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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th/October, through Sunday, 14th/Oct there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VKOM, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, 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".

4X0, ISRAEL. Members of the Holy Land DX Group will operate from the heart of "Masada Fortress" <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masada>> as 4X0M (M=Masada) between January 4-6th, 2019. Masada is one of the most attractive sites and has the highest number of tourists visiting. Activity will start on Friday, January 4th, at 0730 UTC, and close down on Sunday, January 6th, 0600 UTC. They will have two stations on the air on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Ruben/4Z5FI, Mark/4Z4KX, Alex/4Z4AK, Ros/4Z5LA, Yuli/4X6HP, Vladimir/4Z5IW, Amir/4X6YA, Arthur/4X4DZ, Jan/4X1VF and Hal/W8HC. QSL Manager is Antonello, IK2DUW.

6Y, JAMAICA. Kasimir, DL2SBY, will be active as 6Y5KB from Jamaica (NA-097) sometime in March and April in 2019. Activity will usually be on 40-6 meters including 17/12 meters and possibly 30 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL HB0/DL2SBY via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! His log will be uploaded to LoTW later. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

8Q, MALDIVES. Operators Wilbert/PE7T and James/9V1YC are currently active as 8Q7PE and 8Q7YC, respectively from Ukulhas Island, Alif Alif Atoll, Maldives (AS-013), until October 21st. Activity is on various HF bands, usually on CW, SSB and possibly FT8. QSL 8Q7YC via W5UE, and 8Q7PE via PE7T by the Bureau only.

8Q, MALDIVES. Braco, E77DX (OE1EMS), will be active as 8Q7DX, from Baa Atoll (AS-013) between November 10-27th. Activity will be holiday style

on 160-10 meters using mainly CW. He will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/Classic entry, but only for the first 24 Hrs. Equipment is a Elecraft KX-3, Juma 1000 1KW, into an endfeed antenna in halfsquare configuration (80-10m). QSL via OE1EMS.

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Nick, VE3EY, will once again be active as 9Y4/VE3EY from Trinidad and Tobago between November 19-26th. This will be a (Field Day) suitcase operation on 160-10 meters using a K3 and KPA500 amp into two verticals. His activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Focus prior to the contest will be on Low Bands/WARC. QSL via VE3EY.

AH2, GUAM. Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-? entry. Operators mentioned are: JA1KSA, Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C), Hajime/JO1RUR, Mikawa/JR7OMD and Osamu/JR8VSE. QSL via LoTW. PLEASE DO NOT QSL via the KH2 Bureau.

C6, BAHAMAS. After his WP3Q operation (see below), Brian, ND3F, will be active as C6AQQ from Nassau, New Providence Island (NA-001), between November 24th and December 1st. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He will use a modest portable setup. Outside the contest, Brian plans to operate FT8. QSL via N3IQ.

CQ3/CT9, MADEIRA. Helmut, DF7ZS, will once again be active as CQ3W during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL CQ3W via ClubLog's OQRS. Outside of the contest, Helmut will be active as CT9/DF7ZS between October 23-29th. QSL via his home callsign.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Operators Mark/EA8FF, Andrea/HB9DUR, Marco/IK2LFF, Massimo/IZ4DPV, Pete/SQ9D, Rick/PY2EL, Ferando/PY2LED and Waldir/PY2WC will be active as D4C from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL D4C direct to HB9DUR or by the Bureau to IK2NCJ, also LoTW or eQSL. Look for operators to sign as D4Z and/or D41CV prior to contest. For the latest information, check the D4C Web page at: <http://www.d4c.cc>

E4, PALESTINE. Janusz, SP9FIH, will once again be active as E44WE from Bethlehem between October 27th and November 11th. Activity will be on 20/17/15 meters (possibly 160m) using SSB, some RTTY and possibly FT8. He will also be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Assisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.e4.dxpeditons.org>

