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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 3rd/June, through Sunday, 10th/June there were 203 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, 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, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XZ, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, 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".

3W, VIETNAM. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as 3W9NH from Hoi An between June 14-18th. Activity will be on various HF bands, possibly 6 meters, and using CW and FT8. He also plans to be in the All Asian DX CW Contest. (June 16-17th). QSL via JA0JHQ direct or LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs. For more details and updates, see: <https://pandasan.jimdo.com/3w9nh>

6M, SOUTH KOREA (IOTA & 6m Op). Operators Jeongho/HL2VA, Lee/DS4EOI, Kim/HL2CFY, SangHyun/HL3EYC, Geum-dong/DS4AOW, Lee/DS2GWM, Gyeong-Hwan/HL4CEL, Wang-Hyun/HL4RBR, Park/HL4CGB, JuHyun/HL2VXK, Byung-ho/HL1TKF, Mun/6K2KCW, Youngkyun/HL2DAA, Lee/DS3FXU, Sam/HL2ZIK, Jun/HL2ZDA, Sungki/HL1IWD, Sun/DS1IYZ, Moon/DS3OWY, Hwan-Jong/DS2NSC, Jang/DS3CHK and Hae-Young/DS3BNU will be activating Yonghung Island (AS-105, WW Loc. PM37fg) between June 16-17th. Yonghung Island is located in the Yellow Sea, just off the city of Incheon which holds one of the largest and busiest airports in the world. The callsign 6M6M has been operated by many DXers every year since 2013 to experiment and promote the 6 meter band. They will be operating a high power 6 meter station with a 12.5 meter (41 ft) long boom 8 element Yagi antenna on a 42 meter (138 ft) high crank-up tower. They will be using all modes - CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DS1SYV.

8Q, MALDIVES. Daniel, SM0UDH, will be active as 8Q7DT from Horubadhoo, Baa Atoll, Maldives Islands (AS-013, WW Loc. MJ65MD), between June 24th and July 9th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using SSB, JT9, JT65 and FT8, with an ICOM IC-7300 transceiver and a simple antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog, LoTW or eQSL.

9H, MALTA. Operators Alan/G3XSV, Robin/G3TXF and Mark/G4AXX will be active as 9H6YB from Malta (EU-023) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/24-Hrs entry. The team is expected to be active before the contest starting July 25th, and sign as 9H3XSV, 9H3TKF and 9H3AXX. They will go QRT after the contest. QSL routes are not available at this time.

9H, MALTA. Dr.Tevfik Aydin "Tev", TA1HZ, is planing to be active from Malta (EU-023) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op entry. Callsign is pending and QTH is TBD. Activity outside of the contest will be on FT8, and he will do portable operation only on the contest weekend. QSL via LoTW.

9L. SIERRA LEONE. Mark, KW4XJ, who is on an overseas assignment and was signing 9L/KW4XJ, is now active with the permanent callsign 9L1YXJ from Freetown (WW Loc. IJ38jk). We still don't know the length of his stay. Mark operates mainly on CW and the Digital modes on the HF bands (40-10m). His QTH station is an Icom IC-7300 into a magloop (with power set to max. 10W) currently until more antennas arrive and get installed. His QRP station is a Yaesu FT-817ND running 5 watts into magloop (Chameleon F-Loop). QSL via his home callsign.

CASS AWARD 2017 (Press Release). [edited] Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH, has won the 2017 Single-Operator Cass Award.

-- Sponsors Add New Award -- "The Cass Awards encourage DXpedition operating excellence."

While QRV from Palestine as E44WE during May 2017, Janusz worked 10,087 unique stations during 14 days of his one-man DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible, and setting a new Single-Operator Cass Award record.

