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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 2nd/September, through Sunday, 9th/September there were 206 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, 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, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP6, VP8, VR, VU, XE, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, 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".

5W0 & YJ, SAMOA AND VANUATU (Update to OPDX.1361). Stan, LZ1GC, who will be active from these two different entities later in the year, posted the following on September 9th [edited]: I want to inform the radio amateur community, that after months of hard work - the preparation of 5W0GC and YJ0GC DXpedition 2018 is in the final phase! The antennas and the technical equipment (transceivers and amplifiers) have been tested and now are packed!

We are ready!

1. Stan, LZ1GC, will be travel from Bulgaria to the Pacific Ocean on September 26th. As planned, 5W0GC should be on the air around 12 GMT on September 28th.
2. The meeting of YJ0GC team, consisting of Stan/LZ1GC, Lubo/OM5ZW and Karel/OK2WM will be on October 15th, at the Nadi Airport, Fiji Republic (3D2). The same day is our flight to Port Vila, Vanuatu. Due to the late arrival time in Vanuatu and the night's arrival, most likely YJ0GC should be on the air around 20 GMT, on October 15th.
3. Important for LoTW users !!! -- 5W0GC and YJ0GC LoTW certificates have already been received! So that all our sponsors can receive LoTW confirmation of their contacts with 5W0GC and YJ0GC, immediately after of end of every of these activities!

73! Stan, LZ1GC

Just a reminder that their tentative schedule is as follows:

September 28th-October 14th -- From Apia, Samoa (OC-097); callsign 5W0GC  
October 15th-November 4th -- From Port Vila, Efate Island (OC-035),  
Vanuatu; callsign YJ0GC

Activity will be on 160-6 meters, with a focus on 160/80m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and

updates, see: <http://www.c21gc.com>

7Z88/8Z88/HZ88, SAUDI ARABIA (Special Event). To celebrate Saudi Arabia's 88th National Day, members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (SAR) will be active with the special callsigns HZ88ND, 7Z88ND and 8Z88ND from Riyadh (WW Locator LL34) between September 16-30th. The celebration marks the day (Sept. 23rd) the Kingdom unified under the royal decree issued by the late founding King Abdulaziz Al Saud in 1932. QSL via HZ1BF. Look for the logs to be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS. Operators Sigi/DL7DF, Manfred/DK1BT (and YL Gerlinde), Wolf/DL4WK, Annette/DL6SAK, Reiner/DL7KL, Frank/DL7UFR and Jan/SP3CYY will be active as 8P9AE from Barbados (NA-021) between November 6-20th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will have three stations on the air and their equipment will consist of a transceiver Elecraft K2, two transceivers Icom IC7300, two OX1000 power amplifiers, one power amplifier, a vertical for 160-80m, a 40m loop, a 30m loop, a Spiderbeam for 20-10m, VDA antennas as well as a few laptop computers. QSL via DL7DF, direct, by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW within 6 months after their DXpedition. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.dl7df.com/8p9>

AMATEUR RADIO PODCAST (Foundations of Amateur Radio). Onno, VK6FLAB, has put together some short (3-5 mins.) PODCASTs about different topics on "Amateur Radio". This is a good source for beginners.

To listen to a podcast, visit the Web site at:

<http://podcasts.itmaze.com.au/foundations>

You can also use your podcast tool of choice and search for his callsign, VK6FLAB, or you can read the book, look for his callsign on your local Amazon store, or visit his author page: <http://amazon.com/author/owh>

If you'd like to participate in discussion about the podcast or about amateur radio, you can visit the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/foundations.itmaze>

Feel free to get in touch directly via email: [<onno@itmaze.com.au>](mailto:onno@itmaze.com.au), or follow on twitter: @vk6flab [<http://twitter.com/vk6flab/>](http://twitter.com/vk6flab/)

If you'd like to join the weekly net for new and returning amateurs, check out the details at [<http://ftroop.vk6.net>](http://ftroop.vk6.net), the net runs every week on Saturday, from 00:00 to 01:00 UTC on Echolink, IRLP, AllStar Link and 2m FM via various repeaters.

