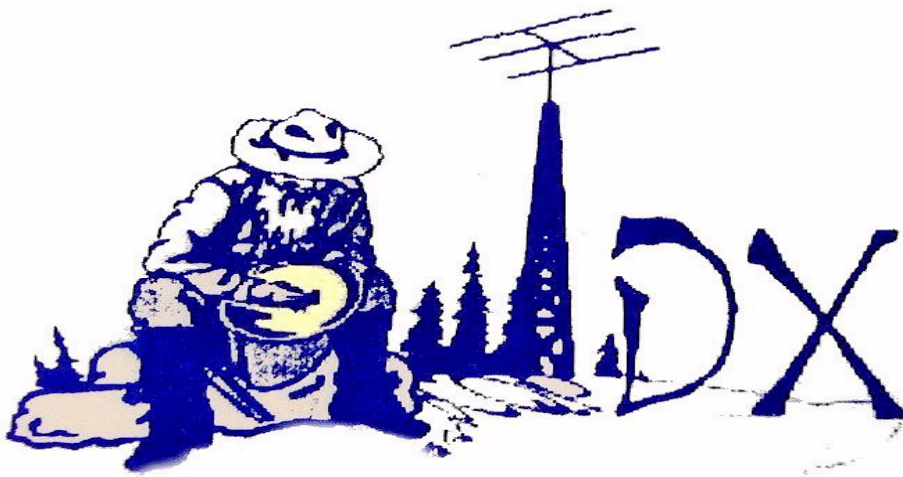


The Nugget



Mother Lode DX/Contest Club

The Newsletter of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club

MEETING DATE, LOCATION & PROGRAM

When: Saturday, 19 October 2013 at 11:30AM.

Where: The October meeting of the Mother Lode DX / Contest Club will be at Max's Restaurant in Auburn on Saturday, October 19th at 11:30AM.

Max's is located at 110 Grass Valley Hwy Auburn, CA 95603 (530) 888-6100. Max's is part of the Holiday Inn, right at the northeast corner of I-80 and Highway 49. **We ask you to RSVP with a lunch selection. Please RSVP to w1rh@yahoo.com** . See the club's website at <http://www.ml>

dxcc.org/ and click on "meetings" for a map and more information.

What: Our speaker this month is Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD. Carol is a medical doctor, but her call is pure coincidence. Carol will present the talk she just gave at Pacificon, An Insider's tour of the Arecibo Observatory.

MLDXCC Meeting Dates:

April (no meeting)
December (no meeting)

2013-Officers

President – Bob, W1RH
Vice President – Rich, WC6H
Secretary – Kay, K6KO
Treasurer – Carolyn, K6TKD
Director – Ray, ND6S
Director – Shirl, AA6K

Below are a couple of Pictures of our September meeting, W1RH, introducing Paul, N6PSE.



Paul filling us in on his trip to P5 in an effort to restart HAM radio activity from the rarest of the rare.



FROM THE PREZ

Hello MLDXCC'ers! I hope everyone's October is going well.

As of this writing, Norm has posted a claimed score for MLDXCC in CQP at 3,159,272. This may possibly be the highest score we, as a club, have ever done for CQP. As I wrote on the reflector, thanks go out to not only the large stations but also to the small stations and those operators with little time to operate.

The scores match up pretty evenly among those stations in REDXA and MLDXCC for those scoring over 100K points, with about the same amount of operators for each club. The big difference, however, is the number of stations submitting scores contributing less than 100K points. By my count, REDXA had a total of 3 and MLDXCC has a total of 20 so far. This is fantastic, and you guys made the difference! What a club! Whether or not we win this year's CQP, no one can say that the club score was not a total club effort. Again, what a club! Thanks to everyone for giving it your best!

Let's do the same for NCCC and show the Mother Club what MLDXCC can do for SS! I'd also like to see us do a good showing for CQWW this year. One of my goals as president of this club has been to have a meeting or two a year in the outer reaches of our club. With a club territory extending out 175 miles from the center point, in Pine Grove, this is not easy.

The area north of I-80, in the Mother Lode, has been high on my list. Several weeks ago, I asked Fred, K6DGW, if he knew of any restaurants in the Auburn area with meeting rooms. Fred replied with a very complete list of restaurants that my wife and I proceeded to check out. At the top of Fred's list was a place called Max's and I have to agree with Fred. Max's has a terrific meeting room, good food, and it is right off of I-80, on Highway 49....a very convenient location.

So, we're going to try out Max's. I do hope that our members in that neck of the woods are able to make the meeting. Max's would like to see at least 18 at the meeting, so I'm going to work real hard to make sure we exceed that number.

The cost of lunch is \$18, which includes meal, drink and tip. We are asked to RSVP with a lunch selection consisting of one of the following:

Max's Famous Rueben Sandwich –
Pastrami or Corned Beef
Club Sandwich on toasted Sourdough
Chicken Melt
Patty Melt
Asian Chicken Wrap

Sides consist of one of the following:

Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Cucumber Salad
French Fries

Drinks consist of one of the following:

Coke
Diet Coke
Sprite
Coffee
Decafe
Hot Tea
Ice Tea

Again, the cost is an all-inclusive \$18.

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Our speaker this month is Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD. Carol is a medical doctor, but her call is pure coincidence. Carol will present the talk she just gave at Pacificon, An Insider's tour of the Arecibo Observatory, radio telescope, in Puerto Rico. This will be a 40 minute presentation and Carol has updated it for those who might have already seen it.

Please RSVP to me at:
w1rh@yahoo.com
I hope to see you there!

73, Bob, W1RH

FROM THE VP

Happy October to all. The contest season has begun; I would like to congratulate each and every one of you for a fantastic showing in CQP. In looking at the preliminary reports I think the MLDXCC has won it again.

Even in a year where it seems like most of us had lower scores than the year before. Again, a giant thank you to all that participated. CQP is a fun contest and a great warm up for the SS contest in November. At the home station, I put the Inrad key click mod in my FT1000MP. Last year I received some complaints about key clicks, so figured I better fix the problem. The key clicks are now gone but my S meter will not go over S8 even if your in my backyard. In my repair I must have hit something that tweaked my S meter settings. The radio seemed to still hear weak stations, they just don't move the S meter. Because the S meter will not go past S8. I was always wondering if I am hearing all the stations that I should be hearing. I need the get the radio checked out before the SS contest.

That's about if for now. See you in Auburn on Saturday.

73 Rich WC6H

& ARRL Announcements & Feedback

I am reporting the score of 14098 in CQP. Worked both CW and SSB on 28, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meter bands using 100 watts into a dx88 vertical.

This was my first time on ham radio at my new QTH.

73, K6BEW, Brandt

(congrats on the new QTH. ed)

I won a MA-40 US tower at the 2013 IDXC, which I am offering up for sale. The tower is located at US Towers location in Woodlake and could be picked up from or shipped from there. I have spoken with Vicky Contreras at US Tower and she will honor a transfer of the certificate/tower to the new recipient provided I simply provide her with the name and contact information of the buyer. Asking price is \$700.00.