Polish Amateur Radio Union President Waldemar Sznajder, 3Z6AEF, presented Janusz with his plaque at their LOS Convention on May 26, 2018. Here's a photo of Janusz (on the left) proudly displaying the plaque just received from Waldemar:

low resolution : [http://www.cassaward.com/SP9FIH\\_3Z6AEF\\_lowres.jpg](http://www.cassaward.com/SP9FIH_3Z6AEF_lowres.jpg)

full resolution: [http://www.cassaward.com/SP9FIH\\_3Z6AEF.jpg](http://www.cassaward.com/SP9FIH_3Z6AEF.jpg)

"Two categories of Cass Award in 2018 and beyond" -- The Cass Award Sponsors - Club Log, DXLab, and the Northern California DX Club - have also announced the addition of a new "unlimited" award. Presented annually, the Cass Awards encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a plaque for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns during a two-week interval and, and a plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns; the rules for each award are defined in <http://www.cassaward.com>. These awards honor the wisdom and spirit of Cass, WA6AUD (SK), whose stories in the West Coast DX Bulletin taught a generation of DXers that DX IS!

Congratulations to Janusz on his achievement in winning the 2017 Single-Operator Cass award!

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Press Release: Behind The Scenes) [date June 9th]:

The 2016 CY9C DXpedition team has been quietly working behind the scenes with Parks Canada attempting to gain permission to mount a significant DXpedition to Sable Island CY0. This effort began more than a year ago. For a number of years now, the Parks Canada policy has been to not allow overnight stays on the island. This was one reason the small team of N0TG, VE1RGB and WA4DAN mounted a one day DXpedition to Sable on September 8, 2014.

Aaron, VA1AXC, who worked with Parks Canada, was active from Sable during his tours on the island. Last August, Aaron left Parks Canada and went back to work with the Canadian Coast Guard. Aaron was very instrumental in the months long negotiations. We had worked with Aaron during the CY0P DXpedition in October 2013 as well as our one day CY0C operation. Our team donated equipment and antennas for Aaron to use while on Sable. Many email exchanges and phone calls were made between Parks Canada, Aaron and the CY9C team in an attempt to gain permission.

The CY9C team sent a "Qualifications Package" to Parks Canada highlighting not only our general DXpedition experience, but our experience out on Sable Island. Many different scenarios were discussed and there was a lot of back and forth between Parks Canada and our team. There were times that permission seemed nothing more than a dream. It was very discouraging but we kept plugging away trying to stay positive. Finally, a couple of weeks ago, we received word from Parks Canada that we had been granted permission for a one week DXpedition in September 2019!!

The 2019 CY0 DXpedition team will consist of 6-7 ops, mostly those who were on the CY9C team. Much more information will be forthcoming later this year and as we enter 2019. The 2019 CY0 team is already in the initial planning stage for this DXpedition. Sable is especially rare on CW and a big effort will be made to satisfy that demand.

73,  
Randy N0TG Team Co-Leader  
Murray WA4DAN Team Co-Leader

E6, NIUE. Members of the Quake Contesters will be active as E6Y at Turtle Lodge in the Makefu area on Niue Island (OC-040) between October 6-16th. Operators mentioned are Mark/ZL3AB, Geoff/ZL3GA, Phil/ZL3PAH and Paul/ZL4TT. Activity will be on 160-10 meters (including 60m) using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1805/1826.5, 3503, 7024, 10120, 14025, 18069, 21024, 24891 and 28025  
SSB - 1865, 3770, 7080/7160, 14260, 18145, 21295, 24930 and 28490  
RTTY - 3580, 7040, 10144, 14080, 18106, 21080, 24926 and 28080  
FT8 - 3573, 7074, 10136, 14074, 18100 and 21074 kHz

\* Freq. are subject to change

They also plan to be active in the Oceania DX Contests (CW/Oct. 13-14th and SSB/Oct. 6-7th) as a Multi-2 entries. QSL via ZL3PAH, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see:

<https://quakedxpeditons.wordpress.com>

E6, NIUE (2019 Op). Alex, 5B4ALX will be active as E6ET from Niue Island (OC-040) between March 19th and April 2nd, 2019. Activity will be on 80-15 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. He will also be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via 5B4ALX, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/e6et-niue-2019>

