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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 15th-July, through Sunday, 22nd-July there were 209 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY9, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TT, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, 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" (WFWL).

2012, ENGLAND (Update - Special Event Amateur Radio Station for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games). Publicity Liaison Officer John Warburton, G4IRN, sent out the following "Press Release #5" on July 16t: "As a celebration of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games, two flagship amateur radio stations will be active during the Games as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

The Cray Valley Radio Society is to host England's celebration from the Royal Borough of Greenwich, home to many of London's events outside the main Olympic arena. The call-sign used will be 2O12L (two Oscar one two Lima).

A similar amateur radio celebration is happening in Barry, south Wales, where the call-sign will be 2O12W (two Oscar one two whisky).

Both teams are looking to make as many contacts as possible throughout the world during the Games, particularly with countries participating in the Games. They will be operating 24/7 from Wednesday 25th July until Sunday 9th September and will be open to the public from Thursday 26th July. The London station will be open from 10am to 4pm and the Welsh station from 10am to 5pm daily.

Commemorative QSLs will be available for both stations, QSL details are on the web site. It is hoped that Clublog and LOTW uploads will be made during the event.

For more information about the stations, their locations, operating frequencies etc., their web-sites can be found at and

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3B8, MAURITIUS. Alex, IW5ELA, will be active as 3B8/IW5ELA from hotel "Le Cannonier" between September 6-12th. Alex is part of a honeymoon trip with his wife Michela that will take him through Corsica, Mongolia, Finland and now Africa, so activity will be holiday style on the bands 20/17/15/12 meters using CW and SSB. He will use a FT857 with 100w into a vertical and operate mainly CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Visit his special Web page at:

<http://honeymoonafrica2012.jimdo.com>

5R, MADAGASCAR (IOTA Op!). Moise, F4EZG, will once again be active as 5R8VE, but this time from Nosy Alanana (AF-090) in the Tamatave region between September 1-3rd. Activity will only be on 20 and 15 meters. QSL via F4EZG.

9A, CROATIA. Zik, DK8ZZ/VE3ZIK/YT3ZZ, will be once again be active as 9A/VE3ZIK from Croatia between June 24th and August 18th. This time he will be focused on 6m, WFF and IOCA (Island of Croatia Award) activity. Prior to RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th), he will be active from Zirje Island (EU-170 & CI-151). QSL via DK8ZZ, by the Bureau or LoTW.

9H, MALTA. Ignacio, EA2BD, will be active as 9H3BD until July 30th. Activity will be QRP on 20 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

9M, SPRATLY ISLANDS. Operators John/9M6XRO and Steve/9M6DXX will be active as 9M4SLL from Pulau Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) between August 7-13th. Activity will be on all bands from 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, using two stations with linear amplifiers to vertical antennas on the edge of the ocean. Spratly Islands are ranked 29th in the current The DX Magazine '100 Most Needed Countries' survey (world-wide, mixed modes), up from number 32 last year. The QSL Manager for 9M4SLL is Tim Beaumont, M0URX. QSL direct with SAE + 2 USDs or 1 new IRC, OQRS (see <http://m0urx.com/oqrs>) or via the RSGB bureau (all bureau cards MUST be marked "via M0URX"). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible after the end of the operation (within a few days), but there will be NO online log during the DXpedition itself. If you are not certain of any QSO you are welcome to work them again for an 'insurance' contact. 9M6XRO and 9M6DXX would like to thank the Malaysian Prime Minister's Department National Security Council for granting the operating permission from Layang-Layang Island. They would also like to thank Amid Drajak, 9W6ABD, of the MCMC licensing office in Kota Kinabalu for issuing the 9M4SLL licence, as well as the President of the Borneo Amateur Radio Club, Hamid, 9W6MID, and Rahim, 9M6RHM, for their help in obtaining the licence. Pekka, OH2YY, was of great help with the initial planning of the trip. Finally, thanks go to Vicky Lee of the Layang Layang Island Resort for her help in making this operation possible. (Note for users of computer logging programs: The 9M4 prefix is issued to special event stations that may be anywhere on Malaysian territory; this includes the DXCC entities of West Malaysia, East Malaysia or, as in this case, Malaysian islands in the Spratly group.)

A2, BOTSWANA. Arnold, WB6OJB, will be active as A25JB from Botswana between July 24-31st. Activity will be on HF bands, 40-10 meters using mostly SSB with some CW. QSL direct to his home callsign.

