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A5, BHUTAN (From Wayne, N7NG) [edited]. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- dated October, 30, 2018, FROM THIMPHU, BHUTAN -- KINGDOM OF BHUTAN TO BE QRV FOR ANOTHER WEEK -- Martti, OH2BH, remain Bhutan as A52BH on all-bands. While the A5A CQWW team is leaving today (Tuesday), the station will remain QRV as A52BH until Monday next week. The activity will utilize the permanent A5A set-up with multiple beams plus verticals on 160M and 80M. This early in the season the low-band (NA) windows were found extremely narrow but they were there.

Martti will concentrate on the 160/80M U.S windows (UTC 21.00 - 00.00 and UTC 11.00 - 15.00) CW only. On 40M there is a new 3 element beam for both CW & SSB.

The QTH is at 2300 meters ASL at the campus of the Royal Thimphu College (RTC). The winter is currently settling-in in the Himalay mountains, and the night temperatures are already well under the freezing point.

As we say good-bye to the camaraderie of Franz/DJ9ZB, Champ/E21EIC, Jin/JF1IST and Zorro/JH1AJT, we are all grateful to Zorro, JH1AJT, for making A5A - and this extended - stay possible.

QSL A52BH via OH2BH.

VP6D (ALERT: 160m FT8 Change). We will operate 160m FT8 in Fox / Hound mode, 1.839mhz. We're making this change because of the incredibly high number of callers on 160.

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VP6D 6M (Update/Oct. 30th). Lance, W7GJ, reports: The Degradation was down to - 3.3 dB tonight and the Kp Index was 2. Their signal showed the difference from previous nights. They peaked -18 dB hr tonight - the best so far during their trip! And their last moonrise tomorrow, the Degradation should be another 2 dB lower!

Last night at the end of their moonrise, they worked LZ2CC for #18. Tonight during their moonrise they worked 6 more stations: W7JW, UW7LL, HA0DU, S59P, S59Z and K4PI. The total worked during the last 5 moonrises now stands as 24 stations. Not bad at all for no elevation and not even the best cndx yet!

They will add all the 6m contacts into the main log at the end of the DXpedition. "OQRS via the PDXG system."

GL to all during their final moonrise on Halloween tmrw! VY 73, Lance

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