#### IOTA NEWS.....

- EU-129. Members of the club station "des OV Konigs Wusterhausen" (DL0KWH) will be active as DL0KWH/p from Usedom Island (0-13 for the German Islands Award) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Two-TX/High-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Ronny/DG2RON, Rainer/DL2RVL, Bert/DL2RNS, Heiko/DL1RTL, Ron/DG2RON, Georg/DL4SVA and Olaf/DL7JOM. QSL via DL0KWH (direct, by the Bureau) or ClubLog's OQRS.
- EU-178. Toivo, ES2DJ, will be active from Ruhnu Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via the Bureau.
- NA-121. Operators Fred/VE1FA and XYL Helen/VA1YL will be active as VE1FA/KH7 and VA1YL/KH7 from Round Island, AK, between July 5-10th. Activity will be on 40/20 meters (around 7150 and 14260 kHz ± QRM) on SSB with 100 watts. They will announce when they are active on DX Summit. Antennas will have a clear ocean shot to south and east, but will be blocked to west. Round Island, AK, is 58.6 degs N.Lat., 160 degs W.Long. QSL to VE1FA. No electronic QSLs, please.
- NA-126. Operators Richard/VA1CHP, Lowell/VY2OX, Mark/VA2MM, Helen/VA1YL, Fred/VE1FA, Alphonse/VO1NO, Wayne/VE1BAB, Bob/VE1RSM and Sheldon/VE1GPY will be active as VB1M from Bon Portage (Outer) Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Single-TX/Mixed-Mode/24-Hrs/Island-Expedition entry. QSL via VA1YL.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new <[www.iota-world.org](http://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.....

K8CX'S 2018 DAYTON HAMVENTION PHOTO GALLERY. Tom's, K8CX, 2018 Dayton Photo Gallery is now up at: <http://hamgallery.com/dayton2018/>  
This is Tom's 22nd consecutive year for the gallery, and it contains 392 photos taken this year at the Crowne Plaza, various events and hospitality suites. There are now close to 5692 Dayton photos on HamGallery. The site has Dayton photos in "The HamGallery" <<http://hamgallery.com>> dating back to 1971. All years are search-able by callsign from the search engine on the HamGallery home page. If you have any old photos from Dayton, please send them to K8CX. You may submit your own Dayton photos to be included in this gallery, but first please read the guidelines/instructions listed on the Dayton 2018 page.

KH1/KH7Z BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS.....

\* The following Press Release #10 was sent out by Don, N1DG, on June 4th: Propagation Forecasts -- The 2018 DXpedition to Baker Island occurs during the declining side of the solar cycle where propagation is usually much, much worse, nearing the bottom:

<https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression>

In addition, there are limited hours of darkness in some Northern Hemisphere locations. However, this is the when our permit is valid and we are planning to maximize the time we are available to work to propagation challenged areas. For instance, stations will be on 20 meters 24 hours a day.

First, thanks to Stu, K6TU, we have embedded his tools in our website where you can run forecasts specific to your grid square and station properties. Please visit <<http://www.baker2018.net/pages/propagation.html>> to see when and on what bands to look for us. We have also run these forecasts by geographic area to know when we should be listening for you. The forecasts are grim. However, stations on the Equator report working EU in June/July is one of the better times. During noon, local time, we don't expect to hear any signals. We will mostly likely take our main meals during that time, and rest up, for a long night of productive QSOs.

Remember, these are predictions - like climate versus weather. Climate is what you expect, weather is what you get. Keep an ear on the bands - you might catch an opening. Check the daily space weather forecast - <<http://sunspotwatch.com>>

Our network of worldwide pilots will also report how well we are being heard in your area to keep us abreast of propagation.

Our permit restricts our antennas to 43 ft vertical antennas. We won't get the gain of a Yagi, nor the directionality. We will be using Steppirs and special design antennas to take advantage of the salt water ground. One of the antenna designs has been adapted by AA7JV from the recent 3B7A operation.

We will be using FT8 to find openings we might not hear, and to serve as a beacon. When we find an opening, we will put as many radios/modes/ops on as we can.

