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

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 21st/September, through Friday, 28th/September there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, 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, ET, EU, EX, EZ, 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, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, 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, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VKOM, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, 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".

4U1, AUSTRIA. Oleg, HB9RB, will be active as 4U1A from the International Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (ARCDXC) station during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 229-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via UA3DX. This station counts as the VIC (Vienna International Centre) multiplier.

4U1, AUSTRIA. A member of the International Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (ARCDXC) will be active as 4U1A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via UA3DX. Visit the ARCDXC Web page at: <http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a>

5W0 & YJ, SAMOA AND VANUATU (Reminder). By the time you read this, Stan, LZ1GC, should begin his activity from two different entities in the Pacific. His 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. The 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 their 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.

Activity will be on 160-6 meters, with a focus on 160/80m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, LoTW or ClubLog's QORS. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.c21gc.com>

9L. SIERRA LEONE. Members of the Radio Club de Provins (F6KOP) have announced their next DXpedition will be to Banana Island (AF-037), in Sierra Leone, sometime during January or February of 2019. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Also watch:

<http://www.f6kop.com/2018/09/23/la-prochaine-expedition-de-f6kop-sera-en>

CR2, AZORES. Wolf, OE2VEL, will be active as CR2L from the CU4DX DX station on Graciosa Island (EU-175) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Assisted entry. QSL via LoTW.

E6, NIUE (Reminder). Members of the Quake Contesters will be active as E6Y at Turtle Lodge in the Makefu area on Niue Island (OC-040) between October 6-15th. 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. Focus will be on the low bands and EU.

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 QORS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see:

<https://quakedxpeditons.wordpress.com>

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operators Marc/F1HAR, Florent/F4CWN, Didier/FY5FY, Herve/F5HRY, Oliver/F5MZN and Christian/F5UII will be active as FY5KE from the "Radio club de Kourou" (RACK) radio club station in Kourou City during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW.

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.

AS-173. A group of VU operators are planning to activate Pamban Island (Dhanushkodi) between November 3-4th. The team, led by Madhu, VU3NPI, is calling themselves "Manic Monkeys", are planning to be active on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

EU-052. Just a reminder! Sigi, DL7DF, will be active as SV8/DL7DF from Zakynthos Island (EU-052) between October 1-15th. He will be on holiday with his XYL, Sabine, in Greece. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY as often as possible. His equipment will be a Elecraft K2, a power amplifier XV600, a multiband vertical and a laptop computer. QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the DARC Bureau. Log will be uploaded within 6 months after his operation.

EU-129. Klaus, DL8DZL, will be active as DL8DZL/p from Trassenheide Island (DLFF-0075) until October 6th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via DL8DZL, direct or by the Bureau.

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.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For October). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of October 2018:

GX4BJC/A - Not yet allocated. The operator will give details if heard/worked.
(/A WAB Square - ? - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Great Missenden, in Buckinghamshire, by John, G8XTJ.
(/A WAB Square - SP80 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Dick, M5DIK - The QSL Manager and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on <www.iswl.org.uk> or <www.qrzcq.com> or <www.qrz.com> or via <www.eQSL.cc>. NO LoTW.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

OX, GREENLAND. Bo, OZ1DJJ, is once again active as OX3LX, this time from Scosbysund Island (NA-018, WW Loc. HQ90AL), east Greenland, until October 2nd. 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"). 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>

P4, ARUBA. Operators Vernon/NN5E and Jim/NT5V will be active as P4/homecall from Aruba (SA-036) between October 12-19th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns direct or LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Scott/W4PA, Steve/PJ4DX and other operators will be active as PJ4Q from Bonaire during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via W4PA. Scott, W4PA, will be active before the contest as PJ4/W4PA starting October 21st with an emphasis on 160m and the 30/17/12m bands. QSL both callsigns to W4PA.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Scott/W4PA, Ward/N0AX, Robert/S53R and other operators will be active as PJ4Q from Bonaire during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via W4PA. Scott, W4PA, will be active before the contest as PJ4/W4PA starting November 18th with an emphasis on 160m and the 30/17/12m bands. QSL both callsigns to W4PA.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 1-7th).....

Oct/01st LN	Oct/04th AN	Oct/06th LN
Oct/02nd HN	Oct/05th HN	Oct/07th DIS
Oct/03rd 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>

Will be available next week!!!

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

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/5W0GC>

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/TO6OK>

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/YJ0GC>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5A1AL, A5A, TR8CA, VK0AI, XT2BR and ZD9CW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4S7AB, 5A1AL and KH1/KH7Z

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

TU, CÔTE D'IVOIRE. Bertrand, DF3FS, will once again be active as TU5MH from the Ivory Coast or Côte d'Ivoire between October 20-29th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via DF3FS or LoTW. Also, QSL requests via ClubLog's OQRS (your card not needed). Please do not send your QSL via Bureau, use the OQRS system from ClubLog for confirmation via the Bureau.

V6, MICRONESIA. Chusuke, JR1FKR, is once again active as V63FKR from South Park Hotel, Pohnpei Island (OC-010), until October 1st. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau (not the KH0 Bureau).