CG3, CANADA (Special Event). Members of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club (NPARC, VE3VM) will be active as CG3B until the end of the month of July. Activity is to celebrate the 200th Bi-Centennial of Friendship between Canada and the United States of America. Operations has been on 80-6 meters, CW, SSB and the satellites. Frequencies are available on QRZ.com. QSL Manager is VE3FOI. All contacts will receive QSL via Bureau system.

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS. German operators from the RRDXA will be active once again as CR3L during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th) as a Multi-? entry. This team has won the 2009, 2010 and 2011 competition from their QTH in Santana (Northern part of the island). The crew is still looking for one or more good contest operators on this mode. The length of stay on Madeira is one week. Communication: English and German languages. If interested please contact Hans, DL1YFF at: dl1yff@gmx.de More information is available on Han's Web page at: <http://www.dl1yff.de> Also info on the Crew's Web site at: <http://www.CR3L.de> QSL via DJ6QT. Operators will probably be active as CT9/homecall before and after the contest.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND (Update). The CY9M St. Paul Island DXpedition is expected to be active this week between July 26th and August 1st. The team of five operators will have six Elecraft K3 transceivers, four amplifiers, three Hex Beams and a number of other antennas. They will be active on all bands between 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1826.5, 3526, 7026, 10106, 14026, 18076, 21026, 24896 and 28026 kHz
SSB - 3793, 7185, 14215, 18160, 21295, 24950 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 7035, 10145, 18105, 21090, 24925 and 28090 kHz
6m - 50105/CW and 50105/SSB
All contacts will be verified via LoTW after their activity, and for those who want paper QSLs, Tim Beaumont, M0URX, will be the QSL Manager. The log will be available through ClubLog.

The following was posted on their Web page Wednesday, July 18th: "With under week to go before the CY9M team leave their respective homes for the journey to St. Paul Island, we are happy to report all radio equipment has arrived safely to Nova Scotia and now in secure storage. Additional items such as generators will be collected as we travel to Bay St Lawrence, NS. QRV date of July 26th is unchanged. Look for some of the team to sign VE1/home call on July 25th. See you in the pileups!"

PRESS RELEASE #4 (Dated July 20th) - RSGB IOTA Contest Participation (July 28-29th): "The CY9M team will participate in the IOTA contest next weekend giving both DXCC and IOTA hunters the chance to confirm NA-094. Our contest operation will be limited to 20 meters only – please do not ask for a contest exchange on other bands.

We will operate both SSB and CW modes throughout the contest. The contest log will be merged with the regular DX operation, so there is no need to work us twice. Your contest contact will be valid for DXCC.

The CY9M QSL card will be used for confirmation and the log will be uploaded to LoTW. Contest log will be submitted to the RSGB IOTA Committee.

CY9M St Paul Island Expedition starts next week, visit our website at . If you like to help out, please go to ."

TOPBAND NEWS - CY9M on Topband next week. Björn, SM0MDG/SE0X, posted the following on the TopBand Mailing List on July 21st [edited]: "Greetings, This Tuesday I am boarding my flight with destination Halifax, Nova Scotia, to be part of the 10 man team going to CY9 St Paul Island this week. I have gotten several requests from my Topband friends, so I thought I'd hand out some brief information about our operation here.

CY9M will be active on Topband during the few dark hours we have available to us. We will use a top loaded vertical based on the 18 meter Spiderbeam pole with elevated radials.

Depending on WX, we have zoomed in on two possible landing sites, one where we will have more space for antennas (Atlantic Cove) and the other will have less space but better takeoff in more directions (North Island). For, RX we have prepared both for pennants and beverages and will use what possible depending on location. We will use K3 radios and Acom 1011 amplifiers and DXE RX preamps.

A special thanks to the topbanders who contributed to offset our costs, including the support from TBDXC to help offset the costs for shipping an Acom amplifier to be used for topband.

Main operators on topband will be N2WB/"Wild Bill", AB5EB/Mike and me (SM0MDG/Björn).

Our activity on Topband will most likely commence in the evening of August 26, and we are schedule to leave St Paul August 1st, so the last night will be July 31st. And as always, dates and times are dependent on weather and sea conditions.

Also worth mentioning is that we will have a dedicated 6 meter station with main operator VE3EN, "Solarham" Kevin."