Our group helped develop the latest WSJT-X software to incorporate a DXpedition fox/hound mode. Please download version 1.9.0 before we are QRV around 27 June. This may expand the bands we are able to use at this point in the solar cycle. We've also put a "how to use the new FT8" primer on our site. You can view it and our planned operating frequencies at <<https://www.baker2018.net/pages/plan.html>>. It will help those new to the mode to quickly master the new version.

As previously mentioned, we will stay on 20 meters continuously and jump to other bands from one of the other 7 operating positions. Our 15 operators will rotate on and off in 3 hour shifts. We have one goal, maximize the number of ATNO QSOs with this 5th most wanted entity.

All our equipment has arrived at the departure point. Our permit has been issued. Our callsign is set, KH1/KH7Z. All our plans for the past 11 months have led to this month! We are excited, and trust you are too.

We are nearing the start of the operation, as the ops leave for Pago-Pago within the next two weeks. We still could still use your donation at this time. <http://www.baker2018.net/pages/donate.html>

Thank you in advance for your support.  
The Baker Island 2018 Team

\* Don, N1DG, on June 6th, posted on the KH1/KH7Z and FaceBook page a JPG on their route to Baker and back:  
<http://baker2018.net/images/travel-master-650.jpg>  
[https://scontent-ort2-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/34646028\\_10156413423133210\\_5177794834395561984\\_n.jpg?\\_nc\\_cat=0&oh=bb4823597cbd2c5e6baf2923d17de5c2&oe=5BBE9B67](https://scontent-ort2-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/34646028_10156413423133210_5177794834395561984_n.jpg?_nc_cat=0&oh=bb4823597cbd2c5e6baf2923d17de5c2&oe=5BBE9B67)

\* Check out an interview with Don, N1DG, by Val, NV9L, talking about the upcoming KH1/KH7Z DXpedition to Baker Island on Ham Nation's (last week's "Ham Nation 354 Field Day Plans" TWiT.TV show). The segment on Baker Island is about 44 min. into the talk:  
<https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation/episodes/354?autostart=false>

NCDXF NEWS (Press Release -- Northern California DX Foundation Secretary, G. Kip Edwards, W6SZN, SK). [edited, dated June 9th] NCDXF Director and Secretary G. Kip Edwards, W6SZN, of Indianola, Washington, died on June 6 at the age of 71. The Foundation has lost a dear friend and valued colleague.

Born in Wichita, Kansas in 1947, Kip was first licensed as KN0PID at the age of 11. The family moved to Washington State where Kip later became K7GGC. Newly married in 1968, Kip and his wife moved to Berkeley where he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 1971. After a stint as a Teaching Fellow at Stanford Law School, Kip joined a major law firm in San Francisco as an associate in 1972 and became a partner in 1978. In 1976, Kip passed the Amateur Extra exam and became W6SZN. After retiring in 2013, Kip and his family moved back to Washington.

An ARRL Life member, Kip served as President of Northern California Contest Club and editor of The JUG, the club's newsletter. He was honored as Contester of the Year in 1982. He was also a member of the Northern California DX Club and also served as that club's President, receiving the club's DXer of the Year award in 1988. Kip is on the DXCC Honor Roll and holds 9BDXCC and 5BWAS. He was an enthusiastic DXpeditioner, and contester, having achieved Top 10 status in many DX contests over the years.

In addition to his role as Secretary and newsletter editor for NCDXF, Kip also served as Secretary of the Yasme Foundation and editor of the Western Washington DX Club's Totem Tabloid. He was a member of the ARRL Maxim Society and a founding member of the Kitsap County DX Club.

Kip made many great contributions to the Foundation over the years, helping to move it forward in numerous ways. He was caring, creative and had a wonderful sense of humor. His work will not soon be forgotten.