As stated on the certificate "Value \$1806.00, shipping not included." Thank you and 73,

Bradford S. Enockson - W6EA

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Member News, Items For Sale

**CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
CW SKIMMER (REVERSE BEACON) STATISTICS**

by Jim Varney K6OK

The Reverse Beacon network consists of roughly 95 robotic receivers, mostly in the U.S. and Europe, that send automatic spots of all call signs heard sending "CQ" in CW. A contest like CQP will cause the network to accumulate a huge amount of data. These data files can be used to generate interesting statistics about your station and the club as a whole.

I tried to include all club members who participated in CQP. If I omitted anyone I apologize for my inadvertent omission.

Table 1. RBN Spots per Band. The most spots reported were generated by **N6XI**, who had the most spots on 80m, 20m and 15m. **AE6Y** had the most spots on 40m and 10m, while WC6H was tops on Topband. The 2m spot from AD6E is almost certainly an error as the reporting station was DH1NFJ.

CALL	BAND							Total
	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	2m	
N6XI	3	314	505	1252	1463	256		3793
AE6Y @ K6TA	38	270	810	1099	1143	337		3697
K6Q (W1SRD)	41	193	449	852	934	182		2651
WC6H	46	173	355	806	793	307		2480
AD6E	4	232	340	519	965	315	1	2376
K6LRN		170	228	510	967	141		2016
N6JV		264	414	711	461	131		1981
K6NV	29	163	204	494	940	85		1915
N6RK		14	183	415	310	188		1110
K6GT		132	164	195	414	64		969
WX6V		132	304	186	203	28		853
N6FR (W1RH)		102	330	251	123	16		822
W6RFF		47	183	36	294	65		625
K6CSL	3	16	36	188	179	63		485
W7RN		79	161	13				253
W6RKC		32	27	41	25	10		135
K6III			34	7	16			57
K6OK					46			46
K7RC			34	8				42
K6YK/M			3	14				17
K6ST					16			16
WK6I				14				14
K6LE			2	1	1			4
W6DE			1					1
Totals	164	2333	4767	7612	9293	2188	1	26358

Table 2. RB Spots by Continent. **AE6Y** (@K6TA/K6KO) was spotted most often in North America and Africa, while **N6XI** was heard most in Europe, Oceania and South America. **WC6H** had the most spots in Asia.

CALL	CONTINENT						Total
	AF	AS	EU	NA	OC	SA	
N6XI	12	56	1165	2345	110	105	3793
AE6Y	19	64	867	2552	101	94	3697
K6Q (W1SRD)	7	66	606	1815	76	81	2651
WC6H	12	69	549	1701	70	79	2480
AD6E	14	48	522	1650	67	75	2376
K6LRN	12	27	514	1344	63	56	2016
N6JV	4	45	348	1470	59	55	1981
K6NV	12	20	560	1211	60	52	1915
N6RK	2	24	257	761	28	38	1110
K6GT	7	10	195	694	34	29	969
WX6V	2	18	58	712	38	25	853
N6FR (W1RH)	1	43	217	521	21	19	822
W6RFF	7	5	143	423	25	22	625
K6CSL		16		390	66	13	485
W7RN			16	226	9	2	253
W6RKC		4	6	116	2	7	135
K6III			4	45	5	3	57
K6OK				42	3	1	46
K7RC			15	24	2	1	42
K6YK/M				13	4		17
K6ST			2	13		1	16
WK6I				14			14
K6LE				4			4
W6DE				1			1
Totals	111	515	6044	18087	843	758	26358

Table 3. Mean Signal-to-Noise Ratio by Band. Each reverse beacon station reports the signal to noise ratio of each signal heard in db. These reports are highly dependent on the reporting station's receiver, antenna, local noise level and propagation. However, when hundreds or thousands of S/N reports are averaged together, the results *may* have some value. Before drawing conclusions a more rigorous look at the data should be performed. In the mean time the averages are listed here for entertainment.

N6RK led the pack with the highest overall reported S/N strength and was number one on 20 meters and 10 meters. **N6XI** was heard best on 160m; **W1RH** loudest on 80m;

W1SRD loudest on 40m; and **WX6V** loudest on 15m. **AD6E**'s clear signal on 2 meters to Germany was again almost certainly a bad spot.

Mean reported signal-to-noise level received in db

CALL	BAND							Average
	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	2m	
N6RK		25.36	28.07	24.75	20.14	25.39		24.13
W7RN		24.44	24.24	17.23				23.94
WC6H	18.04	27.28	27.90	24.70	21.16	23.15		23.89
K6LRN		24.66	27.46	24.15	21.51	22.08		23.16
N6JV		24.46	26.18	21.74	21.26	21.94		22.93
AE6Y @ K6TA	15.58	26.00	25.87	20.49	22.61	22.91		22.90
K6Q (W1SRD)	15.15	24.85	29.28	21.92	20.65	22.60		22.87
WX6V		18.76	25.58	22.51	23.20	12.64		22.86
K7RC			21.71	24.00				22.14
K6GT		21.66	20.21	23.30	21.25	20.61		21.50
WK6I				20.86				20.86
N6FR (W1RH)		27.71	21.12	18.90	18.26	15.00		20.71
N6XI	18.33	25.64	26.88	18.84	19.25	17.39		20.53
K6OK					19.91			19.91
W6RKC		23.53	24.44	19.54	14.36	8.10		19.66
AD6E	15.75	23.77	22.77	19.83	16.01	18.37	27.00	18.89
K6NV	15.55	24.36	23.07	19.13	17.10	17.12		18.85
W6RFF		16.36	23.16	14.50	17.95	12.85		18.63
K6III			20.82	16.14	14.13			18.37
K6YK/M			14.00	15.14				14.94
K6LE			15.00	3.00	18.00			12.75
K6CSL	2.00	12.63	14.64	12.14	12.55	7.78		11.87
K6ST					10.44			10.44
W6DE			8.00					8.00
Average	15.96	24.38	25.42	21.10	19.74	20.44	27.00	21.60

**Did you operate in CQP and submit your score to Norm, N6JV and the NCCC yet?
Check the club's website and be sure you are on the list.**

<http://www.mldxcc.org/scores.html>

October 2013 Treasurer's Report

Balance Sept 1, 2013	\$1355.96
Income: Dues K6OK	15.00
Expenses:	8.58
Balance Aug 31, 2013:	\$1362.38

\$1443.96

Carolyn Wilson, K6TKD, Treasurer

The following is the third installment of a multi-part series that was suggested by Dave, W6DE. It was compiled and written by W2XOY; I found it very interesting and hope our readers do as well. de Ed.

