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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th/September, through Sunday, 23rd/September there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, 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, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, 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, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD9, 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".

3DA0, KINGDOM OF ESWATINI (Swaziland) [Gene, K5GS, relayed the following; dated September 17th]. 3DA0AO Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) [Cancelled]. [edited] "Due to circumstances beyond his control Pista, HA5AO, will return to Hungary sooner than planned. He will leave his equipment in the country and return at a future date. Unfortunately, he is not able to get on the air or participate in his planned humanitarian projects. Donors to his project will receive a refund."

3W9, VIETNAM (Reminder). By the time you read this, Jacek, SP5APW, will be done as 3W9JK/P from Cham Island (AS-162), and should be active as 3W9JK from Ho An City in the Quang Nam Province between September 22-27th. Activity will be on 20-6 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

5A, LIBYA. YL Elham, 5A0YL, is now active from Tripoli, and was heard on 20 meters (14280 kHz between 1530-1730z). She is a new operator and is being mentored by Abubaker, 5A1AL. No other details are available, but we were told to watch QRZ.com.

5R, MADAGASCAR (Looking For Ops!). Alex, K2BB, announced this past week that he and his friend Paul, UU0JR, will be active as 5R8R (TBD) from Nosy Be Island (IOTA AF-057), Madagascar, between November 19-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-Single or possibly as Multi-2 entry (if they have enough ops...). Alex states, "We will have 2 stations... Radios, so far: Kenwood TS-590,

Icom IC-7300, Elecraft KX3 just in case, Odyssey 2 SDR for fun, one radio will have an Elecraft KPA-500 amplifier, second station will be 100W.... Antennas, so far: 2 verticals covering 160-80-40-30m, a Spiderbeam for 20...10m and possibly a Beverage if we have enough space for it. We are renting a private villa which can accommodate 4 people - huge garden, swimming pool, kitchen, cook, beach access, you name it... Sounds like fun? Then join us! But make up your mind quickly. If interested, email me directly at [<alex.k2bb@gmail.com>](mailto:alex.k2bb@gmail.com)."

6O, SOMALIA. Ali, EP3CQ, who works for United Nations in African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM), in Mogadishu, has received his 6O100 license to operate from Somalia. As soon as he has installed his station, Ali thinks he can be active on SSB, on 15 and 20 meters everyday between 1800-2000 East Africa Time (EAT) and on the weekend (Friday and Saturday) between 1400-1800. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

7Q, MALAWI. Don, K6ZO, will once again be active as 7Q6M from Embangweni Mission Hospital, in Northern Malawi, between October 23-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). QSL via K6ZO.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Look for him to do casual operating and testing before and after the contest on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

9K, KUWAIT. Abdallah, 9K2GS, will once again be active as 9K2K during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via EC5AC or LoTW.

9X, RWANDA (Just A Reminder!). Members of the Italian DX Team, who will be active as 9X0T between September 27th and October 10th, will also use a second callsign, 9X0Y, on FT8 only in the DXpedition mode. Again, 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)
FT8 - 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz

The team has prepared a brief, step-by-step manual for configuring the "Hound Mode" of the WSJT-X program which can be found on their Web page. QSL via I2YSB direct only. For more details and updates as well as a log search and an OQRS are available on: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

C2, NAURU (6m EME Operation). Lance, W7GJ (ex WA3GPL, WA1JXN, WA1JXN/C6A, ZF20C/ZF8, E51SIX, 3D2LR, 5W0GJ, E6M, TX5K, KH8/W7GJ, V6M, T8GJ, VK9CGJ and VK9XGJ), sent out the following on September 19th [edited]:

Hello 6m DXers! Early next week, I leave Montana and hope to be QRV on 6m from Nauru by the end of this month. I hope to work many of the larger stations before the first weekend in October, when the Degradation is lowest and 6m EME CNDX are optimum, giving smaller stations their best chance. The link to my planned operating schedule is on my DXpedition web page: <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Nauru%202018.htm>

If you are interested in a contact, please read the above web page and the links to my EME DXpedition procedures and proper setup of JT65A before the end of the month!