Remember, the following media pages are available for this operation at:

Website: <http://www.cy9m.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/CY9M>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CY9M.2012>

D6, COMOROS (Update to OPDX.1067/Web Page Change). It was announced this past week that the D64K DXpedition to Ngazidja (Grande Comore), Comoros Islands (IOTA AF-007), which will be active between August 8-20th, has changed their Web page. The following was sent out: "Due to continuing problems with our web platform, we decided to migrate to a new system. Our new web address is: <http://www.d64k.net>

The old .com website will no longer be updated, and every post will be published only on the new site. For real-time news, our twitter account remains unchanged: @d64k

If you need to contact us, our E-mail support is: support@d64k.net

We apologize in advance for any confusion that will be created, and we thank you for understanding.....Cu on the air!"

DXPEDITION VIDEOS OF THE WEEK. With more and more DXpeditions putting their videos on YouTube and other Web services, we decided to list them (possibly) each week. For this week's listings:

2010 - 3B8/IZ4AKS & 3B9/IZ4AKS DXpedition: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4MCCZu_V3Y

2008 - TX5C Clipperton Island DXpedition:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQSaZTkDYIQ> (Part 1)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiFd65zZww0> (Part 2)

2002 - K1B Baker Island: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WjAMvTWA4E>

1990 - 1S0XV Spratly Island (w/Romeo, UB5JRR): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8A6_5lf08w

If you have a DXpedition 'video' available on the Web and would like to have it listed in the OPDX, PLEASE send the URL to use and we will publish it.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS (Cancelled/Rescheduled). Luis, EA8AY, has cancelled his activity as EF8X from Tenerife Island (IOTA AF-004, DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF) during the RSGB IOTA Contest. He has been invited to go with a Multi-Op station in other island. However, Luis has announced that he will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via W2GR.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Manuel/EA8ZS, Marino/EA8DP, Jesus/EA8RY, Tony/EA8AKN, Domingo/EA8CST, Severo/EA8NL, Dunia/EA8MT (YL), Felipe/NP4Z and Luis/EA8AY will be active as EF8U from Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via EA8URL. Visit: <http://www.ea8url.com>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Tsuyoshi, JJ2NYT, will be active as FK/JJ2NYT from Grande Terre (OC-032) between July 29th and August 2nd. Activity will be active on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

IOTA (EUROPEAN) ACTIVATION. Operator Giacomo "JACK", IZ3DBA, will be on a holiday style IOTA DXpedition to activate some islands from Sardinia and the Island of Corsica between July 22nd and August 17th. Here is his tentative schedule:

July 22-28th - La Maddalena Island (EU-041); callsign IM0/IZ3DBA
July 30th-August 5th - San Pietro Island (EU-165); callsign IM0/IZ3DBA
August 7-12th - Corsica Island (EU-014); callsign TK0/IZ3DBA
August 13-17th - Sardinia Island (EU-024); callsign IS0/IZ3DBA; Activity for WAIP AWARD - new province Ogliastra (OG), Medio-Campidano (MC) and Carbonia-Iglesias (CI).

His activity will be 80% on CW and 20% on SSB (NO DIGITAL MODE) using an ICOM IC-7400 w/100w into a vertical antenna HM (by Ampelio/IK3JBP). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct, eQSL and LoTW. See QRZ.com for details.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-006. Paul, R2AD/W8AY, will be active as VR2/W8AY from Lamma Island, Hong Kong, between July 28-30th. Activity will be active on 80-10 meters using the CW and SSB modes, and a TS-480 into a GP antennas. He will be active in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via R2AD, direct or by the Bureau.

AS-099. Berkin, TA3J, will be active as TA3J/0 from Yassica Adasi (Yassica Island, WW Loc. KM38KJ) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/DXpedition/SSB-Mode/12HRS/Low-Power entry. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via the TA3J QSL Service at: <http://www.aydogmus.gen.tr/ta3j/qslservice.htm>, direct (only SASE and 1 IRC, no green stamps please) or by the Bureau. No eQSL. SWL QSL cards are OK. Twitter: @TA3J

AS-105. Operators Sungki/HL1IWD, Aves/DS2AGH, Harry/WX8C and Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX will be active as DS0DX/2 from Kanghwa Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Multi-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via HL1IWD.