The History Of Amateur Radio Chapter 2

Monday, April 15, 1912, 12:30 AM. The Wayback Machine is over the North Atlantic, at 41 degrees 46' North, and 50 degrees 14' West. Down below is a majestic ship, the largest and most luxurious ship in the world, on its maiden voyage. In the wireless room is a 5kw Marconi station, and before it sit two tired operators, who make \$20 per month, not as employees of the shipping line, but rather as employees of the Marconi Company. The in basket is still full of messages, everything from personal telegrams to stock market quotations. They

are so busy working Cape Race, Newfoundland, that they didn't even notice the slight grinding jar 30 minutes earlier. As the two wireless operators, Jack Phillips and Harold Bride, passed the routine traffic, the Captain came in, said the ship had struck an iceberg, and told them to send a distress call at once. The blue spark jumped across the gap as Phillips sent "CQD" (come quick danger). "Send S.O.S." Bride said, "It's the new call and it may be your last chance to send it". Thus began the moment in history that changed radio. Two hours later, Jack Phillips and over 1500 others were dead, the "Titanic" lay at the bottom of the ocean, and 713 survivors huddled in half filled lifeboats waiting to be rescued. The tragic errors in the story of the "Titanic" pointed out the need of wireless regulation.

The first ship to answer the distress call was the German Liner, the "Frankfurt".

While the "Frankfurt" wireless operator was informing his captain, the "Carpathia" and Cape Race chimed in. When the "Frankfurt" operator came back to get more information, Phillips tapped back "SHUT UP, SHUT UP, YOU FOOL. STAND BY

AND KEEP OUT". While this would seem bizarre by our standards, it made perfect sense to the operators of 1912. The "Titanic", "Carpathia", and Cape Race were equipped with Marconi operators and stations, while the "Frankfurt" utilized the services of Marconi's German competitor, Telefunken. This commercial war was extended down to the individual operators. No routine traffic would EVER pass from a Marconi station to a rival, and, even in an emergency, if Marconi stations were available, the others would be shut out.

The wireless controversy would continue after the "Carpathia" picked up the survivors. A wireless message was received, allegedly from the "Carpathia", which said "ALL PASSENGERS OF LINER "TITANIC" SAFELY TRANSFERRED TO THIS SHIP

AND "S.S. PARISIAN". SEA CALM. "TITANIC" BEING TOWED BY ALLEN LINER "VIRGINIAN" TO PORT". Other wireless messages appeared, also stating that ALL passengers were safe, and the ship was being towed in.

There was just one problem--these messages were not coming from the "Carpathia". For one thing, her wireless had a maximum range of 150 miles. For another, the "Carpathia" wireless operator had made only a few transmissions to the "Olympic" (sister ship of the "Titanic" and another Marconi operation), in which he tapped out the list of survivors, some coded messages from Bruce Ismay, President of White Star Lines, then shut down his station. So complete was the radio silence from the "Carpathia", that they refused to answer the calls from Navy cruisers sent to the scene by President Taft. The White Star Line, owners of the "Titanic", were still insisting that everyone was safe and the ship had not sunk. But even as they made these claims, they had all the horrific details from the "Olympic". And so would the rest of the world, thanks to a 21 year old operator named David Sarnoff, who managed to detect the faint signals of the "Olympic", and broke the story. Faced with the truth, and hounded by thousands of reporters and outraged relatives of passengers, the White Star Liner officials finally broke down and revealed all. Meanwhile, the "Carpathia" steamed towards New York City. When she passed within range of shore stations, there were "frenzied attempts by amateur wireless operators which formed a hissing mixture from which scarcely a complete sentence was intelligible". It didn't matter, because the radio silence continued.

At the Port of New York, the "Carpathia" was met by Senator William A. Smith of Michigan, a no nonsense Populist who was the Chairman of the committee investigating the shipwreck. He immediately slapped sub-

poenas on everyone possible, including Harold Bride and Harold Cottam, wireless operator on the "Carpathia". Marconi himself, who was in the U.S. at the time, (and had planned on taking the "Titanic" back to England), was also summoned to appear. The hearings revealed the information given above, plus the disturbing fact that the "Californian" was just 10 miles from the "Titanic". Not only did the "Californian" not have a full time wireless operation, but the ship's captain ignored the eight distress rockets sent up by the "Titanic". As to the origin of the false messages concerning the saving of the ship and passengers, no answer was ever found. However, Senator Smith sarcastically noted that, in the interim, the "Titanic" was quickly reinsured, and stock in the Marconi Company jumped from \$55 to \$225 per share. The Senator DID find out the cause of the "Carpathia" radio silence--it was Marconi himself. He had sent wireless messages to Bride and Cottam stating "MARCONI COMPANY TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU-KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT-HOLD YOUR STORY-YOU WILL GET BIG MONEY-NOW CLEAR". It turned out that Marconi had an agreement with the New York Times for an exclusive story. Thus, essential information for desperate relatives and official inquiries from the President of the United States took a back seat to Marconi's interest.

When Marconi got on the stand, Senator Smith pounced on him with astonishing vehemence. Marconi had been lionized by the nation, and now the Senator was treating him like any other entrepreneur who put profit above the public. Senator Smith was warned that his attack on a man as popular as Marconi was political suicide, but he didn't care. In his obsession with his belief that the unregulated wireless spectrum was partly to blame in the "Titanic" disaster, he painted Marconi as a man willing to subordinate the public good to his goal of a com-

plete wireless equipment AND spectrum monopoly. Senator Smith used the "Titanic" hearings to condemn the laissez-faire status of the wireless, and appeal for the international regulation of radio.

On May 18, 1912, Senator Smith introduced a bill in the Senate. Among its provisions: 1) ships carrying 50 passengers or more must have a wireless set with a minimum range of 100 miles; 2) wireless sets must have an auxiliary power supply which can operate until the wireless room itself was under water or otherwise destroyed; and 3) two or more operators provide continuous service day and night. In response to the interference generated over the years, and especially when the "Carpathia" was within range, a provision was added that "private stations could not use wavelengths in excess of 200 meters, except by special permission". To avoid "ownership" of the spectrum by the Marconi Company, licenses would now be required, issued by the Secretary of Commerce. Each Government, Marine, or Commercial station would be authorized a specific wavelength, power level, and hours of operation.

The initial legislation had considered the elimination of all private, non commercial (i.e. amateur) stations, but Congress realized that would be difficult and expensive to enforce. Therefore, since it was a "well known fact" that long wavelengths were the best, and anything below 250 meters was useless, except for local communication, it was decided to compromise and give the amateurs 200 meters, where they could work 25 miles maximum and would die out of their own accord in a few years.

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Editor's Notes de Rick, W6SR

Hi all.....

Club member Jim, K6OK gave the W6SR station its first official run-thru during last week's CQP. All worked as expected, and no anomalies noted. Now that's a great start!

The station's computer automatically controls (within N1MM) all antenna switching, amplifier band and mode changes, so the operator can concentrate on logging and getting the calls correct.

I also worked a bit of DX, for new band/countries TO2TT on 30M, nothing heard from them on 80 and 160M so far. Also caught 7X2RD on 17M, worked and the CY0 everywhere, except where I needed him, nothing heard on 160M from this QTH.

I have (temporarily) pulled up an 80 & 160 "V" on the tower, and will be using them until I can get up some "real antennas" (verticals) on those bands. The inverted "V's" work F/B state-side and are effective out to 5K miles, but they are not a "real" DX antennas.