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Stephan, DL9HAL, plans/hopes to be active as FR/DL9HAL from Reunion Island sometime during October 2018. He states, "No expedition, only holiday-style. No schedule. QSL cards will be printed afterwards. PSE send the card only via my manager (M00XO) or direct. NO other QSL - bureau for cards will never reach me. And be sure - QSL 100%"

FR, REUNION ISLAND (Also Mayotte [FH]). Willi, DJ7RJ, reports that he will be active from Reunion Island (AF-016) for three weeks in October, and then one week in Mayotte. Callsigns were not mentioned (possibly special callsigns or FR/homecall and FH/homecall). His activity is to focus on the lower bands. No other details were provided.

#### IOTA NEWS.....

AF-111. (New IOTA). The DX-World.net reports that operators Eric/EL2EF, Col/MM0NDX and Jonathan/MM0OKG plan to be active from Telengbe Island (southern Liberia) as EL2EL/4 during early November 2018. This activity is dependent on weather and sea conditions. Look for a Web site with more info to be coming soon.

AS-073. Members of the Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as 9M4IOTA from Redang Island, West Malaysia, between September 15-17th. Activity is usually on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via 9M2000 direct.

EU-051. Members of IO9A Contest Team will be active as IE9A from Ustica Island between September 14-16th. The team will be made up of Antonello/IT9YVO, Antonio/IT9UFP, Emanuele/IW9GEC

and Francesco/IZ7KHR. Planned activities with multiple operating stations will be on all HF and 6m bands on CW, SSB and the Digital modes (FT8 in 6m and RTTY on HF bands). QSL card request via IT9YVO, via direct with proper SASE and contribution. All QSO will be uploaded on LoTW after the DXpedition. For more details and updates, see:

<https://www.io9a.it/ie9a-ustica>

- EU-052. Oliver, DK7TX, will be active as SV8/DK7TX from three of the IOTA group EU-052 (Islands of Paxoi, Vido and Kerkyra) between September 9-15th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters (mostly on 20/15/10m). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or eQSL.
- EU-068. Fabien, F4GYM, will be active as F4GYM/P from Sein Island (DIFM AT007) between October 2-5th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. On October 1st and 5th, he will be operating from some FFF and from Audierne Lighthouse. QSL via F4GYM, direct or by the Bureau.
- EU-156. Operators Max/DF2MX, Robert/DK2RO and Anton/DL8AW will be active as F/DF2MX/P, F/DK2RO/P and F/DL8AW/P, respectively, sometime between September 11th and 14th. They state, "As access to the island is very dependent on weather and tidal conditions, exact times of operation are not yet determined." Activity will be on CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsigns, by the Bureau, direct, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

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.....

J6, ST. LUCIA. Bill, K9HZ, will once again be active as J68HZ from his villa at Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) until September 17th. Activity is usually on 160-2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment will consist of an Elecraft K3, a 3 element beam for 20-6 meters and wire antennas for 160-30 meters. QSL via his home callsign. He does use the LoTW (preferred), ClubLog and eQSL.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Stu, K4MIL, will once again be active as KG4SS from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) between September 25th and October 9th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8, including an entry in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th). QSL via home callsign or LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Reminder). Randy, K5SL, will once again be active as PJ7/K5SL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) between now and September 15th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/30/20/17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 10-16th).....

Sep/10th AN	Sep/13th HN	Sep/15th AN
Sep/11th HN	Sep/14th HN	Sep/16th HN
Sep/12th 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/hf/>

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.qslinfo.eu](http://www.qslinfo.eu)> [September 8th]

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3B8/PA3HGT via PA3HGT	FG/HGOR via HA0NAR (O)	SN100JH via SP9MOA
9A/LX1UN/M via LX1UN	HA/ON4KCY/P via ON4KCY	SP0PILKON via SP3ZBY
A5A via JH1AJT (O/d)	HF40KVV via SP5KVV	T32AZ via KH6QJ
DM3D via DM3MS	II4LNZ via IQ4FE	TM1MAD via F5KLJ & (e)
E7C via E77AR	LZ920MLC via LZ1KCP	TM1VG via F4FCE
EA5/G4VZV/P via G4VZV	OE/DL2RPS/P via DL2RPS & (e)	UT/HA5UX via HA5UX
EE7URM via EA7URM	OR6T via ON4AMX	Z3/DD0VU/P via DD0VU
EH1FVN via EA1ET	PT8CW via PY4KL (d)	ZA/OK1YM via OK1YM
EN655N via UT7NI	S590RTVS via S50E	ZG2BU via ZB2BU