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Kasimir, DL2SBY, is now active as EA8/DL2SBY from Fuerteventura Island (AF-004). Length of activity unknown. Activity will usually be on 40-6 meters including 17/12 meters and possibly 30 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. His equipment will be a TS480SAT with a 400 watts amp, antennas are a Triple Leg (20/17/15/12/10m), vertical (80-10m) and an Inverted Vee (30/40m). QSL HB0/DL2SBY via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! His log will be uploaded to LoTW later.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Thierry, F6CUK, will be active as F6CUK/FJ from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146) between October 21st and November 1st. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using CW and SSB. Equipment is a TS480SAT and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign, eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

FS, ST.MARTIN. Operators Paul/K9NU, John/W9ILY, Mike/W9MK, John/K9EL and Marco/FS4WBS will be active as FS/homecall (except FS4WBS) between November 28th and December 7th. Team Saint Martin 2018 states, "The island of Saint Martin/Sint Maarten was devastated by Hurricane Irma in September 2017. The people of the island faced many hardships but now welcome tourists back to their wonderful island. We will celebrate with the

people of Saint Martin from 28 November to 8 December, 2018." Operations will be on a hillside location not far from Orient Beach with excellent takeoff to most areas of the world. The team's primary focus will be on 160/80 meters during hours of darkness. They will also operate 40-6 meters depending on the propagation openings. Their primary modes will be CW, SSB and FT8. Their plan is to operate FT8 in Fox/Hound mode on DXpedition frequencies. Some RTTY is also planned. There will be NO operation on 60 meters or PSK modes. Currently, QSL details are as follows:

- FS/K9NU - ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW, direct or by the Bureau
- FS/W9ILY - ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW, direct or by the Bureau
- FS/K9EL - ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW, direct or by the Bureau
- FS/W9MK - Listen for instructions
- FS4WBS - QSL via IZ1MHY

Daily uploads to ClubLog and LoTW will be done if possible.

For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.k9el.com/SaintMartin2018/SXM2018.htm>

GU, GUERNSEY. Oleg, RL5D, will be active as GU3HFN (the Guernsey Amateur Radio Society callsign) from St. Peter Port during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via GU8ITE or the Bureau.

HC, ECUADOR. Uwe, DL8UD, will be active as HC5M from Cuenca between November 21-28th. He plans to operate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/Assisted entry. Before and after the contest, Uwe will operate on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands, using CW and SSB. QSL via DL8UD, direct or by the Bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

IOTA ANNOUNCEMENT. Roder Balister, G3KMA, announced that at the 2018 RSGB Convention 6 new IOTA groups that would be added to the IOTA Directory. The new IOTAs are as follows:

- EU-192 [SM/OH] - Kataja Island (Finland/Sweden)
- OC-297 [FO] - Morane Atoll (Tuamotu, French Polynesia)
- NA-249 [KP3] - Puerto Rico's Coastal Islands
- NA-250 [KL] - Yakutat County Group, Coastal Groups (Alaska)
- AS-204 [R0F] - Kuril'skiye Island North
- AS-205 [R0X] - Bering Sea Coast East

AS-006. Alberto, IV3TAN, will once again be active as VR2XAN during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry. Activity will be from Peng Chau Island, HongKong. QSL via: Alberto Annesi, 1/F, 7A Nam Shan Road, Peng Chau Island, Hong Kong.

AS-130. Bill "BJ", WA7WJR, is now active as XV9WJR from Con Dao Island until October 15th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using primarily CW with some SSB and PSK. QSL via his home callsign direct. He will upload his log to LoTW on his return home. For more details, updates and pictures, see QRZ.com.

EU-125. Operators Olaf/DL4HG, Andy/DL7AT and Uwe/DL8UD will be active as OZ0TX from Römö Island, Denmark, between October 25-30th. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via DL7AT, direct or by the Bureau.