John Miller, K6MM  
NCDXF President

OX, GREENLAND. Bo, OZ1DJJ, will once again be active as OX3LX from Ittoq-qortoormiit City, East Greenland (NA-018, WW. Loc. HQ90) between July 1-14th. Activity will be on various HF bands, but limited to his spare time when not working (He states, "Best chance is in the morning around lunch and after dinner [local time utc+2], on the weekend also during night/morning"). He may also be active some days from the Greenland's Coastal Islands North East IOTA Group (NA-243). QSL via OZ0J direct (see QRZ.com). Logs get uploaded to LoTW, ClubLog and sometimes eQSL. For more details and updates, see: <http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT June 11-17th).....  
Jun/11th AN      Jun/14th AN      Jun/16th AN  
Jun/12th AN      Jun/15th AN      Jun/17th AN  
Jun/13th AN

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 <[www.qsllinfo.eu](http://www.qsllinfo.eu)> [June 10th]

7S18FWC via SM-Bureau & (L)	HG18FIFA via HG18FIFA (e)	SO2E via SQ2KLZ
8N1080S via JF1CCH & (e)	HL50IARU via HL50IARU (e)	SP9YFF via SP9WAN (d/L)
8S18FWC via (SM-Bureau/L)	II9FIFA via IW3RUA (d/L/e)	SU18FWC via SU0ERA
9X2AW via M0OXO (O/L)	IQ3QM via IZ3ZUC	SV3/DL8DBW/P via DL8DBW
AO18FWC via EA4URE	J48GEO via SZ8LSV (d/L)	SV67FF via SV2GWY (d/e)
AY0FWC via LU5FB (L)	LA/DC8TM/P via DC8TM	SV8/DL8MCA via DL8MCA
BV50IARU via BV2FP	LA/DF3TS/P via DF3TS	TK/IW5ELA via IW5ELA
CP4BT via DJ2BW & (L)	LZ30STM via LZ1ZF	TM100LGG via F4GRW
CR520D via CS5LX	LZ430PPW via LZ1KCP	TM18FWC via (F-B)
DL/KU1CW via KU1CW (L)	MW/DL1FDH via DL1FDH	TM18PGM via F4FCE
DL0RRC via DL6ZFG	OE100AKD via OE6AKD	TM3FO via F6KCZ
DU1/JH1FNS via JH1FNS (*e)	OE100RJJ via OE9RJJ	TM40SC via F1JSU
DX18FIFA via DU1EV	OG0C via OH5CW	TM41VFF via F6KJX
EA6/DG3MIM via DG3MIM	OK/DL2DXA/P via DL2DXA	TM5PAM via F4HSQ
EG1MEP via EA1AUM	OM18FIFA via OM18FIFA (e)	UP18FIFA via UP18FIFA (L/e/C)
EG7JIR via EA7LH	OP0PPY via ON7LX	VK18FIFA via VK2IR
EH4MCG via EA4DCU & (L)	OU18FWC via OU18FWC (O)	VR2FIFA via VR2XRW
EO70UWC via UT4UWC	SD7SUB via SM7EYO	WU1ITU via KA1R
ER18FIFA via ER1FF	SE18FWC via (SM-B/L)	YB50KT via YB50KT (L)
HB0/F4HOD/P via F4HOD (e)	SM/DM3MS via DM3MS	YB50NB via YB50NB (L)
HB18FWC via HB18FWC (L)	SN740BAR via SP1KRF	ZL/PD9DX via PD9DX

JH1FNS: Masatoshi Ohta, 0651 Langka St. Purok-4 Brgy Lamot-2, Calauan-City, Laguna-Province, 4012, Philippines

(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 (\*) direct to DU-Address

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

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/kl7rrc/p/2018>

[https://clublog.org/logsearch/vk5ce/6\\_oc164](https://clublog.org/logsearch/vk5ce/6_oc164)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B7A, 3B9FR, 4L1MA, 4Z5ML, 9M0W, A91FWC, CN3A, D2EB, DS3HWS, E51DWC, EA8DBM, HL1LUA, HZ1TL, JR1IIR, KD6WW/VY0 (NA-159, NA-196), LU8XW (SA-008), SP9UH, TO2SP, UA2FI, UL7GAA, UN1L, UT7ZA, WA3DX/6W, XP3A, YB8OUN and Z35Y

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5N3WQK, 9M0W, XRO YD and Z60A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

TF, ICELAND. Richard, VE2DX, will be active as TF/VE2DX from Iceland between September 3-15th. Activity will be on various HF bands. Look for more info to be forthcoming.