(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

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

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/TM64YL>

TM64YL LOG. Maurice, F5NQL, reports that the TM64YL log for the 2018 Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) DXpedition by 14 YLs during August 25-31st, has been uploaded to ClubLog at: <https://clublog.org/logsearch/TM64YL>  
The OQRS system has been activated. However you can ask for direct cards via F4GDI: Christine Carreau, 13 Chemin aux Boeufs, F72230, GUECELARD, FRANCE. The log will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3DA0AY, 4O9TTT, C96RRC, C98RRC, CE0YHO, EB5AL, F5MUX, PY0F/PY7RP, RT2F, RV6AFG, TG9AOR, YF9CDL and Z66D

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4S7AB, A31MM, C6ARW, C8T, C96RRC, C98RRC, HB0A and OZ1JXY

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 9H3CW, 9H3YY, BD7IAL, CT8/DL7AFS, DM90AIW, JW7DL2JRM, LX/DJ6OI, PY1BAB, V26OB, VR2ZQZ, VR20EH, VR20ZQZ, YC2/KC5VFW and YE2R

SPECIAL EVENT. Special event station WA2NYC is now active to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, and to remember that over 2900 people lost their lives on that day. The station will be operational until 0300z, September 12th. The suggested frequencies are 28450, 21350, 14265, 7200 kHz and DSTAR REF020C. WA2NYC will be on DSTAR REF020C each evening from 7-11PM Eastern Time (2300-0300z). The log will be uploaded to LoTW. If you would like a QSL card, send a SASE to the club address (see QRZ.com) or by the Bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT (Highway to a DX Party!). The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club of San Bernardino <[w6jbt.org](http://w6jbt.org)>, California, is once again hosting (probably one of the most fun special event activities) the 19th annual "Route 66 On The Air" special event between September 8-16th. The purpose of this event is to offer amateur radio operators a fun way to "Relive

the Ride" of their own memories of Route 66, and to celebrate the highway's 92nd anniversary. The U.S. Highway 66 established in 1926, was the first major improved highway to link the west coast with the nations heartland. Through stories, songs, and TV shows, the highway came to symbolize the spirit of the freedom of the open road, inspiring many to see America. Look for the following 21 stations (two are rovers) operating in or around the major cities along the old "Route 66" from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, Illinois:

Stations	City	Clubs/Individuals
W6A	Santa Monica, CA	Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6B	Los Angeles, CA	Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6C	San Bernardino, CA	Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club
W6D	Victorville, CA	Victor Valley Amateur Radio Club
W6E	Barstow, CA	Barstow Amateur Radio Club
W6F	Kingman, AZ	K2 Amateur Radio Society
W6G	Flagstaff, AZ	Northern Arizona DX Association
W6H	Albuquerque, NM	Albuquerque DX Association
W6I	Amarillo, TX	Panhandle Amateur Radio Club
***W6J	Elk City, OK	Route 66 Amateur Radio Association
W6K	Oklahoma City, OK	W6K Oklahoma City
W6L	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa Amateur Radio Club
W6M	Riverton, KS	Jim Cochran, KORH
W6N	Joplin, MO	Joplin Amateur Radio Club
W6O	Lebanon, MO	Lebanon Amateur Radio Club
W6P	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis Amateur Radio Club
W6Q	Chicago, IL	Six Meter Club of Chicago
W6R	Springfield, MO	Southwest Missouri Amateur RC
W6U	Wilmington, IL	Wilmington Area Amateur Radio Club

#### ROVER STATIONS

W6S	ROVER 1	Northern Arizona DX Association
W6T	ROVER 2	Northern Arizona DX Association

Special event stations are expected to be found in the vicinity of the following frequencies. (Look for digital modes in the standard band segments for such mode) All frequencies  $\pm$  QRM:

CW - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033, 18080, 21033, 24900, 28033 and 50033 kHz  
 SSB - 3866, 7266, 14266, 18164, 21366, 24966, 28466 and 50166 kHz  
 Digi - 3580, 7070, 10140, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 and 28120 kHz

R66 MOBILE Operations - Any amateurs operating while actually driving along Route 66 during the special event period are encouraged to take part in "Route 66 On The Air", by using the designation "mobile 66" for SSB or "/m66" for CW after their callsigns. All other amateur radio operators are welcome to contact these mobile operators.