Well CQP 2013 is behind us, and at this point the MLDXCC club score is almost 10% more than we posted last year. Wow! As W1RH pointed out, it's NOT the big multi-multi scores that make the difference, it's the # of logs posted by us "little pistols" that were the difference. Congrats to the MLDXCC for putting in the time & effort.

I would like to send congrats to a fellow SCDXC member, Larry, K6YUI for being the first 6 call-area HAM to make Honor Roll on RTTY.



ENF fer now, see you all the 19th.de **Rick, W6SR**

Tube of the Month de Norm, N6JV

826

In 1943, RCA developed a small 60 watt triode for VHF equipment. I can't remember ever seeing one of these tubes being used in a particular set. After the War, The Gonset Company started building a series of emergency transceivers the hams called the "Gooney Boxes". They were standard equipment for Civil Defense and RACES installations. They built a 6 meter amplifier that used a pair of the 826s which seems to be the only reason anyone still looks for the tube.



Eimac made a few of these tubes. Recently a pair of experimental tubes was found that seemed to be an attempt to use the basic 826 with a heavy plate structure and equip it with a plate cap. The plate was massive for the size and

without heavy air cooling would surely melt the glass. It is possible they wanted to use it for pulse service. No markings or data have been found for this tube that seems to have been made in the 1960s. You are free to speculate as to its use as your guess is as good as anyone's.



Visit the museum at N6JV.com.....

Meeting Minutes, 14 September 2013.

President Bob, W1RH, called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon at Mountain

Mike's Pizza in Martell, with 16 members and 2 guests present.

Introductions. Round-the-room introductions were made and guests Paul, N6PSE and Sue, K6SZQ (K6SCA's XYL) were welcomed.

Officers' Roll Call. Present were Bob, President; Rick, WC6H, Vice President; Carolyn, K6TKD, Treasurer; Kay, K6KO, Secretary; Shirl, AA6K, Director; Norm, N6JV, website administrator; and Rick, W6SR, *Nugget* newsletter editor.

Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Report. The 27 July 2013 Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as published in the June *Nugget* newsletter.

News and Comments. Ken, K6TA, announced that the Club call sign, K6AO, was available for use in CQP.

Recognition of Achievements. Pat, K6OQ, made Honor Roll; Dave, W6DE, has 1000 contacts in the DXCC Challenge; Rich, WC6H, came in 2nd US, 22nd World in WPX; Jim, K6OK, will operate CQP from Rick's, W6SR's, station; Ken, K6TA, came in 5th US, 9th World in the ARRL 10-meter CW test.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Future Meeting Dates, Venues and Presentations. The October meeting will be held on the 19th, at a venue to be announced later. Bob, W1RH, will check on venues in the Auburn area.

NEW BUSINESS. No New Business was discussed so that the majority of the time reserved at the restaurant could be devoted to today's presentation on opening P5 to amateur radio.

Program Presentation and Adjournment. Following a short break, "Visit to the DPRK - Getting P5 on the Air" was presented by Paul, N6PSE. Meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Those present at the meeting were:

CALL	NAME	QTH	MLDXCC	NCCC

K6KO	KAY	PINE GROVE	X	X
K6TA	KEN	PINE GROVE	X	X
AA6K	SHIRL	STOCKTON	X	X
W6VMT	VERNE	PLEASANT VALLEY	X	
W6RFF	JETTIE	ROSEVILLE	X	
K6LE	RICK	MODESTO	X	X
WC6H	RICH	VALLEY SPRINGS	X	X
K6LRN	DICK	OMO RANCH	X	X
K6TKD	CAROLYN	OMO RANCH	X	X
K6SCA	STEVE	FIDDLETOWN	X	
K6SZQ	SUE	FIDDLETOWN		
WA6NHC	RICK	CAMERON PARK	X	
N6JV	NORM	SACRAMENTO	X	X
W1RH	BOB	LOTUS	X	X
W6DE	DAVE	PLACERVILLE	X	
W6SR	RICK	PLACERVILLE	X	X
K6OQ	PAT	OAKDALE	X	X
N6PSE	PAUL	SAN JOSE		X

Kay Anderson, K6KO Secretary

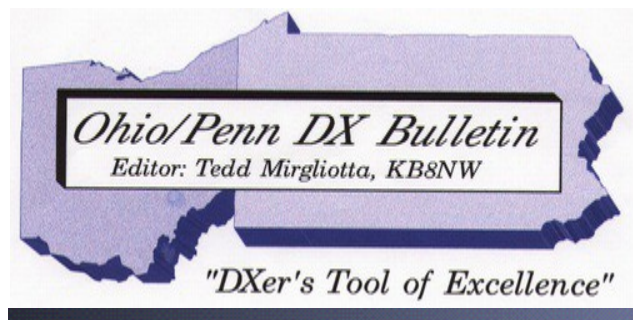
Click on the Hyperlink below to check-out the MLDXCC scores in the latest contests.

<http://mldxcc.org/scores.html>

UP-COMING DX and Dxpeditions

Click the link below to display upcoming Announced DXpeditions:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>



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5X, UGANDA

Eric, SM1TDE, is currently active as 5X8A from Entebbe. He showed up on the air on October 11th. Activity has been on 40/30/20/17/15 meters CW. However, Eric will be QRT for for 2 days (Monday and Tuesday), but he hopes to be active again between Wednesday and Friday, mainly in the mornings and evenings. He will go QRT after this. QSL via his home callsign. Look for Eric to post more updates and pictures on his Blog page at:

<http://sm1tde.blogspot.se>

7P, LESOTHO

Gert, ZS6AYU, will once again be active as 7P8GF from Roma between October 23-26th (tentative). Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters, CW only and using just 100 watts into a vertical. QSL via ZS6AYU (see QRZ.com).

9A, CROATIA

Operators Tomi/HA4DX and Laci/HA0HW will be active as 9A/homecall and homecall/mm on their way to Croatia between October 18-21st. They will do some work on the yacht before winter and do some sailing for the last time this year. QSLs via the HA Bureau.

9L, SIERRA LEONE (Update)

Operators David/N4WDT and

Jerry/K4ZIN will be active as 9L1JT from here between October 15-20th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a focus on the 30/17/12 meters and lower bands. They will have two stations on the air at least 12 or more hours a day. QSL via LoTW or via their home callsigns.

9L, SIERRA LEONE

Zbig, SP5BTB, will once again be active as 9L1BTB from Freetown for the UN between October 25th and November 10th. Activity this time will only be 20 and 15 meters using a sloper for 20m and a DL special collinear Delta Loop (ON6WG/F5VIF model) for 15 meters. He did not mention what modes he will use, but he does operate CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign direct.

9Y4, TRINDADE AND TOBAGO

Chris, 9Y4D (ex-9Y4NZ), will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Assisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via 9Y4D (see QRZ.com).

