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VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release # 4). For Immediate Release -- April 16, 2018 -- VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DXpedition (OC-182)

We are now in the implementation phase of the project; equipment is being consolidated in Fremont, California. Customs brokers in the USA and New Zealand have been selected, and the New Zealand Government issued us an import / export license to ship the equipment to and from the country.

Manufacturers and distributors of amateur radio equipment are critical to the success of DX-peditions to rare entities. We are happy to have received significant support from DX-Engineering. They have furnished coax cable, guy ropes, a 40 meter four square system, coax connectors, ground anchors and other accessories. DX-Engineering has been a long time supporter of our projects and many other DX-peditions to rare entities; we very much appreciate their continued commitment to the hobby.

Joining our list of corporate sponsors is SteppIR Communications Systems. We will add to our antenna lineup two 2 element Yagi antennas. These antennas proved to be indispensable during our TX3X Chesterfield Island project; we're happy to have them for VP6D and appreciate SteppIR's ongoing support.

A Garmin InReach Satellite Communicator will be used during the DX-pedition. You will be able to follow our journey on the web, details to be announced. This handheld unit also provides 2 way SMS messaging similar to that of a traditional mobile phone, and one way messaging to Twitter and Facebook. We will use this technology to communicate with family, the pilot team and to update you via social media, as required. We'll also have an Inmarsat BGAN terminal for log uploads and e-mail with the pilot team.

Our budget for this project is ~\$175,000(USD). Our current fundraising campaign is underway; you may see the progress at our website. We appreciate the donations and equipment support we've already received. With the final payment for the Braveheart due on September 1st, the next most expensive line item is equipment shipping budgeted at \$20,000. Please remember, we have to pay these expenses whether or not you make a contact. We need your help to keep our DX-pedition team's investment at a reasonable level. You may help by donating at: vp6d.com

Members of the VP6D team will be attending the International DX Convention, Visalia, California April 20 - 22, 2018. We hope to meet many old friends, and make new ones at the convention.

73,

Team Ducie - 2018

Website: vp6d.com, Twitter and Facebook

Please direct questions to: info@vp6d.com

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. James Brooks, 9V1YC/N1YC, and Wilbert Knol, PE7T, are now active from Christmas Island (OC-002) until approximately April 21st. They will be active as VK9X/N1YC and VK9X/PE7T on 80-10 meters using SSB and CW. They have no specific plans for Digital modes. QSL via W5UE for VK9X/N1YC and via PE7T for VK9X/PE7T.

Z60A KOSOVO NEWS (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, date April 15th).

Z60A DIRECT QSL MAILING -- Following the LoTW upload of April.01, the first Kosovo, Z60A QSL card arrived in the U.S. during the past week to 92-year old Frank, K4BVQ, allowing him to reach the DXCC sticker #385. Former INDEXA president Gary Dixon, K4MQG made a special personal delivery, delighting Frank, a serious DXers and supporter of the DX segment of Amateur Radio. Following this special delivery, all U.S. direct requests, whether ClubLog or through direct mail will be released locally in San Francisco at the end of this week.

The donor QSLs for the rest of the world are in process, while other direct requests will start surfacing during the week of May.01. The card is a 4-page full color affair, giving a detailed description of this unique mission.

DX is not simply collecting LoTW points. The QSL card is also an educational piece aimed at the wide world and the issues behind the radio contacts. Better yet, you may meet three representatives of the Z60A activation; Vjollca, Z61VB, Jim, K9JF and Martti, OH2BH at the Visalia DX Convention over the weekend of April 20/22 and hear their fascinating stories. DX Conventions typically offer these personal and emotional meetings. While in California they may also visit some young DXers who were successful in contacting Z60A.

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