OC-113/ Operators Cezar/VE3LYC and Adrian/KO8SCA will operate as TX0A
OC-279. from Maria Est Atoll in the Acteon Group (OC-113), and as TX0M from Morane Atoll in the Morane Group (OC-297P) between December 4-18th. The only amateur radio activity from the Acteon Group took place more than 28 years ago by Robert Berry (FO5BI/P). He operated in April 1990 from the Marutea Sud Atoll. This IOTA reference is currently ranked #6 on the Most Wanted IOTA Listing, needed by 98% of the IOTA members. Since at the time of this operation there will be 1126 IOTA references activated to date, compared to 340 current DXCC entities, the rarity of

this IOTA group corresponds to #2 on the DXCC Listing. The Morane Atoll is the only counter of the New IOTA Group OC-297. It fits the "Remote Island Group" criterion (IOTA Programme Structure B.1.3). Both Atolls are uninhabited. The plan is to operate from each Atoll for 5 full days. Activity will be on CW, SSB and 40-10 meters concentrating on the bands that will exhibit the best propagation conditions within specific time windows for each region. They will maintain one station on 20 m as long as the propagation will permit in order to maximize the number of unique stations logged. This is a complex and extremely expensive project, and they need your support to defray some of the considerable costs incurred! All donors will be timely acknowledged on their Web site at: <https://tx0a-tx0m.weebly.com> QSL via VE3LYC, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

SA-073. Rich, K2RR, will be active as OA5/K2RR from San Gallan Island for only a few hours (3 hours was mentioned) during the daylight on Monday, October 15th. Activity will start around 1430z and be mainly on CW near 14040 kHz. There may be some SSB on 14260 kHz and possibly 30m operations on 10115 kHz. QSL via ClubLog. Possibly LoTW (TBD).

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.....

LU, ARGENTINA (CW Key Day). Raul Bon Foster, LU5AG, Secretary of the Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO), informs OPDX that "CW Key Day", is on Saturday, October 20th, with activity on 40 meters CW between 1900-2100 UTC and 80 meters CW between 2300-0100 UTC. This is not a contest, but a "CW Activity Event"; QRS for many stations. For more details, see the link: http://lu4aao.org/Key_Day_2018.htm

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Members of the GMDX Group (Scotland's DX Association) will be active as LX/GM4UYE from Baschleiden between May 25th and June 1st. Operators mentioned are Hugh/GM4UYE, Billy/GM0OBX, Jonathan/MM0OKG, Ross/MM0OBT, John/MM0JZB and Stevie/MM0VPY. Activity will be on 40-6 meters (possibly 80/160) using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO. Visit the GMDX Web page at: <https://www.gmdx.org.uk>

PE75, THE NETHERLANDS. Operators Wino/PA0ABM and Rich/PA0RRS will be active as PE75W to celebrate their 75th birthdays during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th). They will use 100w into a 3-element yagi for the high bands and dipoles for the low bands. QSL only via LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 15-21st).....

Oct/15th AN	Oct/18th AN	Oct/20th HN
Oct/16th AN	Oct/19th LN	Oct/21st AN
Oct/17th 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>:
We are sad to report that the (REALTIME) Band Condition Web page is down or no more!! It seems that the Web page went down sometime in late September, after reading the messages on the site's Yahoo group <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/bandconditions/info>. Your editor

has been trying to contact the author of the site, but hasn't heard anything back yet. Let's hope that it comes back up again.

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: <http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF <www.qslinfo.eu> <Oct. 14th>