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Reminder). By the time you read this, operators Martin/A65DC, Paul/A65DR, Thomas/SM0CXU and YL Delia/VE7HDW will be or close to being active as VK9XT from Christmas Island (OC-002) until 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 N4GMR 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>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update). Operators Chris/G3SVL, Nigel/G3TXF, David/G3WGN, Mike/G3WPH and Tony/G2NF (all 6Gs Group members) will be active as VK9XG from Christmas Island between October 16-30th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and possibly RTTY. They plan to use FT8 (DXpedition mode) as the primary Data mode. Suggested FT8 frequencies are listed here: <http://www.6gs.org.uk/vk9xg-on-ft8> QSL via G3TXF. Full logs will be uploaded to LoTW during the operation. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.6gs.org.uk/christmas-island-2018>

PLEASE NOTE: The callsign VK9XG is being reissued: if you worked VK9XG in 2006 or earlier, please QSL (direct only) to Charlie, W0YG, with 2.00 USDs and SAE.

VP2, MONTSERRAT. Operators Rob/MOVFC, Dan/MOWUT and Dom/MOBLF will be active as VP2MUW from Gingerbread Hill, Montserrat, between November 17-23rd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. They will have three Elecraft K3s stations. One station has a Juma amp and another station has a KPA500. The other station will be barefoot. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW regularly throughout their operation. If you need a paper QSL, you can use ClubLog's OQRS to request a direct or Bureau card. Please do not send them your card. For more information, see: <https://vp2muw.com>

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Members of the Frankford Radio Club will be active as VP5W from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW or KD3TB. Operators mentioned are Irwi/KD3TB, Andrew/KD3RF, and Mike/W3MAS. The team "may" be active before and after the contest signing VP5/homecall. QSL via their home call sign.

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release [Special], dated September 27th). [edited] -- VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition (OC-182)

Today while doing final technology testing before packing several pieces of VP6D equipment in checked luggage we discovered a problem. If you follow us on Twitter you saw two test tweets. We had planned to, and previously tested, automatically transferring Twitter tweets to our VP6D Facebook page using a Twitter / Facebook Application Programming Interface (API) provided by Facebook. Our tweets will originate from the Braveheart or the island using the Garmin inReach.

Today we learned Facebook discontinued their API (the bridge) that connected Twitter to Facebook. Specifically, the issue has to do with Facebook's lockdown of its API platform - an overhaul that's been underway following the Cambridge Analytica scandal, where as many as 87 million Facebook users had their data improperly harvested and shared.

We have arranged for tweets to be transferred to VP6D's Facebook page. However, due to time zone differences there may be a time delay between Twitter and Facebook updates. If you follow us on Twitter you'll receive our tweets without delay.

We were disappointed to discover this change, but we have a workable solution.

Braveheart is ready to sail, and the VP6D team is ready to soon begin their journey.

73,

Team Ducie - 2018

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>

VP6D Twitter page: https://twitter.com/VP6D_2018

WRTC PHOTOBOOK AVAILABLE. Nodir, EY8MM, informs OPDX, "I made photobook about WRTC 2018 in Germany. It is available (royalty-free) from Blurb.com at: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/invited/7729273/2f71f824660ca72b2f7db279b0d4b769ffb44c41> It is about 230 pages and over 400 photos of all teams, referees and judges. As a judge I was able to visit few locations before and during WRTC, so I include those photos too. This book is made in similar format as the WRTC 2014 in USA. As it is quite an expensive book, please make sure check Blurb discounts. All new users get 35% off on first order.

For those who are interested in electronic version it is available free for download at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b_FPJCLLuAbYkrVIHKwBxO8X6r066jKN "

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQ World Wide DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th, 2018)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2018 CQWW DX RTTY 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/cqr2018.html> (By call sign)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqrd2018.html> (By entity)
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqrz2018.html> (By zone)

The CQ World-Wide DX Contest Web page and rules:
<https://www.cqwwrtty.com/index.htm>
<http://www.cqwwrtty.com/rules.htm>

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	CQZ	Class	QSL Route
4U1A	UN Vienna	15	SOSB 40M	UA3DX
5Q2T	Denmark	14	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via OZ0J (B/d/e)
8Q7IP	Maldives	22		HA3JB
CR3DX	Madeira	33	M/2	OM2VL
EA8DED	Canary Islands	33	M/S	OH2BP
GM4FDM	Scotland	14	SOSB 80M	LoTW
HB0/DL5YL	Liechtenstein	14		QSL via (DARC-B/d)
HB0/DL5YM	Liechtenstein	14		QSL via (DARC-B/d)
KG4SS	Guantanamo	08		LoTW; QSL via K4MIL (d)
LY7Z	Lithuania	15	M/M	LoTW; QSL via LY9Y
MJ5Z	Jersey	14	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via (C)
OU2PA	Belgium	14	M/2	(e)
SP100PAZ	Poland	15	SO	LoTW; QSL via SP6PAZ (B)
TM3Z	France	14	SOAB LP	F4DSK
V31VP	Belize	09	SOAB	WB0TEV
VO2VC	Canada	02	SOSB 20M	VE6CMV
VP2V/AA7V Br.	Virgin Islands	08	SO	LoTW; QSL via AA7V
YB0NDT	Indonesia	28	SO	LoTW; QSL via (e)
ZD9CW	Tristan da Cunha	38	SOAB	LZ1JZ

(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

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<http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation>

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