AS-105. Kim "Tai", DS2NMJ, will be active as DS2NMJ/2 from Yonghung Island between August 12-13th. Activity will only be on 15 and 12 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau; if possible, you want to use direct.

EU-004. Andrea, IZ2LSC, will be active as EA6/IZ2LSC from Menorca Island (WLOTA 2988, EAFF-061) between July 24-30th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF band 30-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He will take part in the RSG IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct and LoTW. His logbook page is at: <http://www.timpy.it/ea6>

To receive updates and news, follow him on twitter: @iz2lsc

EU-008. Members of the Cockenzie and Port Seton Amateur Radio Club (CPSARC) will once again operate from the Isle of Tiree (IOSA NH04, WAB NM04), the most western part of Scotland's Inner Hebridean Islands, during the RSGB IOTA (Islands on the Air) Contest which runs from 1200z, July 28th to 1200z, July 29th, using the club's special contest callsign GM2T. Look for pre-contest activity by the members signing as MM0CPS/P. This year's team consists of: Cambell/MM0DXC, Bob/GM4UYZ, John/MM0JXI, Brian/M0RNR, Gary/MM0FZV, Cephas/MM0INS, Robin/MM0VTV, MM0VPR, Geoff/MM5AHO, Steve/MM0GZA, Ellis/GM4GZW, Bob/GM4IKT, Brian/G3UJE. QSL GM2T via the Bureau,

or their QSL Manager GM4UYZ, by the Bureau or direct. Also use LoTW and eQSL. Details are available at:

<http://www.qrz.com/gm2t>

For details about CPSARC, visit their revamped Web site at:

<http://www.cpsarc.com>

ADDED NOTE: This is the club's 14th anniversary on the island, and the team would like to express their gratitude to all the islanders who have looked after them over the years, but in particular to Elaine Hutchinson of Elephants End Restaurant (www.elephantsend.com) for her unrivalled support and hospitality over the last 14 years.

EU-030. Carten, OZ4CG, will be active from Bornholm Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-054. Sal, IT9BXR, will once again be active as IF9/IT9BXR from Favignana Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/24HRS/Low-Power entry. QSL via IT9BXR.

EU-073. Members of the IJ7A DX-Contest Group are pleased to announce their DXpedition to St. Peter Island, in the Cheradi Group, between July 26-29th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. The team is composed of the following operators: Gianni/I7PHH, Davide/IK4DCT, Vin/IK7IMO, Art/IK7JWY, Piero/IK7VJX, Roby/IK7XIV, Bartolo/IW7ECA and Luigi/IZ7PDX. QSL via IK7XIV. See their contest Web site for more details at <http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=68>, or follow them on Twitter: @ik7imo_ij7a

EU-096. A group of operators will be active as OH10TA from Kustavi Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Low-Power entry. Preparations are been done and antennas are being tested for the activation. They will also have equipment for 6m. Locator is KP00PN. Kustavi Island is approx. 70km northwest from Turku City. QSL via OH1MN.

EU-096. Riku, OH2CI, will be active as OH2CI/P from Kustavi Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/Low-Power entry.

EU-110. Operators Silvo/S50X, Krajcar/S52P, Vinko/S53F, Drgan/S55Z and Franc/S56UGB will be active as 9A8ZRS from Sveti Ivan Island (C1112) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. The group will be on the island between July 24-30th, using 2 stations on HF and possibly 6/2m as well. QSL via S57L. QSL will be sent automatically by the Bureau.

EU-124. Members of the Dragon Amateur Radio Club will be active as GW4TTA/p from Holy Island (Anglesey) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Island entry. Operators mentioned are Stewart/GW0ETF, John/GW3VVC, John/MW0BER and possibly others. The team will use simple wires/verticals. QSL via GW4TTA by the Bureau or LoTW.

EU-125. Operators Gaby/DF9TM and Frank/DL2SWW will be active as OZ/homecall from Römö Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/12HRS/High-Power entries. DF9TM will operate on SSB and DL2SWW will be on CW. QSL via their home callsigns by the Bureau.

EU-129. A German group will be active as DM3X/p from Goermitz Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via the Bureau.

EU-136. Kordic, 9A4KJ, will be active as 9A4KJ/p from Rab Island in the Kvarner IOTA group during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Mix-Mode/12HRS/Low-Power entry. He is expected to be on the island between July 26-29th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using a Kenwood TS 140S into a vertical, Inverted Vs and dipoles. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-140. Members of the OH5AD group and possibly others will be active as OG5A from Kuorsalo Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via OH5AD.