REPEATERS - Some of the participating clubs will also be operating this event from their local VHF/UHF repeaters. Check the ARRL repeater guide for possible repeater frequencies, if you're in the local area.

Each participating club will issue their own QSL card commemorating this event. QSL information is available on the Web at:

[http://w6jbt.org/?page\\_id=27](http://w6jbt.org/?page_id=27)

For more details about the event and the certificate that is available, please visit the "Route 66 OTA Site" at:

[http://w6jbt.org/?page\\_id=15](http://w6jbt.org/?page_id=15)

[http://w6jbt.org/?page\\_id=23](http://w6jbt.org/?page_id=23)

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\* Due to issues beyond the host club control, the W6J Station that usually worked from Elk City, OK, will not be participating this year.

This action was entirely made by the W6J station. They are sorry for the inconvenience and for the change in the overall station lineup.

W6J will also be removed from the 2018 Commemorative Certificate.

SV5, DODECANESE (Reminder). Claudio, HB9OAU, will once again be active as SV5/HB9OAU from Votsalakia Beach Hotel, Amooopi, Karpathos Island (EU-001), between now and September 20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog, eQSL and LoTW.

T71, SAN MARIO. The Amateur Radio Association of the Republic of San Marino (ARRSM) announces that the three special callsigns (T71A, T71B and T71C) will be activated on September 15-16th, from the summit of Monte Titano. The three stations will be activated for only 24 hours from the three towers of San Marino: Guaita (T71A), Cesta (T71B) and the Torre del Montale (T71C). To celebrate the event, the Association has established the "Diploma of the Three Towers" that will be issued to those who will contact all three stations on at least 2 bands. Their operations will be on 40/20/15/10 meters. A special QSL can be requested via T70A either directly or through the Bureau. If you want to know all the details related to the diploma, download the press release in English at: <http://www.arrsm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/PressRelease-AttivazioneSanMarino-3.pdf> For more details, see: <http://www.arrsm.org/1052-2>

T8 PALAU. Operators Yas/JA6UBY (T88RR), Hiro/JM1LIG (T88FM), YL Miyo/JO3LVG (T88MK) and Yoshiaki/JR3QFB (T88JH) to be active from Koror Island (OC-009) between September 20-28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FM, T65 and FT8. QSL T88RR via JA6UBY direct only or eQSL. QSL T88FM via JM1LIG direct only. QSL T88MK via JO3LVG, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL. QSL T88JH via JR3QFB, direct, by the Bureau (JA only), eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog.

T8 PALAU. Operators Ichiro/JH7IPR (T88UW), Hiro/JA6KYU (T88HS) and YL Kouko/JQ6FQI (T88WM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009), between October 4-9th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FSK, JT65, JT9 and FT8. QSL T88UW via JH7IPR, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog. QSL T88WM via JQ6FQI, by the Bureau or direct. QSL T88HS via his home callsign direct only. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see: <http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

V2, ANTIGUA. Bud, AA3B, is once again active as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) until September 17th. Activity will be sporadic because he is doing maintenance on the station but will be primarily CW on various HF bands. QSL via LoTW or via AA3B, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update/Change Again/No Bureau QSLs). The original operators, as first announced (Martin/A65DC, Paul/A65DR, Thomas/SM0CXU and YL Delia/VE7HDW) will be active as VK9XT from Christmas Island (OC-002) between September 29th and October 6th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. FT8 might be used at times when no other operations are going on. QSL via N4GNR direct, LoTW, eQSL or QRZ.com's LogBook. Direct card via Clublog's OQRS will be active for 6 months after the DXpedition. You may request your direct card there. QSL Fee on the OQRS will increase to 3 USDs for OQRS to cover envelope and paypal costs. Please DO NOT send your card via the VK Bureau, it will never be answered. This expedition will not offer any Bureau cards, sorry. For more details and updates, see: <http://vk9xt.qsodirector.com>

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #9, dated September 2nd).  
VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition (OC-182) -- The VP6D - Ducie Island 2018 project is on schedule. The equipment is now at Tauranga, New Zealand, stored in the Braveheart's warehouse.