3Z100POL via SP6PZG & (L) II0IDO via IZ0FVD OK8UN via LX1UN
5A0YL via 5A0YL (O) II3GM via IQ3CO OL100E via OK1PI
7X4AN via 7X4AN (d) IO8MQP via IZ8EDJ & (L) OL100OHA/P via OK2OHA
8Q7YC via W5UE IR3C via I3VJW (L/e) OM100CSR via OM2FY (O/L)
9A1WFF/P via 9A2MF J79WTA via HB9MFM SE5L via SM5ALJ
9A2018CRO via 9A7R JW9DL via LA9DL SM/DG1BAR via DG1BAR
CS2TTC via CT7ABF N0F via KD2CUO (d) SN150EL via SP1KRF
DM152ZYA via DK4PL N1F via KD2CUO (d) SN3A via SP3GEM
EA8/DL2SBY via DL2SBY N2F via KD2CUO (d) SP/EW3DC via EW3DC
ED1DST via EA1DST (B) N3F via KD2CUO (d) TT8KO via M0OXO & (L)
ED5ST via EA5ST N4F via KF2IRE (d) VE3FIRE via KD2CUO (d)
EG1TMP via EA1URE & (L) N5F via KD2CUO (d) VK9/JK7LXU via JK7LXU
EH2018AJT via EA1EG N6F via KD2CUO (d) VR2CC via VR2XRW
EI100SSD via EI3KE N7F via KD2CUO (d) XV9RH via OE1ZKC
FY/F5DKO via F5TJP (d) N8F via KD2CUO (d) YR0REX via YO5BFJ & (L)
GB2YMR via G8YQN N9F via KD2CUO (d) YU100WWI via YU1SRS
HG7T via HA7TM OE100RAD via OE6RAD & (L)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) QORS 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/5W0GC>
- <https://clublog.org/logsearch/E6Y>
- <https://clublog.org/logsearch/TT8KO>
- <https://clublog.org/logsearch/VK9XG>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B7A, 3C0W, 9X0T, 9X0Y, CT3MD, DF0HQ, DP0GVN, EA5IKJ, EA9IB, EI4DQ, HG2DX, JH1QHT, KV4VZ, LU7YS, MM0SJH, PD1LVK, PZ5RA, RX3DIN, SV5DKL, TO6OK, TY7C, V6J (OC-226), V6J (OC-254), VK9ACT and ZD9CW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3A2NL, 4B4B, GB5RC, KH1/KH7Z and YW6X (SA-090)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5B/AA7A, 6Y5/K1XM, 6Y9X, A93JA, E51AAR, E51MQT, EP4MMM, EX/W9FAM, FS/K1XM, H100CGCDH, HI3/N3SY, HK1NA, J7A, J8/KE1B, KH7CW, KL7KK, KL7QK, KP2/K1ZF, N7ET/DU7, NY0V/MM, OH0X, OH0Z, P40L, P49Y, PJ2T, PJ7TM, PZ5W, S9MX (AF-044), TF/K2HVN, TX7G, V25OP, V26K, V6Z, V63X, VK9CZ, VP2ERM, VP2MKV, VP2MQT, VP5/K0PC, VP5T, VP9I, VX3100, WL7E, WP4U, XE2MX, YB0DPO, YD1NAA (OC-075), YN2GA, YN2SX, ZF2AH and ZF35LC

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, is back at the Monastery from Mount Athos, and was heard on CW (14036 kHz), Friday, October 12th, between 1140-1900z. He is expected to be more active.

SW9, CRETE. Operators Christo/LZ3FN, Todor/LZ4AW and Georgios/SV9DJO will be active as SW9AA from Crete (EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Mukti-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via LZ1PM. Activity outside of the contest will be holiday

style on all bands, mainly CW.

TM62, FRANCE (Special Event). Look for special event callsign, TM62GG, to be on the air from Meurchin (Pas-de-Calais 62) for the 100th anniversary of WWI (Grande Guerre). Operators mentioned are Philippe/F4ICT, John/F4HLE, Guy/F4HLX, Laurent/F4AHN, Joel/F4DVP and Serge/F5LKK. Dates of activity are October 12-14th, October 27-28th, November 1st, November 3-4th, November 10-11th, and December 1-2nd. Activity will be on all HF, VHF and DMR bands. A special QSL card will be sent systematically by the REF and eQSL office for any contact, and for any SWL request. QSL via F4AHN, by the Bureau or direct. For more details, see QRZ.com.

