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1. Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #1365 (Tedd Mirgliotta (KB8NW))

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DX information.

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

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the
week of Friday, 18th/May, through Friday, 25th/May there were 222 countries
active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O,
4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2,
9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE,
CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E3, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6,
EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP,
FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a,
HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K,
KG4, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, 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, R1FJ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, 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".

3D2CR AND T31T DXPEDITIONS DELAYED. Dom, 3Z9DX, and the Rebel DX Group, have delayed their 3D2CR DXpedition to Conway Reef and T31T DXpedition to Kanton Island at the request of the Kiribati Government. This is due to a "delivery of a new SAT emergency system for early warning earthquake and tsunami." Dom states they want to do both operations all in one trip. Dates have not been announced.

3V, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY) will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) 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>

4K, AZERBAIJAN. Alim, 4K6FO, will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW eQSL or see QRZ.com.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will be active as 8P5A during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to HA1AG.

9H, MALTA. Just a reminder that Thomas, SV2CLJ, will be active as 9H3SV from the QTH of Savas, 9H1AE, at Sliema, Malta (EU-023), until May 31st. Activity will be holiday style on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via his home callsign direct.

9X, RWANDA. Alan, KE4TA, after a long ride back from Pretoria, he is now back in Kigali and will be active as 9X0TA during his spare time. He states, "Things are very busy here right now, and likely to get busier in the next few weeks. I'll try to get on the air when I get the chance." He should be here for just under 2 1/2 years. Activity will be primarily on 20/17 meters using 600W/100W of power. He does have antennas or antenna+tuner combinations for 80-10 meters and 6m. Modes will be SSB, the Digital modes and some CW. Power may be restricted by the Rwandan authorities in accordance with their laws. Radio is a Yaesu FT-991, and antenna will be a Hexbeam on a push up tower. Alan, states, "Noise levels here are extremely high. Please don't be offended if I'm not answering your call, I likely can't hear you." QSL via DIRECT to N4GNR. He will also use LoTW. For more details, pictures and updates (maybe even an operating schedule), visit his Web page at: <http://www.rwandadx.com>

9X, RWANDA (Update). Members of the Italian DX Team will be active as 9X0T between September 27th and October 10th. Operators mentioned are Mac/JA3USA, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Agelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT, Gino/IK2RZP and Alfeo/I1HJT. Pilot stations are Art/IK7JWY (HF) and Sergio/IK0FTA (6m). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826, 3530, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24890 and 28030 kHz
SSB - 3775, 7090, 14260, 18128, 21260, 24950 and 28460 kHz
RTTY - 14084 kHz (only)

The equipment that they will use are 3x K3s w/KPA-500s into 2x Spider-beams (5 bands), a Yagi (5 bands), 2x Quarter Wave verticals for both 80/40m, a 30m loop, a 160m 18 meter high vertical and 2x Diamond Loop (RX ant.). QSL via I2YSB direct only. A log search and an OQRS will be available on: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

Logs will be posted about 1 year after the conclusion of the DXpedition.

All Sponsors and those who requests a direct QSL will have their QSOs uploaded to LoTW. The uploading of contacts requested will be done at the end of the Dxpedition. These will be done in batches as they process cards. They will try weekly.

AH2, GUAM. Operators Toshinobu/JI3ERV and Hajime/JO1RUR will be active as AH2R from the Guam Contest Club station during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW.

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Operators Wolfgang/DK9VZ, Thomas/DL5LYM, Andree/DL8LAS, Frank/DL8WAA and Holger/DL9EE are now active as CT9/homecall from Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014) until May 29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be an entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) signing CR3W. QSL CR3W via DL5AXX, OQRS (see QRZ.com) or LoTW. QSL all others via their home callsigns.

DAY-XENIA HAMVENTION WRAP-UP. For its second year at the new venue in Xenia, Ohio, the attendance seemed to be very good in spite of the rain. It will be interesting to see what the final total will be for the Ham-Vention. Local TV stations were projecting 32k. There were some improvements at this year's event; notably the Flea Market area with crushed asphalt on the walkways. On Friday night, at the SWODXA DX Dinner, Juris, YL2GM, was awarded the SWODXA's DXpedition of the Year Award for their 3C0L/3C1L activations.