EU-146. Operator Ron, ON6CQ, will be active as PA/ON6CQ from Schouwen Duiveland, Netherlands, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB entry. QSL via ON6CQ, by the Bureau

(preferred) or LoTW.

EU-170. Operators Alen/9A3MA, Ivo/9A1AA, Zlatko/9A2EU, Rolando/9A3MR, Rax/9A3BMR and Zik DK8ZZ/VE3ZIK/YT3ZZ will be once again be active from Zirje Island (CI-151) but as 9A0D (first time using this call) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Single-TX/DXPN/Low-Power entry. All QSOs will be automatically confirmed via the Bureau. However, if you need a direct QSL, please send it to DK8ZZ.

EU-170. A Hungarian team will go to Pasma Island (CI-085), Croatia, this year again. The team will be active between July 24-31th, from two villages - Tkon (JN73RW) and Kranj (JN73QW). Activity will be on the HF bands and 6m, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will take part in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) too. Look for the following operators (w/QSL routes):
9A/HA7PL – Operator Laci; via Bureau or direct
9A/HA6NL – Operator Laci; eQSL, by the Bureau or direct
9A/HA6PS – Operator Zsolt; via Bureau or direct
9A/HA6PJ – Operator Jani; eQSL, by the Bureau or direct
9A/HA7JJS - Operator Sanyi; by the Bureau or direct

EU-172. Henning, OZ1BII, will be active as OU2I from Aro Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-174. Laci, HA0NAR, will be active as SW8LR from Thassos Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode entry. He will be on the island between July 25th and August 1st. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-177. Matthias, DL3KUD, will be active as SM5/DL3KUD from Kätilö Island between July 27-29th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/24HRS/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-178. Juri, ES5GP, will be active as ES5GP/8 from Kihnu Island between July 25-30th. His activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) on all HF bands on SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-181. Operators Stan/LZ1GC, Dechko/LZ1QV, Boyko/LZ1QN, Boris/LZ2JR, Nasko/LZ3YY, Liam/LZ1CNN and possibly others will be active as LZ0I from Sveti Ivan Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/DX/High-Power entry. QSL via LZ0I (by the QRZ.com address) or by the Bureau to LZ1BJ.

NA-010. Alan, VE1AL, will be active from Cape Breton Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via VE1AL.

NA-081. Operators John/VE1CDD, Barry/VE1TRI, Alan/VA1MM, Fraser/VE1WO, Sheldon/VE1GPY and Greg/VY2MP will be active as VC1X from Little Tancook Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via VE1CDD.

NA-091. Rob, VE7RSV, will once again be active as VE7RSV/P from Broughton Island (CISA BC-026), located in the Broughton Archipelago just east of Port McNeil towards the Mainland, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/24HRS/Low-Power entry. He usually uses a FT-857 with a G5RV antenna about 35 feet high. He prefers to QSL direct or by the Bureau.

NA-137. Several members of the Long Island DX Society will be active as N1LI from Long Island, ME, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via N1LI.

NA-148. Scott, NE1RD, will be active as NE1RD/1 from Lovell Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/24HRS entry. QSL via his home callsign.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 23-29th)....

Jul/23rd AN Jul/26th AN Jul/28th HN
Jul/24th AN Jul/27th HN Jul/29th HN
Jul/25th AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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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

KP4, PUERTO RICO (Special Event). Members of the Movimiento Radioaficionados de Puerto Rico will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution of Puerto Rico with the special event callsign K4C on July 25th, from the Julio Enrique Monagas National Park in Bayamon. They will operate from 10 to 40 meters SSB and their local net of repeaters from 1400z on. QSL info is via WP4NPC.

M0, ENGLAND. Phil, G3SWH, will activate the special callsign M0RSE on CW only on all bands over the weekend of 18th and 19th August, 2012. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW immediately after the weekend. There will also be an on-line log at . Special QSLs are available via G3SWH, either via the OQRS facility at (bureau or direct) or direct with SAE and adequate return postage or even via the traditional bureau route.

NH8, SWAINS ISLAND (Press Release). The following press release was sent out on July 16th [edited]: "Swains press release # 2 -- Craig/K9CT and Joe/W8GEX are happy to report that preparations for the NH8S Swains Island DXpedition are on schedule. The 20 man international team should be on the island from September 4th, thru September 17th. Swains is # 31 most wanted worldwide. They will operate all bands with SSB, CW and RTTY.