TT8KO DXPEDITION NEWS. Kenneth, LA7GIA, was active earlier in the week as TT8KO, but on October 10th, he was shut down by the national security police. As of press time, Kenneth has been waiting for the Chief of the National Security (who is traveling with the President of Chad) to personally check out his radio and equipment. As of late October 13th, Kenneth has been through two interrogations by the security police, and is still waiting and thinking about returning home.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Masa, JA0RQV, will be active from a small seaside bungalow on Majuro Atoll (OC-029) between October 26-29th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). Equipment is an IC-7000 w/100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via M0OXO <<http://www.m0oxo.com>>. For more details and updates, see: <https://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Date Changes). 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 17-29th (not October 16-30th). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and possibly RTTY. 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>

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #11, dated October 10th).

VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition (OC-182) -- After 18 months of intensive planning we will soon begin our long journey to Ducie Island. This is a team effort and you are part of the team. Please help us to work you by reviewing this important information.

1. You can follow our progress as we sail to and from Ducie Island. <<https://share.garmin.com/VP6D>> Tracking will be available on Oct. 16th as we depart Mangareva.
2. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook - updated from the ship and island.
3. As time permits, we'll send Press Releases to the DX-bulletins and upload photos to VP6D.com from the island.
4. Your only email route to VP6D is through the pilot team.
5. The pilots do not have the logs. Please don't ask them about NiL, busted calls, skeds, etc. -- Do send them helpful suggestions.
6. There is no access to personal email while on the ship or on the island.
7. The log will be uploaded daily, OQRS will be available at VP6D.com shortly after we leave the island.
8. The process for reporting busted / missing QSOs will be available when OQRS opens.
9. We are uploading the log only to VP6D.com - there is no Leaderboard.
10. We plan to use WSJT-X Version 1.9.1 as a Fox on all bands except 160 where we will not use DX-pedition mode. VP6D FT8 operating guidelines posted at VP6D.com
11. DXA at DXA3.org/VP6D will update about 3 minutes after your contact. Check here to see if you are in our log.
12. The log may show FT8 dupes even if you didn't dupe us, we will resolve dupes after the DX-pedition.
13. Thanks to Lance, W7GJ, our plan to activate 6m EME is a first for Ducie Island.

There will be at least 3 DX-peditions operating from the Pacific during Oct/Nov. Ensure you are in the correct pileup for the DX you are trying to work. If you see your contact on VP6D's DXA that contact is in our log.

Please consider a donation at VP6D.com to help offset the team's significant investment to put Ducie Island on the air. Those who process a donation on VP6D.com before we sail on 16 October will receive their LoTW confirmation while we're on the island.

We wish everyone the best of luck in getting in the log, we'll do our best to get you the Qs you want.

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

ADDED NOTES (From Gene, K5GS, date October 10th). The team is as ready as we can be. We begin our travel this weekend, first meeting in Tahiti. Nigel Jolly will not be with us on the boat, his son Matt will be the skipper. Nigel will meet us in Tahiti on Oct 15th, he will then fly to Tonga. He was awarded a last minute contract to bring supplies to Tonga, his other ship Claymore II has the job. Nigel must be in Tonga to arrange the Customs and Immigration formalities.

VR, HONG KONG. Alberto, IV3TAN, will once again be active as VR2XAN during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry. Activity outside of the contest is mostly on the Low Bands (40/80/160m on CW/SSB). He uses an Icom 756 Pro III with an Icom IC-2KL (400w) amp into a Crushcraft D4, rotary dipole 10-40 meters and Inverted V Kelman dipole 80/160 meters. QSL via: Alberto Annesi, 1/F, 7A Nam Shan Road, Peng Chau Island, Hong Kong.

WP3, PUERTO RICO. Brian, ND3F, will be active as WP3Q from Loquillo (NE coast) between October 24-29th. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He will use a modest portable setup. QSL via N3IQ.

YS, EL SALVADOR. Tom, KC0W, will be active as YS/KC0W from El Salvador sometime between January and February 2019 (exact dates to be announced). Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW only. QSL via his home callsign.

ZF9, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Stan, K5GO, will once again be active as ZF9CW from Cayman Brac Island (NA-016) sometime during late October to early December. Look for him to be in various contests both CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or his home callsign direct. NO LoTW or NO Bureau.

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