For more details and great pictures on the HamVention, check out Paul's, N6PSE, blog page at:

<https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2018/05/22/my-visit-to-hamvention-2018>

Also, checkout this week's ARRL Newsletter for their write-up on the HamVention at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2018-05-24>

E2, THAILAND. Champ, E21EIC, will be active as E2A (The SIAM DX Group/Contest Callsign) from Bangkok during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or paper QSL via E21EIC.

EX, KYRGYZSTAN. Sergey, EX8MJ, will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via info on QRZ.com.

GREENPARTY 2018 EVENT. The YOFF team of SRR (The Romanian Society of Radio-amateurs) and ARER (The Romanian Association of Environmentalists Radio-amateurs) are inviting all the radio amateurs to join them in the Green-Party 2018 event, between 0600z on June 9th, to 0559z, June 10th. The purpose of the event is to stimulate the ham operators to leave the house and get involved in portable/outdoor operation related to nature and ecology and to familiarize worldwide radio amateurs with protected natural areas. For more details, see:

http://wff-yo.blogspot.ro/p/blog-page_3.html

For a Web page that lists upcoming WWFF stations, see: <http://wwff.co/agenda>

GU, GUERNSEY. Oleg, RL5D, will be active as GU3HFN (the Guernsey Amateur Radio Society callsign) from St. Peter Port during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via GU8ITE direct or by the Bureau.

HC, ECUADOR. Alexey, HC2AO, will be active as HC2GRC during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

II4. ITALY (Elettra Back On Air!). In conjunction with "Museum Ships Weekend Event" <www.nj2bb.org>, members of the A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club (A.R.I. Italian Amateur Radio Association, IARU affiliated), will activate the callsign II4AMP. The station is close to the relict keel of Guglielmo Marconi's yacht "Elettra", which is kept at the Museum, and will ideally give new life to its "voice", allowing the radio amateurs overall in the world to get in contact with it during the weekend of June 2-3rd. QSL Manager is IQ4FE (by the Bureau or direct). For more details, see the following URLs: <http://www.arifidenza.it>

<http://www.fgm.it>

IOTA NEWS.....

- EU-016. Marco, IV3WMS, will once again be active as 9A/IV3WMS from Solta Island (IOCA CI-126) between May 28th and June 6th. Activity will be on various HF band using SSB. QSL via his home callsign only, direct or by the Bureau.
- EU-090. Members of the Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna will be active as 9A90P from Vela Palagruza Island (CI-084, LH 0057) between June 16-23rd. Operators mentioned are Marijan/9A1MB, Radovan/9A2SC, Zeljko/9A3DF, Branko/9A3ST, Kiko/9A4WY, Vito/9A5VS, Neven/9A5YY and Emir/9A6AA. Activity will be on 80-6 meters near the IOTA frequencies using CW, SSB, the Digital modes and the satellites. QSL 9A90P via 9A2MF. ADDED NOTE. Look for some operators to possibly operate (using their own callsign) from neighboring islands: Mala Palagruza (EU-090, CI-461) and Galijula Island (EU-090, CI-462).
- EU-124. Philip, MW0DHF, will once again be active as MW0DHF/P from Holy Island, north west coast of Anglesey North Wales, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.
- EU-140. Members of the Radioclub Riihimaen Kolmoset (OH3AD) will be active as OH3AD/5 on Kirkonmaa Island between July 17th and August 14th. List of operators were not mentioned. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8. The group plans to be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) signing as OH3D/5. QSL both callsigns, by the Bureau, ClubLog, LoTW and eQSL. For more details, visit their Web page at: <http://www.oh3ad.fi>

MULTI-IOTA OPS (Update)....