VA2, CANADA (Zone 2/Grid Correction). Dany, VA2BK, will be active from Zone 2 (WW Loc. FO03 -- not FN03) in Chisasibi, QC, between June 7-11th. Activity will be during his spare time mostly on the Digital modes (RTTY/FT8) and on the lower HF band including 60 meters. Both he and François, VA2RC, (permanent resident) will be active on 6m HP during the ARRL VHF Contest [June 9-11th] (CW/SSB) if the band opens. Dany states, "The 5 elements beam should be installed just in time for the contest." QSL only via LoTW after he returns back home (No direct or Bureau). PLEASE NOTE: If you need Zone 2 on CW or SSB, watch Yuri, VE2IM (VE3DZ), in upcoming CQWW contests.

W9DXCC ADVISORY. John, N0FCD, sent out the following on June 4th:  
Dear fellow radio amateur:

We're reaching out to you because you cover DX news or have in the past been listed as a club contact.

It's our hope that you might help us spread the word about the 66th annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet on Sept. 14-15th, 2018, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Please consider sharing the following information with your members via e-mail, website or word of mouth:

(June 4, 2018) - Registration is open for the 2018 W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet in suburban Chicago on Sept. 14-15th. Presentation topics at the 66th annual gathering will include the upcoming Baker Island DXpedition, how Kosovo became a new DXCC entity, emergency communications in Puerto Rico and the epic tale of the attempt to activate Bouvet Island for the first time since 2008.

The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Bob Schenck, N200, a veteran operator, DXpeditioner, QSL manager, CQ magazine DX editor and current president of the International DX Association (INDEXA).

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, W9DXCC will again offer Contest University and DX University on Friday. The daylong session on Saturday will feature speakers, exhibits, QSL card checking and a CW pileup contest, as well as the evening reception and banquet. The venue remains the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg.

For more information and registration: <http://w9dxcc.com/>  
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Z6 PREFIX IS QUESTIONED. On the ITU Web site and in "ITU Operational Bulletin (No. 1149 1.VI.2018)" [Information received by 16 May 2018], on page 7, the Secretary-General of the ITU reports the following:

"Following the inquiry of the Administration of Serbia of 16 March 2018 regarding the use of Call Sign Series Z6 by amateur radio stations of Kosovo\*, I would like to provide the following statement: Pursuant to Article 19 of the Radio Regulations, notably its provisions Nos. 19.28B and 19.33, the management of international series of call signs is a prerogative of ITU. Call sign series can be allocated only to the administrations of the ITU Member States by world radiocommunication conferences or, between radiocommunication conferences, by the ITU Secretary-General. In this respect, the attention of the ITU administrations is drawn to the fact that ITU has not allocated call sign series Z6 to any of its Member States. Consequently, the utilization of call signs series Z6 by any entity without a formal allocation and consent of the ITU represents an unauthorized and illegal usage of this international numbering resource.

\* This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on Kosovo declaration of independence."

[https://www.itu.int/dms\\_pub/itu-t/opb/sp/T-SP-OB.1149-2018-OAS-PDF-E.pdf](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/sp/T-SP-OB.1149-2018-OAS-PDF-E.pdf)

ADDED NOTES: The Z6 prefix does appear in the ARRL's "ITU Table of Allocation of International Callsign Series" which can be viewed at:

<http://www.arrl.org/international-call-sign-series>

However, the Z6 prefix does not appears in "Table of International Call Sign Series" -- [yet] at:  
[https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/fmd/Pages/call\\_sign\\_series.aspx](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/fmd/Pages/call_sign_series.aspx)

Z6, KOSOVO. It was announced that Max, ON5UR, is planning to be active as Z68UR from Kosovo for 9 days sometime at the end of September. The QTH will be near the border of Albania. Look for more details and a Web site to be forthcoming.

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