A7, QATAR

Members of the Qatar Amateur Radio Society are heading for the beach again for a Multi-Op entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as A71BX. Operators mentioned are Saif/A71AM, Ali/A71BX, Abdulla/A71CV, Khalid/A71CO, Mohammad/A71EL, Faisal/9K2RR, Dave/K5GN and Daniel/ K1TO. The Field-Day style set-up will begin the weekend before the contest, so look for them from then until sunrise, after the contest is when it all comes

down. Activity on the 30/17/12m bands are not planned - the objective is the contest. QSL via EA7FTR. NO BUREAU QSLS.

AFRICAN TOUR (Update)

Wim, ON6DX (ex-ON4CIT), will once again return to Togo (Grid Square JJ06rf) on November 18th and will be active as 5V7TH. Activity will be on 40-6 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. He plans to be on in the evening on 40 and 30 meters. See Web site at:

<http://dxpedition.be/5V7TH.html>

Wim also mentions that he will travel during the day to Benin to collect his TY1 callsign papers which are supposed to be ready. During that same day, he will try to search for a nice QTH in Grand Popo (Benin) for his TY1 DXpedition and move from Togo to Grand Popo, Benin, when everything is sorted out. So, he now expects to be active between November 20th and December 3rd. Activity will also be on 40-6 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. He plans to be on in the evening on 40 and 30 meters. See Web site at:

<http://dxpedition.be/Benin.html> QSL both callsigns via his home callsign, direct (2 USDs/EU and 3 USDs/US), by the Bureau, LoTW (uploaded year later) or by the ClubLog's OQRS.

ARRL NEWS (Updating ARRL.NET Forwarding Service)

On October 15, 2013, the ARRL will be switching providers for the ARRL.NET E-mail forwarding service. The change will take place at 8:00am Eastern Time. There should be no interruption in the forwarding of messaging during this transition. If you find that delivery of messages to you has been disrupted,

please E-mail itstaff@arrl.org
..... Thank You, ARRL HQ Staff

C8, MOZAMBIQUE (Just a Reminder!)

An international team of operators will be active as C82DX from Xai Xai (WW Loc KG64) between October 15-22nd. Operators' list has been updated and includes Bill/K1MM, Doug/N1DG, Tom/ N4XP, Kevin/K6TD, Charlie/NF4A, Ray/N9JA, Charles/W6OAT, Bruce/W6OSP, Tjerk/ZS6P (C91TJL), Pierre/ZS6PJH and Christian/ZS6RI.

Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are available in OPDX.1114. QSL via the OQRS by ClubLog (Highly Recommended/ Preferred Method) to receive a QSL either direct and by the Bureau. To QSL direct via the mail, send it to: C82DX, Box 333, Bethlehem, GA 30620 USA [Please do not send IRCs. See details on their Web page]. They will not confirm QSOs via the eQSL system. The C82DX Web page is at:

<http://c82dx.com>

CASTLES NEWS

October 20th - Ivo, ON7IVO, will be active as ON7IVO/P from V12 Bunkery Castle (WCA ON-01932, BCA AN-208). Activity will be on 40 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

October 26th - Operators Susanne/ON2SL, Roger/ON4AHQ, Andre/ON4DTO and Erwin ON5BWE will be active as ON5BWE/P from Ordingen Castle (WCA ON-01134, BCA LB-103). Activity will be on 80 and 40 meters only SSB. QSL

via ON5BWE, by the Bureau or direct.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Update)

The CY0P team is now QRT as 1830z, October 9th. They were expected to depart the island that day around 2100z. The team reported on October 8th, at 0100z [excerpts]:
"The CY0P DXpedition team reports 24,414 contacts in the log as of 0100z on October 8th. The team reported excellent band conditions with very strong signals. The weather forecast is not looking good for a Tuesday departure..... Needless to say the team is exhausted. There are three operators and three stations so 12-14 hour days at the radio have been the norm."
QSL via VE1RGB. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.cy0dxpedition.com>

ED9, CEUTA AND MELILLA

Operators Jorge/EA7HZ, Julio/EA7JB, David/EA7JW, Cris/EA7RU and Jorge/EA9LZ will be active as ED9Z from Ceuta during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. The group will be using all Spiderbeam antennas. QSL via EA5KB and LoTW.

HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN

Laci, HA7JTR, will be active as HBO/HA7JTR from Masescha (1240m ASL) between October 24-29th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using 100 watts into a 4 band DunaX Gp for 40-10m, and Inverted Vee for 80m. Laci will also take part in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). QSL direct via his address on QRZ.com.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Jim, K8MR, will be active as HI/K8MR from Punta Cana between November 15-25th. He plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest

(November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/QRP entry. Jim informs OPDX that he will be taking his Elecraft KX3 and some wire and will modestly be operating outside the contest [to keep his wife happy]. He states, "Probably whatever operating I do outside the contest will be focused on the WARC bands." QSL via K8MR.

HK0/S, SAN ANDRES ISLAND (Update)

Members of the "DX Friends" will activate **San Andres Island (NA-033)** between November 1-10th. The current list of operators mentioned are Alberto/EA1SA, Toni/EA5RM (Team Leader), Roberto/EA2RY, Manolo/EA7AJR, Jose/EA7KW, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR, Alain/F6ENO, Tony/F8ATS, Faber/HK6F, Bernard/F9IE, Roberto/HK3CW and Valery/RG8K. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY.

Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1824, 3524, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024 kHz

SSB - 1845, 3780, 7065/7160, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28494 kHz

RTTY - 7035, 10140, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24921 and 28080 kHz

6m - 50105/CW and 50115/SSB

They will have at least 4 stations at the same time on different bands and modes. Equipment is an Elecraft K3 and 3 Icom IC-7000. Antennas are Hexbeams, SpiderBeam, Verticals (160/80/40/30m) and Yagi for 6 meters. QSL via EA5RM direct (see Web page). You can use the OQRS (see Web page) for direct and Bureau cards. More details should be forthcoming, especially their callsign. Visit their Web page at:

<http://www.dxfriends.com/SanAndres2013>

IOTA NEWS

AF-018. Simone, IV3NVN, will be active as IH9/IV3NVN from

Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, WLOTA 0041) before and after the following contests. During the contests, look for him to sign IH9B. The contests that are scheduled are:

CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a SOSB on 80m

CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a SOSB on 80m

2014 CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a SOSB 40m

QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

AF-045. Luc, F5RAV, has cancelled his trip to **N'gor Island** and will stay on the mainland of Senegal through October 17th.

EU-034. Simo, OH2HAN, will be active as ES0HAM from **Estonian Hiiumaa Island** between October 17-22nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, and the mode will be mainly RTTY. He will participate in the JARTS RTTY Contest (October 19-20th), and is happy to share the Estonia multiplier as much as possible. Outside of the contest some SSB, too. QSL via OH2HAN, by the Bureau or direct with SASE.