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/DXpedition%20Procedure.pdf>
<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/JT65.pdf>

Please note that I am planning to use the same frequency I use for my 6m EME skeds when I am at home, 50.190. I will always be transmitting JT65A during the first sequence. I expect to have an antenna site overlooking the ocean to the east, so my moonrise will coincide with moonset in western EU. I will try my best to site the antenna so I can operate low enough to catch the rest of Region 1 during their moonrise. If you are in Region 2 and have elevation, please wait until after the Region 1 moonset to call, since their window is so limited. Because I will have elevation, I should also be able to work horizon-only stations in Region 2

during their moonset, at least on days when my elevation is manageable (below 60 degrees).

I expect to have periodic access to the internet, so I can post log updates and status reports on my web page as well as on the ON4KST EME CHAT page: <http://www.on4kst.info/chat/login.php?band=5>

One last plea - PLEASE coordinate your calling frequencies using the ON4KST EME CHAT page! Do NOT just set your transmitter on 50.190 and blindly start calling. Contacts are much easier if you all spread out every 200 Hz. I will be using JT65A in WSJT10, so I will be able to find callers down 1000 and up 800 Hz from 1270 Hz. (If you are calling during your moonset, and your signal is doppler shifted down 100 Hz, make sure you don't transmit below 900 Hz!) So, if you are using WSJT-X instead of WSJT10, remember that all the spacings will be in reference to 1270 Hz (+400 is a WSJT-X "offset" of 1670 Hz, -200 is 1070 Hz, etc). And once you start calling on a frequency, STAY THERE! I will be watching that frequency for you to see when you are copying me

If I can find room to set it up, I hope to be able to operate FT8 (WSJT-X Version 1.9.1 r8747) with a dipole on 20m and 100w when the moon is not up. The HF activity is most likely to be toward the end of the DXpedition, but I expect C21GJ will pop up on PSKReporter when I can get on.

I am excited about providing a new DXCC for so many people. And thanks so much to all the supporters who already have so generously contributed toward the expenses of this DXpedition - your help is GREATLY appreciated! It is costing as much to get my equipment over there as it is to transport me - no wonder C2 has never been on EME before!

GL to all and TNX again for all your help! VY 73, Lance

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (NA-032). Operators Ronan/F5TJP and Georg/DK7LX were active as FP/F5TJP and FP/DK7LX, respectively from St. Pierre Island this past week. By the time you read this, they should be active from Miquelon Island as well as on Langlade Island, using the same callsigns until September 26th (Ronan until September 30th). They do mention that their activity will be very limited because this is going to be mainly a holiday rather than a radio trip. QSL via their respective home callsigns. For DK7LX, you can use Clublog's OQRS, by the Bureau, direct, as well as LoTW. Everything is on paper log, so it will be sometime after the trip to upload the log.

FR & FH, REUNION AND MAYOTTE ISLANDS (Update). Willi, DJ7RJ, will be active as FR/DJ7RJ from Reunion Island (AF-016) between October 9-27th, and then as FH/DJ7RJ from Mayotte between October 29th and November 6th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a focus on the lower bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. NO LoTW or ClubLog. ADDED NOTE (Per The Daily DX): Stefan, DL9HAL, will also be with Willi on Reunion Island (but not Mayotte) working SSB and FT8.

HD8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. The 7163 Group is pleased to announce that they will once again activate their "Protect the Galapagos Islands Wildlife DXpedition" to Santa Cruz Island (SA-004) in 2019. They will be active as HD8M from Santa Cruz Island between February 27th and March 6th. Activity is planned for operations on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (Primarily FT8). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3523, 7023, 10108, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 3785, 7163, 14210, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz
FT8 - 3567, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz

Operators mentioned are Jim/WB2REM, David/HC5DX, and Bill W2WCM. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS, direct to WB2REM (w/SASE) and via the Bureau only through ClubLog. DO NOT send any QSLs via the Bureau. An upload will be made to LoTW after the DX-pedition. For more information, go to <http://www.hd8m.com> or look on QRZ.com.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-045. Operators John/6W7JX, Ouzin/6W1PZ, Tafa/6W1KI, Jul/6W1QL and possibly others will once again be active as 6V1A from Goree Island between December 7-9th. Activity will be on CW and SSB on all bands using a FT-1000 and Icom 7300 with 150

watts into dipoles G5RV/Kelemen. QSL info see QRZ.com.

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.....