A big thank you goes to John/N7CQQ and Paul/W8AEF for their time in building and testing the SVDA's that will be used. Thanks also to Paul/W6XA and Tom/N4XP for testing the radios, amps and laptops. All of the equipment has been shipped to Arnie/N6HC in California for the upcoming departure via cargo ship later this week.

The QSLing will be handled by Joe/AA4NN with help from his XYL Margaret. Plans are to upload logs daily by satellite phone from the island to Clublog.

We are very grateful to our equipment sponsors, including: ICOM, Elecraft, Vibroplex, Innovantennas, DX Engineering, Heil Sound, Primus, Hi-Z Antennas, and The RF Connection. Also to Kimo, KH7U, for the 160m vertical, and George, W8UVZ, for the Battle Creek Special.

We have updated our Web site with pictures, operating information and links. Thanks to John, K6MM, for doing the webmaster duties.

There will be a great emphasis placed in working Europe where Swains is most needed. We will have several receiving antennas aimed that direction.

It will be very hot and humid, and mosquitoes should be plentiful, so please have patience with the operators. We ask that you listen to the operator instructions to ensure we are able to work as many stations as possible.

This tent and generator operation is a very expensive endeavor, and the group is most grateful for the foundations, clubs and individuals who have already contributed. For those that would like to donate, you may do so from our Web site at: <http://www.nh8s.org>

The skilled international crew that is looking forward to working you includes: 9V1FJ, AA4NN, DJ2VO, DL3DXX, K5AB, K9CS, K9CT, K9NW, KB8OCP, N2TU, N4HH, N6HC, NA6M, ND2T, SM5AQD, W4BUW, W6KK, W8GEX, W8TN and WB9Z."

ON85, BELGIUM (Special Event). Eric, ON4LN, President RCL, informs that the members of the Radio Club Leuven (RCL) will celebrate their 85th anniversary this year. They will be active using the special callsign ON85RCL from their RCL club shack and proudly. Activity begun on July 1st and will last until December 31st. Operations will be on all bands (6m if condx) and on various modes. For more info, see QRZ.com under ON85RCL or ON4CP.

OZ12, DENMARK (Special Event). In connection with the largest Scout and Guide Jamboree ever held in Denmark, a special event station with the callsign OZ12SJ will be - very - active during the period between July 21-29th from Holstebro. Five "Jamboree On The Air" stations will be active on all bands. The activity includes many different JOTA activities within Amateur Radio and is supported by EDR, Eksperimenterende Danske Radioamatører, and members will be helping to activate and demonstrate the hobby to the Scouts. The activity also includes a license course and the option of actually taking a license test on site. The callsign is expected to be active in the DMC RTTY Contest, CQWW VHF Contest and the RSGB IOTA Contest QSL via the Bureau.

PT0. ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS (Update/Funds Needed). George, AA7JV,

informs that his TX3A partner, Tomi, HA7RY, and himself have teamed up with the Brazilian Aruacaria group to activate St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks under the callsign PT0S. As you may know, the Brazilian Navy has placed a permanent ban on DXpeditions to the rocks. Due to the efforts of Atilano, PY5EG, the Brazilian Navy made an exception and has given them permission to operate from the Rocks. This is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to both activate the place and to prove to the navy that Amateur Radio is not incompatible with the operation of the scientific mission there. Although there have been some small operations from this entity, it remains high on the most wanted list because conditions on the rocks are tough and a lack of level space precludes a large and traditionally equipped operation. PY0S is No. 16 on Clublog's most wanted list. George mentions that although they will work all the HF bands, they do have a low band focus. This time they would like to take things one step further and make PY0S easily available on all bands to small and midsize stations (as well as the big ones). They intend to achieve that even on 160 meters. The need for large antennas for serious DX on 160m has discouraged many small urban amateurs from getting on that band, where they feel they can not compete with the big guns in the pile-ups. The proximity of PY0S to NA (and EU) creates a unique opportunity to activate a rare location that could be worked by modest stations from NA and Europe. They intend to make sure that this possibility is fulfilled. This will likely create a new level of excitement and increased activity on 160 meters. They have also developed a new beam antenna that will allow them to work very modest stations on 20, 15 and 10 meters. Additionally, led by PY5CC and PY2XB, they will also make a serious 6 meter effort. George states, "This will be a tough and costly mission for us. We will have to have a minimal environmental foot-print, while we want to make sure that we give this rare entity to as many hams as possible in the relatively short time frame available. We want to do our best, as we know that there may not be another DXpedition to this place for a long time. The team is looking for financial assistance for this very crucial DX-pedition. In the past, Tomi and George have covered all expense (less donations received) and used their own gear. They did not mind roughing it on some remote island without much support (and on the cheap). This time, however, they are working against serious obstacles that are proving to be costly to overcome. They can not fund this operation themselves. They hope that clubs/associations/individuals would be able to help them. They most certainly promise to work hard to make the entire HF DX community, happy. Please remember that this DXpedition will take place in the late November to mid December 2012 time frame. The actual dates will depend on weather conditions and will be announced later on their Web site. An "Online QSL Request Service" (OQRS) will be set up on their Web site for both direct or Bureau QSLs. For direct cards via the mail, QSL via HA7RY (read details on the Web page). The log will be uploaded on LoTW, generally within 36 hours of the QSO taking place. For further information, please visit: <http://pt0s.com>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated July 22nd)