OC-108. Members of the YB Land DX Club will be active as YE5R from **Anambas Island** between November 10-20th. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. The operators mentioned are Yana/YB1AR, Hendra/YB1HK, Imam/YB4IR, Anton/YB5QZ, Aled/YB6CA, Fir/YB6ODD, Ady/YB6VK, Ronny/YB7GRN, Masri/YC2WWW, Wirzamrisal/YC5WIR, Agus/YE5TA, Erizal/YE5YE, Tara/YE6YE,

Budi/YF1AR and Teuku/YG5TZ. QSL via YB4IR. For more information and updates, visit the following Web pages:

<http://www.ybexc.net/2013/10/ye5r-anambas-island-oc-108.html>

<http://qrz.com/db/YE5R>

OC-109/ (Postponed/Update) John, YB5NOF, informs OPDX that the reason

OC-122/ for the postponement of OC-109 and OC-122, is that his wife had

OC-209/ a stroke on August 23rd, and was in the hospital. He did mention

OC-210. that they will try to activate **Tambelan (OC-122)** and **Siantan**

Island (OC-108) some time between April and May of 2014. Exact days and time will depend on transport and weather. However, John did say he will activate **Sangihe Island (OC-210)** and **Talau Island (OC-209)**, as well as some small islands around there at the end of January 2014. Stay tuned for updates! These operations will count towards the Nusantara Indonesian Island Award:

<http://www.nusantaraaward.com>

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

OC-111. Ralph, H44RK (YJ0RK), is planning to activate **Emae Island**, Shepherd Islands, sometime soon. Watch his FaceBook page for updates at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ralph.kluge?fref=ts>

OC-239. Operators Joni/YB9WZJ and Lucky/YD9RQX have postponed their operation to **Waigeo Island.**

OC-255. Just a reminder that Craig, VK5CE, will be active as VK5CE/4 from the totally uninhabited and very rare **Red Island** between October 16-21st. If like his Flinders Island operation, Craig's activities will be on 80-10 meters, with most of the operations being on 40/20/15m, using SSB and PSK. QSL via his home call- sign. For more details and updates, watch Craig's Blog page at:

<http://oc255.blogspot.com.au>

OC-262. Bimbo, YB3MM, will be active as YB3MM/4 from **Sebesi Island** between October 19-21st. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via IZ8CCW.

OC-295. (New IOTA!) Operators Budi/YF1AR and Fan/YB0AI will be active as homecall/7 from (never been activated) **Sebatik Island** between October 23-28th. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly SSB as well as CW and the Digital modes. QSL YF1AR/7 via N200 and YB0AI/7 via his home callsign (see QRZ.com). For more details about the island and the operation, see:

<http://www.yflar.com/2013/09/oc-295-sebatik-island-new-iota-for-yb.html>

http://id.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daftar_pulau_terluar_Indonesia

SA-047. Members of the CM DX Group will be active as PR5C from **Mel Island** (DIB-PR-01) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Op entry. A 9 member team will be on the island between October 25-30th. Operators mentioned are Joe/ PY5XH, Evan/PU5SVE,

Jose/PY5JAP, Art/PY5VC,
Martins/PU5UAI, Fabio/PY5FAB,
Cesar/PY5RCB, Jose/PU5IKE,
Alex/PP5ALE and Evans/PY5PS.
Activity will be on 160-6 meters
using CW, SSB and the Digital
modes. QSL via PU5VE, by the
Bureau, LoTW and eQSL. For more
informations, see:
<http://www.pr5c.qsl.br>

J3, GRENADA

Mark, N2MD, is returning to
Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718) and
will be signing J3/N2MD between
October 23-28th. This year is
the 30th anniversary of the U.S.
intervention and rescue of U.S.
medical students in Grenada
(1983) during which Mark
operated as KA2ORK/J37. He will
be joined by Arnal, N9ACC, who
will sign J3/N9ACC. Arnal is a
U.S. Navy officer (retired) who
was also involved in the 1983
mission. Plans are to operate
both fixed and mobile.
Operations will be on 80-6
meters (SSB) and 2 meter (FM);
band conditions and time
permitting. Activity will be
holiday style but mostly evening
hours. QSL via LoTW only.

J3, GRENADA

JA operators Takayuki/JA1MZL,
Yutaka/JJ1LIB, Nao/JN1RVS,
Masayuki/JN3NFQ and Isao/JH1ROJ
will be active as J34J between
November 20-29th. Their activity
will include the CQWW DX CW
Contest (November 23-24th). QSL
via JA1HGY.

JD1, OGASAWARA (Update)

Take, JA1UII, informs OPDX that
he will be active as JD1BON from
Chichijima Island (AS-031)
between November 1-4th. Activity

will be on 80-10 meters with 200
watts using CW, SSB and RTTY.
QSL via his home callsign, by
the JARL Bureau or direct [see
[QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com)] (w/SASE+2 USDs or 1
IRC).

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY (Update)

By the time you read this, Al,
W6HGF, will be active as KG4HF,
from **Guantanamo Bay (NA-015)**
between October 11-25th. Al
states, "I will focus on RTTY
and digital modes, then CW."
Operations will be on 160-10
meters and on 6 meters if it
opens. QSL Direct to W6HGF. He
mentions, "This is not a
vacation, I plan to operate
until I fall asleep. I will be
operating with Bill, KG4WV."
They will be on the air for the
JOTA to put the local Boy Scouts
on the radio. They will complete
the antenna repairs from damage
by hurricane Sandy and a few
minor repair items to the shack.
QSL via their home callsigns.
For more details and updates,
see the Web site at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w6hgf/KG4HF.html>

MOST WANTED DX SURVEY

DEADLINE (Just a Reminder!)

Carl Smith, N4AA, Editor of The
DX Magazine and QRZ DX, wants to
remind DXers that the "2013 DX
Magazine MOST WANTED Survey" is
coming to a close and the dead-
line is October 15th. This
survey is considered to be the
most useful and popular tool for
many DXers, DX clubs and
DXpeditioners when in making
decisions to fund and planning
upcoming DXpeditions. Look for
results to appear in the
January/February issue of The DX

Magazine. The survey can be found online at:

<http://www.dxpub.com/survey/survey2013.html>

NH2, GUAM (OC-026)

Joel, KG6DX, will be active as NH2DX in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via NH2DX, CBA or QRZ.com address. NO Bureau QSLs.

NH7, HAWAII

Operators Jim/N6TJ and Oliver/W6NV will be active as NH7A from KH6LC's QTH during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Op-2 entry. QSL via F5VHJ.

P3, CYPRUS (Press Release)

Lee, KY7M, sent out the following press release on October 8th: "The Voodoo Contest Group is leaving behind 20 years of West African CQWW CW contest operations this year to see new places. They will operate from the Cyprus QTH of Voodude 5B4AGN using the callsign P3F in the Multi-Two category. In addition to 5B4AGN, operators will include Roger/G3SXW, John/G4IRN, Ned/AA7A, and Lee/KY7M. The visiting Voodudes may operate before and after the contest as 5B/home- call or 5B4AJX. QSLs for P3F and 5B4AJX are via MOURX."

P4, ARUBA

Robert, W5AJ, will once again be active as P40P for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). His operating class is TBD. This is his 12th contesting trip to Aruba. Outside of the contest (before), Robert will be on the

air, possibly on 40 meters. QSL via LoTW (Please) or direct to W5AJ. NO BUREAU.