- * Craig, VK5CE, will activate six IOTAs in Western Australia as VK5CE/6 sometime during June. The VK5CE/6 DXpeditions are in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC). The following islands were mentioned:

IOTA OC-164 -- Rottneest Island;	June 2nd; CLAIMED by 23.0%
IOTA OC-199 -- East Lewis Island;	June 4-7th; CLAIMED BY 18.3%
IOTA OC-140 -- Direction Island;	June 8-11th; CLAIMED BY 17.4%
IOTA OC-193 -- Cheyne Island;	June 15-18th; CLAIMED BY 14.9%
IOTA OC-170 -- Woody Island;	June 20-23rd; CLAIMED BY 23.1%
IOTA OC-220 -- St. Peter Island;	June 26-29th; CLAIMED BY 26.0%

Activity will be on various HF bands (usually 40-12m). QSL via VK5CE direct. He is looking for sponsors. (PEOPLE SPONSORING BEFORE THE DXPEDITION WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A CARD FOR ALL IOTA'S IF YOU'RE IN THE LOG) -- Craig has updated his Web page with more details with time/dates/bands at: <https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6>

For full stories and QSL information of Craig's past DXpeditions, see: <https://vkiota.wordpress.com/past-dxpeditions>

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

IRISH ISLANDS IOTA TOUR 2018. Dave, EI9FBB, informs OPDX that beginning June 1st, the EIDX Group will activate ALL Irish IOTA Groups. Using the 'Echo Juliet' prefix, EJ0DXG will be active from IOTAs EU-006, EU-007, EU-103 and EU-121 this summer. Starting off with 'Little Saltee Island' (EU-103) between June 15-18th. The groups will be active on the HF and 6m bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Please follow their Facebook page for information/dates for all other activations at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185038478993063>

Supported by <dxwanted.net> a beautiful plaque will be available for whoever works them on 4 different IOTA Groups. So, as a 'Bonus' or 'Joker' station, EI0DXG will also be active from Mainland Ireland (EU-115) throughout and until September 30th, 2018. As with all EIDXG activities, please QSL via M0OXO.

KH1/KH7Z BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. Marty, KC1CWF, Social Media Reporter, posted some pictures on Facebook this week of items being loaded onto a truck heading to Baker Island:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1994732637472703>

It was also announced this past week that the dates for the upcoming KH1/KH7Z Baker Island DXpedition are between June 27th and July 7th.

For more details and updates, watch: <http://www.baker2018.net>

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA. "The Daily DX" reports that operators Robert/W5RF, Madison/W5MJ, Keith/VE7KW, Robert/K5PI and Bill/W5SJ will be active as KH8/W5MJ from American Samoa between August 15-25th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1822.5, 3528, 7028, 10128, 14028, 18078, 21028, 24898 and 28029 kHz
SSB - 1848, 3788, 7088/7188, 14188/14288, 18138, 21288, 24938 and 28488 kHz
RTTY - 3588, 7088, 14088, 18100, 21088, 24920 and 28088 kHz
6m - 50108 kHz (both CW and SSB)

K2SG and N7BT will be the East Coast and West Coast pilot stations. QSL KH8/W5MJ via M0URX.

LY, LITHUANIA (Update/Corrected). Operators Alis/LY2BKT, Rimas/LY2CO, Arvydas/LY2DX, Raimondas/LY2RJ, Grazvyda/LY2TS, Darius/LY3DA, Rolandas/LY4A, Goran/SM0DRD, Kaspars/YL1ZF and Girts/YL2KL will be active as LY4A during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW.

NCDXF NEWS (Press Release, May 24th). NCDXF Elects Two New Directors --

The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new Directors to fill vacancies created by retiring board members.

* Ross Forbes, K6GFJ has been licensed since 1964. He has traveled and operated extensively throughout the South Pacific. A long-time advisor to the Northern California DX Foundation, Ross is a past president of the Northern California DX Club, a previous Vice-Director of the ARRL Pacific Division, and former manager of the Incoming W6 QSL Bureau. Currently retired, Ross has held various IT positions in the financial and legal industry, ran his own import/export company in the 1980s, and has held various positions in commercial broadcasting. Ross lives in San Jose, CA.

* George Wallner, AA7JV was born in Hungary in 1951. After studying electrical engineering he joined the military in 1970, and served in a number of overseas postings as a radio operator and communications specialist before moving to Australia and the US, where he founded several payment processing companies. An active amateur radio operator since 1966, George's main interests are low band CW operation and DXpeditions to very difficult entities located on small islands and reefs. George lives in Miami, FL.