JD1, OGASAWARA. Kazu, JD1BNA (ex-JK1FXI), will once again be active from Hahajima (Mother) Island (AS-031) between October 24-28th. Activity will be mainly on 160/80/40 meters using mostly CW. QSL via JL1UTS, direct only.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Pasi, OH3WS, is once again be active as OJ0W from Market Reef between September 22-29th. Activity will be limited to his spare time on 20-6 meters using mostly CW and some SSB. Pasi will try 60m on both CW and SSB, listen on 5354 kHz. QSL via OH3WS, by the Bureau or direct.

P4, ARUBA. Frank, PH2M, will be active as P4/PH2M from Aruba (SA-036) between November 17-29th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands, using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct, or LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO (Special Event). Members of the Curaçao Amateur Radio Group (C.A.R.G.) will activate the special event station, PJ2C, to celebrate the Harvest Full Moon on September 24th. Activity will be on 20 meters. QSL via EC5AHA: Toni Canto, C/ La Serrella 21 - 5, CP:46012 - Valencia, Spain. For more info, see: <https://carghamradio.wixsite.com/mysite/events>

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators David/NA2AA, Noah/K2NG, Ron/KK9K and Scott/NE9U will be active as PJ4G from Radio Mountain Bonaire station (see pj4g.com or @pj4radio on Facebook) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). Look for operators to sign PJ4/homecall before and after the contest. QSL for PJ4G via WA2NHA or LoTW. QSL all other callsigns via direct or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Scott, NE9U, will be on the island between October 20th and November 3rd, active as PJ4/NE9U. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 24-30th).....

Sep/24th AN	Sep/27th AN	Sep/29th AN
Sep/25th AN	Sep/28th AN	Sep/30th AN
Sep/26th 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/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> [September 23rd]

3Z100ZHP via SP9KGC JW/DL4APJ via DL4APJ & (e) T71C via T70A
5P8X via OZ8X K1M via KP4AAN (d) T88RR via JA6UBY (d)
8Q7IP via HA3JB (O/d) LN7TTT via LA7TTT TM88FU via F8KHP
8Q7SD via JF2SDR (d) M7C via M0OXO (O) TO6OK via OK6DJ
9A61AA via 9A2AA OE100WLE via OE6WLE VI5MARCONI **
DK0WCA via DF2DD OE18MMD via OE6MMD VK4/DF6FJ via DF6FJ
DQ1IGRY via DQ1IGRY (L/e/NP) OE18VIE via OE4VIE (B/L/N) W5P via NW5Q (d)
EA5/GM00BX via M0OXO (O/L) OE18XKJ via OE7MPI WG4FOC via K3TW
EG5RCB via EA5RCB (d) OG7F via OG2K WH0RU via JG7PSJ (d)
HA60NU via HA3NU OZ30EU via OZ8IE YT44GS via YU1SU
II8IHBC via IU8CEU (d/e) SD7W via DL2SWW ZD9CW via LZ1JZ & (L)
IR9D via IW3RUA SN100RP via SP8YWK
JW/DJ2AX via DJ2AX & (L) T7/I4GHG via I4GHG

(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 (NP) No Paper QSL
(**) QSL online only > www.silvertrain.com.au

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

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/3W9JK>
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/HZ87ND>
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/TO6OK>
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/ZD9CW>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4U1UN, AH3C, AP2BDR, CE1TT, CE0YHO, E77AA, F1RHS, F/DK2RO/P (EU-156), OJ0C, PJ5/SP2GCI, RA3EG, RN1ON, RT2F, SV9DJO, TK5UK and ZD9CW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: BA4SI, KH1/KH7Z (OC-089), PZ5RA, SV5/SV1LK and VB1M

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3C0L, 3C1L, 3W9HRN, 4X2M, 5X8B, 5Z4/DL2RMC, 6O0X/DJ6SI, 6Y1LZ, 9M4DXX, CE3OP, CN2YM, D4T, DL2017TDF, DU6/OE9MON, EN60D, EP2A, EA8/YL3AKQ, HG14HST, HG30EUDX, HS0ZNE, JT5LZ, JW6VDA, LX9BSC, OH0V, OH0/DL3SEM, S21ZEE, SM80FOC, SV9/YL2VW, TC0MI (AS-201), VY2TT, XR1T, Z66D, Z370M and ZA20QA

TI5/TI7, COSTA RICA. Chris, KL9A, will once again be active as TI7W from Costa Rica during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL TI7W via W4FS. Outside of the contest he will use the callsign TI5/KL9A on all bands. QSL TI5/KL9A via W2GR.