PJ2, CURACAO

Andy, W9NJY, will once again be active as PJ2/W9NJY from **Curacao (SA-099)**, WLOTA LH-0942) between November 19-25th. He is actually there as a team member to help put the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point Station PJ2T on the air for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th). His activity outside of the contest will be mainly on CW on 160-10 meters. QSL PJ2/W9NJY via WD9DZV or LoTW. QSL PJ2T via LoTW or W3HNC.

PJ2, CURACAO

Andy, DK5ON, will once again be active as PJ2/DK5ON from **Curacao (SA-099)**, WLOTA 0942) between March 12-29th (2014). Activity will be on 80-6 meters including the 17/12 meter bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via his home callsign (see QRZ.com). NO eQSL.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Reminder)

Philip, WA1ZAM, will be active as PJ7PL, a week before the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) and a week after. He will be a Single-Op entry during the contest. Outside of the contest, he will try some RTTY. QSL WA1ZAM.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN (Update)

Operators Dennis/K2SX, Les/W2LK and Andy/K2LE will be active as homecall/PJ7 from Dawn Beach on the eastern side of **St. Maarten (NA-105)**, WLOTA 0711) between November 19-26th. QSLs should go to their home calligns. Activity

will include this year's CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) using the special callsign PJ7W. QSLs for the contest operation should go to W2LK.

**PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT
(October 14-20th)**

Oct/14th AN Oct/17th AN
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 Oct/20th AN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND
 GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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      NORMALITY              GEOMAG
K Values   Alpha           -----
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      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
  
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QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (For October 13th)

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4K6AG via RW6HS (d)            LN1B via
LA8PDA            PY5/AL4Q via DJ8QP (*)
5X1NH via G3RWF            LU9CBM via
EA6SK (d)            SA2Z via SM2YPZ
5X8A via SM1TDE            NH2T via
W2YC            SA6P via SA6AVB
CO2IR via EB7DX            OG6N via
OH6NIO            SB3W via SM3RAB
CR2H via PT7ZT            OG7F via
OH2FNZ            SG5W via SM5IMO
CT9/SM0GNS/P via SM0GNS      OG7X via
OH4XX            SG8X via SM5AQD
D2QR via RW6HS (d)            OH0R via
OH2PM            SN0WFF via SP5X
  
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EA5/DO1PGA via DO1PGA (d) OH0Z via
 W0MM SV8/SM0JHF via SM0JHF
 ED1DST via EA1DST OK5MM via
 OK2JS T88IK via JF1LUT
 EG1RGC via EA1SV OQ100LAKEN
 via ON6TI V6P via JH1NBN
 FR/DJ7RJ via DJ7RJ OU40 via
 OZ1FAO XP1A via OZ1ACB
 HK1MK via DL6IAK OV0V via
 OZ3ABE YO/PB2T/P via PB2T
 II0GMC via M0OXO OV9A via
 OZ1KZX YO900TO via YO5TO
 J8/DH5FS via DM5JBN OW75FOC
 via G3SWH YP2GEO via YO2KAR
 KH0M via JF1VXB PA800GTB
 via PA1BM
 LG5LG via LA4EKA PJ2/PD4JOF
 via PD4JOF

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only
 (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only
 (*) NO QSL-SERVICE FROM
 SEPTEMBER 2013 to APRIL 2014

II8LH/9 was activity this past weekend from Max, IT9AKC, from the Capo Peloro Lighthouse (JM78TG), Reference Numbers ARLHS ITA-031 and SI-001 WAIL. QSL via HB9FHZ (USKA Bureau), direct to IK8YFU, eQSL or LoTW. For more info, see:

<http://www.calabriadxteam.it>

QSLs FOR ZC4LI, 5B4AHA, ZD8LII AND G0LII.

Phil, G3SWH, announced: "I am pleased to advise that I have managed to obtain copies of Steve's (G0LII) logs from his widow and should be able to confirm any outstanding QSOs. All logs have been previously uploaded to LoTW. There will be log searches available shortly at:

<http://www.g3swh.org.uk>

I understand that Steve's widow has already returned to their sender any unanswered QSL requests at the time of his death. Anyone in that situation should re-apply to me. Please note that as Steve was not a member of the RSGB, I am unable to process any bureau requests what so ever....."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: DK2OY, G3XVR, G8NEO, ID9Y, OH1TD,

OM3DX, PY0F/PP1CZ, SP6NXG, SU9AF and TO7Y

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5W0TH, CU5AQ, D2QR, EJ0PL, HV0A, P29NO, TF4M and VE3FUJ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5B/R2DX, 6V7S, 7O6T, 9U0VB, D2QMN, D3AA, E40VB, EA8/RW3DO, EF8M, FM/R5GA, HC2/UA4WHX, JT7WFF, R60SKV, R1150VN, R1941MB, RI0NZ, SU9AF, UE75VV, V26AO and V26DZ

S7, SEYCHELLES

By the time you read this, Andrea, IZ1MHY (MDXC #055), will be active as S79MHY from **Praslin Island (AF-024)**, Seychelles, until October 17th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign. For more information, an online log search and etc..., visit the Web site at:

<http://www.mdxc.org/s79mhy>

ST, SUDAN (JOTA Op)

Members of the "Boy Scouts of Sudan" (ST2BSS) will participate and operate from the Khartoum Sea Scout Amateur Radio Club (ST2KKS) for the 56th Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) activities. Operations are expected to be on all bands and modes. QSL via ST2M. For more details, see QRZ.com.

T30, WEST KIRIBATI (Update)

Operators Ted/JF1CCH and Kazu/JA1FUF will be active as T30TS and T30NK from West Kiribati between November 28th and December 4th. Activity will be on the HF bands (all mostly 40-10m) and possibly 6m, using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Ted will

operate mainly on CW and SSB, while Kazu will operate mainly RTTY and PSK. They will use 100 watts into a dipole. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau and eQSL. NO LoTW.

T48, CUBA

Members of the "Las Tunas Contest Crew", T48K, will be active once again during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single or a Multi-2 entry from "La Herradura" on the north coast of the Las Tunas Province. Operators mentioned are Doug/CO8DM, Alex/CO8KA, Raúl/CO8ZZ, Ernesto/CO8GJ, Carlos/CO8CML, Alex/CM8AKY and Jose/CM2XN. They are going to use a two element vertical and slopers very close to the salt water. The QSL Manager is Erhard, DK1WI.

TM1, FRANCE

Members of the F6KOP team will enter the next CQWW DX SSB Contest as TM1A and as a Multi-Multi category, from its facilities of Provins City (100 km SE of Paris). Well known DXpeditioner/Contester, Frank, F4AJQ, will lead the team of operators: YL Sophie/F4DHQ, Olivier/ F4FLF, Yann/F1NGP, Silvain/F4ERS, Jimi/F4DLM, Benoît/F1JHB, Johan/F4GTD, Thierry/F4BDG, Antoine/F5RAB, Christian/F6AXN, Alain/F5JTV, Maurice/F5NQL, Damien/F4EZF, Joël/F6JMT, Thierry/F4TTR and may be Jean-Luc/F1ULQ and Florent/F4EJL. Some of the above operators have been active in the past during contests and DXpeditions which include 5V,

J5, XT2, FY, 3V, 5X8, 5H, PJ4, IS0 and many other DXpeditions to French IOTAs. QSL via F6KOP through the French REF Bureau (and please only this one).