A real challenge for DX-pedition teams on uninhabited islands is knowing where in the world they're being heard. The usual pilot reports tell us what happened, not what's happening, propagation predictions tell us what might happen.

We understand that propagation may produce only short openings from Ducie Island to many locations around the world. For example, it's not unusual for an EU opening to occur but EU callers are covered up by

callers from other geographies. Until propagation changes for the better the EU stations can't get through.

We have therefore augmented our pilot process to quickly identify these openings and get this information to the VP6D operators so they can exploit them. We're confident this new capability will result in more timely coverage of difficult paths.

No one likes to be continually asked for donations. Today's reality is DX-peditions to ecologically sensitive and restricted entities are expensive. Our boat and the freight invoices to New Zealand are now paid, the team is hoping to cover ~50% of the project cost.

Our fund raising target plus projected QRS income should cover the remaining 50%. These bills must be paid whether or not you make a Q. We have a team of A1 operators who have been working on this project for 17 months, they can use your help.

Look for another announcement in the next press release on or about Sept 21st.

73, Team Ducie - 2018

Website: [vp6d.com](http://vp6d.com), Twitter and Facebook

Please direct questions to: [info@vp6d.com](mailto:info@vp6d.com)

VP6D Web page: <https://www.vp6d.com>

VP6D FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VP6D-Ducie-2018-1470984209616170>

\*\*\* Update VIDEO: The VP6D equipment shown dockside of the Braveheart! Team member Jacky, ZL3CW, inspecting the gear prior to loading. Great progress! <https://www.facebook.com/1470984209616170/videos/1825921777493661>

XZ, MYANMAR. Simon, HS0ZIB/XZ2A, reports on eHam.net (Sept. 5th) the following current status, LoTW, ClubLog, QSL cards, charity donations of XZ2A: The station is currently off the air (on all bands), while I wait for an extension of my operating permit. This was applied for about 2 weeks ago, but I'm still waiting for the extension permit.

\* LOTW/Clublog - I uploaded my QSO log to both LoTW and ClubLog just now.

If there are any missing QSOs or incorrect date/time entries, please contact me and I'll do a manual search of my log.

\* QSL cards - All requests for QSL cards have been processed, the QSL cards written, put in envelopes and addressed. All these cards are now at my home in Thailand. I will return to Bangkok around 24th of October for a short holiday and will post all these cards by air mail from the post office!

\* Charity Donations (TeacherSimon.org) - I very much appreciate every \$ that has been donated to my educational charity work in Myanmar. Hundreds of school text-books and learning resources have been purchased and donated to many different schools (full details, purchase receipts etc are available on request for inspection). I will continue my charity work, regardless of where my next physical location might be ....

Z8, KOSOVO (Update). Max, ON5UR, will be active as Z68UR from Gjakove, situated in the southwest corner of Kosovo, only 15 kilometers from the Albanian border, between September 20-30th. Kosovo is currently ranked 42nd on ClubLog's "Most Wanted DXCC List" [as September 4th]. Activity will be on various HF bands using mainly SSB and FT8, with an Elecraft K3 and Expert 1.3 K-FA amp. QSL via M0URX. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.united-radio.be>

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Steve, G4EDG, will be active as ZD9CW from Tristan da Cunha Island (AF-029) between September 20th and October 22nd. Activity will mainly be CW and RTTY, but some SSB too (No FT8). Operations will be on 40-15 meters and possibly 80m later in the operation. QSL via LZ1JZ. Steve will upload logs to LoTW during the operation if possible.

ZL5, ANTARCTICA. Adam, ZL4ASC, is now signing ZL5A over the 2018-2019 Antarctic season (13 months) from the Scott Base on Ross Island (AN-011). He states on QRZ.com, "Please note I will be working on critical communications equipment and can only operate as an amateur in my spare time." Look for more info to be forthcoming. Meanwhile, visit his Web site for

more information regarding his adventure on the Scott Base which is still under construction at: <http://www.adamcampbell.co.nz>

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