TO6, MAYOTTE (Reminder). By the time read this, members of the Czech DXpedition team (CDXP) should be active as TO6OK from Mayotte (AF-027) between September 22nd and October 4th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Focus will be on the lower bands but also on the new Digital modes. See OPDX.1376 for the list of frequencies or the following Web page. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.cdyp.cz>

Also see their Face Book page for pictures:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472348776313779>

V6, MICRONESIA. Shu, JA1FMN, will once again be active as V63PSK from Weno Island (in the Chuuk State; also known as Moen Island; OC-011) between November 19-25th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-15 meters using JT65, JT9, FT8 and PSK63. Watch primarily between 1700-0200z. QSL via JA1FMN, by the Bureau, direct, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS (on Nov. 26th).

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #10, dated September 21st). [edited] -- VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition (OC-182)

The VP6D - Ducie Island 2018 project is on schedule.

We are excited to announce the availability of DXA during VP6D. Bob Schmieder, KK6EK, of Cordell Expeditions offered the use of DXA and we gladly accepted.

By pointing your browser to <http://www.dxa3.org/vp6d/> DXA allows anyone with an ordinary browser to see VP6D activity, in near real time. Within 60 seconds of your contact with VP6D, the browser page is automatically updated to show your callsign, this confirms that your contact is in the log (DXA reads the VP6D log). This process eliminates the need for duplicate contacts on the same band / mode and minimizes the confusion caused by pirates or other DX-peditions operating at the same time.

During our equipment consolidation weekend in California we performed an end to end DXA test: N1MM => BGAN => Inmarsat satellite => DXA3 server => laptop. We are confident that DXA will significantly reduce, or eliminate, the hundreds of e-mails asking for "log checks". If you see your callsign on DXA you're in the log. Thanks to Bob, KK6EK, Pete, W6OP, and the DXA team for their support.

Speaking of logs, we will upload the log every day to the VP6D.com - Log Search tab. We do not use Clublog and there is no Leaderboard.

With the loan of a portable 6m EME antenna - Lance, W7GJ, - has prepared the VP6D team to put Ducie Island on 6 EME for the first time ever. Operation will be on 50.200 JT65. We intend to be active at Ducie moonrise on most days and occasionally during moonset. Watch our Twitter feed for up to the minute information.

Follow us on Twitter / Facebook for updates from the island. We installed and tested a bridge between our Garmin inReach =>Twitter =>Facebook.

The cost of this project is ~\$175,000 (USDs). To date, we are at 87% of our donation target. Our goal is all donations plus OQRS income will cover 50% of the project cost, with the team members paying the remaining 50%. There's still time for you to join the hundreds of DXers, and many foundations, clubs and corporate entities already on the list.

There will be at least 3 DX-peditions operating in the Pacific during Oct / Nov. Please make sure you're working and logging the correct DX-pedition - VP6D operating frequencies are listed on the website. DXA will enable you verify your VP6D contact(s).

73, Team Ducie - 2018

Website: vp6d.com, Twitter and Facebook

Please direct questions to: info@vp6d.com

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (VP6D 6m EME operations). Lance, W7GJ (ex WA3GPL, WA1JXN, WA1JXN/C6A, ZF2OC/ZF8, E51SIX, 3D2LR, 5W0GJ, E6M, TX5K, KH8/W7GJ, V6M, T8GJ, VK9CGJ and VK9XGJ), sent out the following on September 19th [edited]:

Hello 6m DXers! As you have undoubtedly heard, VP6D is planning to be QRV on 6m EME starting next month. EME CNDX look relatively good everyday of their trip, and the days after October 30 include the best days of the month (lowest Degradation) for EME Operation is planned for 50.200, with VP6D transmitting during the first period JT65A mode. If local QRM from the HF stations requires any change from this frequency, it will be announced on the ON4KST EME CHAT page.

<http://www.on4kst.info/chat/login.php?band=5>

They will be using a 6M8GJ yagi and >1000w output. Since they will be using their K3's on FT8 when on HF, they are currently expecting to be using WSJT-X for their JT65A mode operation. For the convenience of those of us still using WSJT10 for JT65A, they are planning to use an offset of 1270 Hz. This is their first time to use JT65A on EME, and the first time to use it during a pileup situation, so please be patient with them! Because of this, it is especially important to coordinate your calling frequencies on the ON4KST EME CHAT page, so the callers will be spread out. Ideally, please try to space yourselves out every 200 Hz to make it easier for them to decode individual callers. They will be using the W7GJ EME DXpedition procedure, so please familiarize yourself with that before calling them!