V3, BELIZE

By the time you read this, Dick, AD7AF, should be active as V31RL from Placencia until October 30th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. He will try to focus on working JA and EU stations. His operations will also include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). QSL via AD7AF. Log will be uploaded to LoTW after his return.

V3, BELIZE

Marc, V31MA, will be active with the special callsign V3A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via M0OXO. QSOs are regularly uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and ClubLog.org.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Art, N3DXX, will once again be active as VP2V/homecall from Virgin Gorda (Tortola) between November 19-29th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via NR6M.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Operators Frank/WA2VYA and Tony/K4QE will be active as VP5T during the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) from **Providenciales (NA-002)**. QSL via WA3RHW, direct or by the W3 Bureau, (not the VP5 bureau) and LoTW. Frank will sign VP5/WA2VYA outside of the contest between October 22-29th, and will be

active on CW, with an emphasis on 160/80/10 meters, and the 30/17/12 meter bands, and possibly some RTTY or SSB. QSL via WA2VYA, direct or by the Bureau. No return postage is required; Frank would like to receive your QSL card. Tony will sign VP5/K4QE outside of the contest between October 22-29th, primarily on SSB, with an emphasis on the 17/12 meter bands. QSL via LoTW.

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS

Peter, M1AYI, is expected to be active as VP8DNY from the Falkland Islands between October 20th and November 19th. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB. QSL via his home callsign by the RSGB Bureau.

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS

Mick, G1EUZ (ZD8RAF), will once again be active as VP8BTU from the Falkland Islands between November 25th and May 25th, 2014. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. Cards will not be sent out until he returns home. Also, log will be uploaded to LoTW on his return home.

XR0, JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND

(Press Release - XR0ZR Countdown)

The following was sent out on October 8th [edited]:

"There are now less than 30 days to our departure. The Team will start from Italy, of the 6th of November, and we plan to be active on the late evening of November 8th (GMT).

We will leave from Santiago, aboard two twin-engine Cessna and after about two hours, of adventurous flight, we land on

the Juan Fernandez airport. Arrived on island, we reach our location, in about two hours, aboard two boats, as there are no road links. In all, if the weather conditions will be tolerant, and it will allow us to meet our destination.

Compatibly to the location, we believe to be able to install 3 beams looking on the sea, two loops, one for 30 and one for 40 meters, other than the usual vertical for 80 and inverted L for 160. Will also be installing a beverage of about 200 meters on the beach facing the sea.

We should have sporadic access to the Internet, and then try to send the logs to ClubLog, once a day. If for any reason this is not possible, do not panic, know that we will do so as soon as possible, and in any case the logs will be saved in 3 backup copies.

As always, we ask you not to make dupes QSOs, in order to give the opportunity for everyone to contact us in various bands and modes. You can follow XR0ZR Team on the following media links at:

Website :

<http://www.juanfernandez2013.com>

FaceBook :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/xr0zr/>

Twitter : @xr0zr

I'm sure we'll all have fun together, and that we will have fun.

73, Fabri - IW3SQY"

XT2/XT26, BURKINA FASO

Operators David/OK6DJ and Petr/OK1FCJ will be active as XT26DJ and XT2FCJ between November 17-26th. Activity will

be on 160-10 meters including the 30/17/12 meters using CW and SSB. They also will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as XT2FCJ. Their set up will be Elecraft K3 and Kenwood TS-480 into a Spiderbeam antenna (20/15/10m - including the WARC), a vertical (40-10m), 80m dipole and LW for 160m. QSL via OK6DJ for both callsign. QSL methods are: the ClubLog OQRS (for LoTW - confirmed every day), direct (minimum 2 USDs or new IRC (accepted IRC that expire in 2017; QSO confirmed to LoTW every day), OQRS by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL (confirmed 6 months) and paper QSL via the Bureau (confirmed 12 months).

XV2, VIETNAM

Toshitaka, JA3NHL, will once again be active as XV2NHL from Ho Chi Minh City between November 2-8th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JA3NHL.

YE2, INDONESIA

Members of the ORARI Semarang Contesting Team will be activating YE2C for the first time during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned Agus/YC2BYC, Bobby/YC2SBG, Pur/YC2FNT, YL Sri/YB2BSE, Edi/YC2PWL, Bambang/YB2ERL, Jon/ YB2ECG and Adi/YD2PST. QSL via LoTW (PLEASE). For more info on the YE2C station, see:

<http://ye2c.wordpress.com>

Z21, ZIMBABWE

Mirek, SP5IXI/VK6DXI, will be active as Z21DXI from Bulawayo starting October 14th for 2-4 weeks. He states that this is a business trip. His activities will limited after his working hours. Operations will be on 160-6 meters using only 100

watts and simple wire antennas. Mirek has operated from Zimbabwe before: February 4-12th and December 6-17th of 2010. QSL via SP5UAF, by the Bureau or direct. Online log will be available at:

<http://www.sp5ixi.dxing.pl/z21dxi>

UP-COMING CONTESTS (complete)

For the latest contest info. click on the following link:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.htm>

October 2013

+ New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27

November 2013

+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 2 to 0300Z, Nov 4
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
+ CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 9 to 0500Z, Nov 11
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24

December 2013

ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8
+ Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 8
+ ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 14 to 2359Z, Dec 15
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29

The K7RA Solar Update 10/11/2013

Propagation Forecast Bulletin 41
ARLP041 From Tad Cook, K7RA
Seattle, WA October 11, 2013 To all
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Solar activity picked up over the seven days of our reporting week, October 3-9, and the outlook has improved somewhat. There now are no predictions for the solar flux dropping below 100 in the next 45 days. October 6 was the date of the last forecast predicting any flux values below 100. These predictions were for periods later in October and again in November.

Average daily sunspot numbers increased by 47 points to 79, and average daily solar flux increased 3.8 points to 110.4. These averages compare the recent October 3-9 period with the previous seven days, September 26 through October 2.

The latest prediction for solar flux is 125 on October 11-13, 120 on October 14-16, 115 on October 17, 105 on October 18-23, 100 on October 24-29, 105 on October 30-31, 100 on November 1-2, 105 on November 3-4, 100 on November 5-6, and 105 on November 7-15.

Predicted planetary A index is 10 on October 11-12, 5 on October 13, 8 on October 14-15, 10 on October 16, 8 on October 17, 5 on October 18-20, 10 on October 21, 5 on October 22 to November 6, 10 on November 7-8, and 8 on November 9-12.

OK1HH predicts geomagnetic activity as quiet to unsettled October 11, mostly quiet October 12, quiet October 13, quiet to unsettled October 14-16, quiet to active October 17-18, quiet October 19-20, quiet to active October 21, mostly quiet October 22, quiet October 23-27, quiet to active October 28, and active to disturbed October 29-30.

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