB	WD9DZV
PJ4V	Bonaire	M/2	MOURX
PJ5T	Saba & St Eustatius	M/?	ClubLog
PJ5Z	Saba & St Eustatius	SOSB	
PX2A	Brazil	M/M	PY2VM
TO2BC	French Guiana		DL7BC; QSL via (DARC-B) or (d)
TO5GI	Guadeloupe	SOAB	F5XX
UF1F	Russia (Europe)	M/S	eQSL
V73NC	Micronesia	SO	LoTW; QSL via JA0JHQ
VB2Z	Canada	M/S	LoTW; no paper QSLs
VK3HF	Australia	M/?	LoTW; QSL via M0OXO
VP5P	Turks & Caicos	M/?	ClubLog
XU7AEY	Cambodia	M/?	LoTW
YB2DX	Indonesia	SOAB HP	LoTW
YB0NDT	Indonesia	SOAB 20M	LoTW
ZV5O	Brazil	M/2	LoTW; QSL via PY5QW

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(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) No QSL Needed

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<http://www.nodxa.org/>
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