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/DXpedition%20Procedure.pdf>

They will be operating horizon-only, and will be primarily concentrating on each moonrise, which will provide a clear shot directly out over the ocean to their east. Look for them to be QRV starting then their moon is

-2 degrees elevation and possibly as high as 20 degrees. After their first few days, we all will have a better idea exactly where they have the best ground gain lobes. Because there are a number of days during low Degradation when their moonset is to the northwest, there is a good possibility that they also will be able to be QRV during certain moonsets with the moon setting out over the ocean. Moonset operation will largely depend on the final siting of all the various operating stations and antennas.

Updates on their anticipated moonset operation, as well as confirmation of their upcoming moonrise status and a list of stations worked will be provided on a daily basis. They will not have real time internet access, but this information will be relayed on the ON4KST EME CHAT page. There will be a number of opportunities for horizon-only station in Region 1 to contact them on the Ducie moonrise, although stations in western EU will need elevation to catch them during their moonrise. While most East Coast NA stations in Region 2 will need elevation to contact them during their moonrise, many horizon-only stations in Region 2 will be able to contact them during their shared moonsets with Ducie. Region 3 stations will need elevation to contact them during Ducie moonsets.

Many MANY thanks to the VP6D team for undertaking this limited 6m EME operation With the excellent EME CNDX during their trip, and the spectacular siting of their 6m yagi overlooking the ocean, it will be very interesting to see how many small stations end up in their log!

GL to all and VY 73, Lance

Website: vp6d.com, Twitter and Facebook

Please direct questions to: info@vp6d.com

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

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

VP9, BERMUDA. Operators Steve/AA4V, Dave/K4AJA, Rick/W4GE and Gay/N4SF will be active as homecall/VP9 from Felicity Cottage, Somerset, Bermuda (NA-005), between October 24-29th. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-2 entry signing K4AJA/VP9. QSL via operators CBA or LoTW (except N4SF).

XV9, VIETNAM. Jun, JH4RHF/OE1ZKC, will be active as XV9RH from Hanoi between October 10-16th. Activity will be a limited (due to work) on various HF bands using mainly CW. QSL via OE1ZKC.

XV, VIETNAM. William "BJ", WA7WJR, will once again be active as XV9WJR, but this time from Vung Tau, Con Son Island (AS-130), and Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) between October 3-27th. BJ reports, "I travel to VietNam about 4 times each year, and obtained a 3 year license to operate in Bien Hoa, Saigon, Vung Tao, and Phu Quoc Island." Activity will be mainly on 40/20/15 meters using primarily CW, some PSK31 and maybe phone. Suggested frequencies are: 7 MHz - 7.1 MHz (40 meters), 14 MHz - 14.350 MHz (20 meters) - primarily 14.028 and 14.014; and 21 MHz -21.450 MHz. He will also participate in the Oceania CW DX Contest (October 13-14th). QSL via his home call sign direct. He will upload his log to LoTW on his return home. For more details, updates and pictures, see QRZ.com.

XW, LAOS. Champ, E21EIC, will once again be active as XW1IC from Vientiane between October 12-16th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using various modes. QSLs must be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog or via E21EIC and LoTW. NO PAPER QSL IS NEEDED.

XW, LAOS. Bruce, 3W3B (HS0ZCY/XU7ADF/XW1B/AA4XR), who lives in Da Nang, will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between October 12-22nd. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (possibly 6m) using CW, RTTY, JT65 and FT8. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

Z3, FYROM OR FYR MACEDONIA [THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA] (Name Change/Update to OPDX.1370). It seems that the FYROM is not yet officially know as the "Republic of North Macedonia". Macedonians are headed to the polls on September 30th to cast their vote in a national referendum on whether to change their country's name from the Republic of Macedonia (or the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as it's known by international bodies) to the "Republic of North Macedonia".

For more details on this, read:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/09/macedonia-tries-to-change-its-name/570568/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/sep/10/its-not-about-what-is-fair-macedonians-prepare-to-vote-on-name-change>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4455112/north-macedonia-name-change-referendum-march/>

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA (Update). Steve, G4EDG, is now active as ZD9CW from Tristan da Cunha Island (AF-029) until 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. He will also be in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LZ1JZ. Steve will upload logs to LoTW during the operation if possible.

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