The full list of Officers for 2018-2019 can be found on the NCDXF website:

<http://www.ncdxf.org/pages/officers.html>

The ten-member Board of Directors oversees all of the Foundation's business. These Directors and the volunteer advisors who assist them have held responsible positions in the business or academic worlds. They all are active DXers. The Foundation does not have a paid staff, and no Foundation officer, director or advisor receives a salary or compensation in any form.

The primary purpose of NCDXF is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive entities. Those funds come from the contributions of our supporters in the DX community. Your contribution will help make DX happen. Visit our website: <http://www.ncdxf.org>

In addition:

- * NCDXF provides scholarships to Contest University for those 25 years of age and under
- * Partners with IARU to operate the NCDXF Beacon System worldwide
- * Oversees the Cycle 25 Project: an endowment-fund created from estate planning

We thank you for your continued support.

73,
John Miller, K6MM
President, NCDXF

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/Low-Power entry. He will just use a 40m dipole. QSL via LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 28th-June 3rd).....

May/28th AN May/31st AN Jun/02nd DIS
May/29th AN Jun/01st BN Jun/03rd HN
May/30th AN

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>

PZ, SURINAME. Olli, OH0XX, is now active as PZ5XX from Lelydorp until May 29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. He will also be in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th). QSL via OH0XX, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF www.qslinfo.eu [May 20th & 25th]

3Z0I via SP7PTM	II2MM via IQ2CF	SB7S via SM7PXS
4Z80FOC via 4Z4KX (L)	II3GIRO via IV3TMM & (L)	SN0ZN via SP3PGR
8Q7HI via WM6A	IR0IT via (I-B)	SV2/YU1CA/P via YU1CA
9A/E71CQ via E71CQ	IS0/DK7ZB via DK7ZB	SV8/LY2EN/P via LY2EN
9H18VLT via 9H1SP (d)	IS0/DL5NUA via DL5NUA	TI5/N3KS via W4FS (d)
9H1EJ via 9H1EJ (d/L/e)	LM10SOTA via LB4FH (e)	TZ4AM via W0SA
DF18HET via DG3FFM & (e)	LX/DJ6OI via DJ6OI & (L)	UE80GS via UA1QV
DJ80FOC via DJ5IL	LY100R via LY1RMD	UN9GD via DL8KAC
DR60RAFG via DH1BUZ	N3S via K3LU	UP0L via DL8KAC
E77A via 9A2AA	OG7F via OG2K	VE3RMJ/AM via VE3RMJ
EA6/DK2KK via DK2KK	OH/UA3LMR/P via UA3LMR	VI6FOC80 via VI6FOC80 (L)

EA9/EA5DCL via EA5DCL &	(L) OH0/SK3SN via SM3KIF	VP5/K4BAI via K4BAI
EF0F via EA4URE	OH1/DL7UXG via DL7UXG	W1FOC via K1AJ
EG1MCP via EA1AUM	OM1/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA	W2FOC via N2KW
EH1EH via EA1URP & (L)	OT70BDX via ON7SS	YR18BEE via YO6LB
GB100WO via M0XIG (d)	OU7G via OU7G (d/B)	YR630SV via YO8AZQ & (e)
GP4FOC via G3SWH	PA/DJ2OS/P via DJ2OS	Z68AA via 9A6AA
HB9/DG2RON/P via DG2RON	PJ2/WI9WI via WI9WI	ZA/IK2RLM via IK2RLM (e/L/*)
HF100L via SP8ZHY	R100LPU via RX1CQ	ZA/IW2JOP via IW2HAJ
HF80TG via SP5PPK	R16JIG via UA9JLL (O)	ZB2FOC via ZB2CW (d)
HS0ZJF via ON4AFU	R315SPB via UF1M	
II0FOC via IK0IXI	S01WS via EA2JG	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (*) via IZ2LSP direct

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

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/FS/KH8Z>
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/PJ8RV>
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/PJ8Z>

600X AND 60X via DJ6SI. Activity by Baldur, DJ6SI, from Hargeisa, Republic of Somaliland. He was leaving to head back to Germany on May 17th.

MR2I VIA G4FRE. Activity to commemorate the royal wedding from Wales. Also, QSL MW2I as well to G4FRE.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B7A (AF-015), 4L1MA, 5U5C, 9G5AR, 9K2HM, 9K2NO, A52YL, AH3C, AH3C/KH5J, C96RRC (AF-088), CE1LTL, E20HHK/P (AS-126), EA8DBM, EA1DWI, FG8OJ, GJ6WRI, JA4OPW, JH0RVY, JH3QMF, JI1VIK, KH9/N7NVK, LU8EKC, ON4CN, OX3XR, PJ5/AI5P, PJ8RV, SV5DKL, TA2FB, TA4RC, TF2MSN, TF5B, TZ4AM, VE2EZD, VE2FXL, VE9BJK, VE9DX, VK4AQJ, VK9LI, VP9NM, ZL1BBW and ZL4AS

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2EU, 7Q7EI, VP8EME, VE3VSM/HR9 and ZP5DBC

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3DA0IJ, 4X/R1CC, C91IJ, D44TUK, D44TUQ, DA2017LH, DM90AIW, DM200TSV, DP9S, DR50RRDXA, EA9/DL7DF, EA9/DL7UFR, HB0/HB9AON, JD1BMH, JW/DL7DF, OH0/DL1FDH/P, S21ZEE, VP8RXU and ZL7/W1XGI

SATELLITE GRIDS TO BE ACTIVATED (The VE3HLS Grand Finale Rove!). Ken, VE3HLS, reports, "Get out your highlighter and circle June 15th, 16th and 17th on your calendars! You don't want to miss "The VE3HLS Grand Finale Rove!" This will be my final significant rove before I retire from satellite ops and get down to planning the next chapter of my life as I prepare to retire in Thailand. I will follow the St. Lawrence Seaway down from Lake Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, activating FN14, FN15, FN24/25, FN35/36, FN46/47, FN57/58 and FN59/69 along the way down and back. As always, the inspiration for the rove is a result of a few of you posting your grids QSLed maps to Twitter. I read them and base future roves on the gaps I see in your maps. I'll work out a basic schedule over the next week or two and post it on the AMSAT-BB and on Twitter."

V4, ST. KITTS. John, W5JON, will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home at Calypso Bay, located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between June 22nd and July 20th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. Look for him to be in the IARU SSB Contest (July 14-15th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Equipment is a Yaesu FT-1000MP MkV and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas: a 31 ft. 40-10m Vertical, 35 ft. 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical, 20m dipole, 160m base load vertical and a 6m 4 element Yagi. Also an installation of new V47JA/B 6m beacon on 50053.0 MHz (WW Grid FK87) on St. Kitts mountain top at 1100 feet ASL. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

V6, MICRONESIA (Updated IOTA Plans). Members of the Nara DX Association (operators have not been announced yet) have decided to be active as V6J

from the rare IOTA Mortlok Islands (OC-254). Although they received some requests for Hall Islands (OC-253) activation, they will try to activate OC-253 next year. Specific dates are not known yet for OC-254 because they are talking with Pompeian coordinator (on their plans), and they need a permit for amateur radio operation from the chief of Islands. They also need to figure out the V6 ship schedule because it is always changing. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Kevin, K6TOP, will once again be active as VP2V/K6TOP from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023), between now and June 1st. Activity will be limited (family vacation) using an ICOM 706 MKII with 100 watts into a End-Fed Half-Wave (EFHW) (for 40/30/20/17/15/10m). Operations will be CW almost exclusively. Operating hours are typically 0000-0200z and 1000-1200z due to family commitments. Kevin mentioned last time, "When the pileups get difficult, I listen to the edges, so please spread your calls out." QSLs via LoTW (preferred) or NR6M. NO Bureau cards. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog upon return.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (Update). A few weeks ago, Dave, N9DK, informed OPDX that he will be operating VP2V Maritime Mobile (VP2V/N9DK/mm) between July 7-14th, using his KX3 on 15m, 20m, 40m, possibly 80m, and VHF (2m). Activity will be on CW, SSB and FT8. Dave informed OPDX this past week that he will "be planning some operation on land. I don't know the exact days or islands yet, but I'll be targeting a few hours of operation each day, probably across 3 days. I'm with a group who will be diving. Due to a recent accident, I'll be staying above water and will keep myself occupied by getting off /mm and onto pure VP2V." He plans to update us in the coming weeks. QSL via N9DK.

YE1, INDONESIA. Members of the Bandung DX and Contest Club will be active as YE1ZAZ during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Multi-Single/All-Band/High-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Sandy/YB1ACN, Budi/YE1AR, Gatot/YE1GD, Iwan/YE1NZ and Ebet/YD1BED. QSL via LoTW only.

Z3, MACEDONIA. Operators Mladen/Z32M, Vele/Z33C, Zoran-Zoki/Z33F and possibly others will be active as Z3Y during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via Z37Y.

Z6, KOSOVO. Joe, K7JOE, will be active as Z6/K7JOE between May 28-30th. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17 meters using CW. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

Z6 & ZA, KOSOVO (IN THE WPX CONTEST) AND ALBANIA (ON 6M!). Wayne, N7NG, sent out the following press release on May 22nd [edited]: Martti, OH2BH/Z68BH, and Pertti, OG2M/Z68MM, will be traveling to Kosovo this week. They plan to close several open ends with the Kosovo Amateur Radio Society (SHARK) and their Telecom administrators (ARKEP). This includes potential 6M permits for the future.

While in Kosovo, Martti, Z68BH, will be giving out the Z68 multiplier to those in the CQ WPX (CW) Contest. From Kosovo, Martti and Pertti will move to Albania by road with Z61DX and possible others. From Albania, ZA/OG2M will be active, specifically on 6M.

Ultimately, they will fly to Munich (DL) and on to Friedrichshafen, where at DARC's special invitation they will give a "Mission Goodwill Kosovo" presentation on Friday, June 1st, at 4 P.M. The presentation will be in the lecture room Schweiz which has a capacity of 180 people. Be early to get good seating. Many of the Z60A project participants/operators will be on hand for this occasion.

Z60A QSLs (confirmations): It should be noted that all Z60A direct requests, OQRS and postal have been mailed. There is no backlog as of today. The last batch of some 700 cards were mailed on Friday of last week. The LoTW confirmations, 54,419, has now reached 55% of the total number of QSOs!

ZP, PARAGUAY. Manu, ZP9MCE, will be active from Hohenau-Itap?a during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry.

QSL via LoTW.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th, 2018)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following
consolidated listing of the participants in the 2018 CQWW WPX CW 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/wpxc2018.html> (By callsign)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxcd2018.html> (By entity)

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Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8SS	Tunisia	SO	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
4K6FO	Azerbaijan	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via DC9RI and (e)
4L2M	Georgia	SOSB 160M	EA7FTR
6Y6N	Jamaica	SO	DK9PY
8P1W	Barbados	SOAB LP	KU9C
8P5A	Barbados	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via HA1AG
9H3EE	Malta	SOAB LP	OZ1BII; QSL via (C)
9K2GS	Kuwait	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via EC5AC
9M6NA	East Malaysia	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via (C)
A25VR	Botswana	SO	VE7VR; QSL via (B/d)
AH2R	Guam	M/?	LoTW
CR3DX	Madeira	SOAB HP	OM2VL
CR3W	Madeira	M/?	DL5AXX
E2A	Thailand	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via E21EIC
EF8R	Canary Islands	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via EB7DX
EX8MJ	Kyrgyzstan	SOAB LP	EX8MJ
GU3HFN	Guernsey	SO	GU3HFN (B); QSL via GU8ITE (d)
HC2GRC	Ecuador	SOAB LP	LoTW
HQ9X	Honduras	M/?	LoTW; QSL via KQ1F
LY4A	Lithuania	M/?	LoTW
NG3K	USA	M/2	LoTW
NP2P	Virgin Islands	SOSB 40M	LoTW
P44W	Aruba	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via N2MM
PZ5XX	Surinam	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via OH0XX (B/d/C)
V3A	Belize	M/S	LoTW; QSL via M0OXO
VB2Z	Canada	M/S	LoTW
VK3HF	Australia	M/?	LoTW; QSL via M0OXO
YE1ZAZ	Indonesia	MSAB HP	LoTW
Z3Y	Macedonia	M/S	Z37Y
Z68BH	Kosovo		OH2BH
ZP9MCE	Paraguay	SOAB LP	LoTW

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