 3Z5W via SP5KP EA9/EC7DZZ via EC7DZZ GO6BDV via G6BDV
 3Z15POWODZ via SQ6PLH ED8ZAA via EA8RCK GO6NHU via G6NHU
 4O/UA3RF via UA3RF EG5MDC via EA5DD IJ7T via IK7WDS
 9H1AB via 9H1MRL EO73U via UT7UU PA/F6BFH/P via F6BFH
 AM5CS via EB5CS GO0GMN via GM0GMN SV8/SV1MNF via SV1MNF
 AM5DZC via EB5DZC GO3RFX via G3RFX TK/DL1RTL via DL1RTL
 CQ73I via CT1EHX GO3SVK via G3SVK UE95K via RV3YR
 CR6K via CT1ILT (d) GO3UOF via GW3UOF UK8OAG via 4Z5OG
 D2QR via RW6HS (d) GO4RCG via M0OXO VP2MSJ via W5JAY
 EA6/IW2NEF via IW2NEF GO4ZOY via G4ZOY
 (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW

QSL CO8ZZ via DK1WI. Raul, CO8ZZ, was active this past weekend during the CQWW VHF Contest on 2 and 6 meters.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4Z5MU, 7O6T, 9A2UZ, 9M0L, AK4AT, BD4GNV, CO7WT, CT12EEK, DJ9UN, DL0CS, F6OWT, FP/KV1J, FR/F6KDF/T, HK0/N0STL, KL7AA, KP2MM, KP4RV, LZ7HQ, M0TRN, MJ0CFW, OZ1HDF, PJ7PT, PP5EG, PS2T, PY1VOY, RA7A, R11ANF, RV3ACA, RV4CT, S50U, UA3DPM, UY2UQ, V31WW, VE1RGB, VE7IO, VE9HF, VK7ZX and WH7Z

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2AM (1990 Conway Reef; via YASME), 3D2YA, 4Z5MU, 6O0CW, 9L0W, 9M2AX, A5A, E51M, F4BKV/p, FK8CE, FK8DD, FP/NM7N, HS0ZIN, JR7ISY/JD1, KH2Y/KP1 (1993 Navassa; via OE1ZKC), LZ1JZ, MD/EB1BSV/p, OH6MM, OY1CT, TO3X, TX1B, V31IZ, VP9I, VR2XMT, XX9E and ZA1G

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 8J1RL, BV2A, BV100, E51YNB, FJ/OS1T, HB0/SP7VC, OH0/SP7VC, PJ4C, T32JB, VK100WIA and YB9/F4BKV

T6, AFGHANISTAN. Stefan, DL4ST, will be active as T6SS from from Mazar-e-Sharif until end of September. Activity will be a on the HF bands, but so far it has been mainly on 20 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via his home callsign.

TP8, FRANCE. The "Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club" (CERAC - TP2CE) will be active as TP8CE during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). Operations will take place before the contest, starting July 27th, and are usually on all HF bands and modes, possibly the satellites. QSL via F5LGF. An online log search will be available at: <http://www.tp2ce.eu>

V6, MICRONESIA. Haru, JA1XGI will be active as V63XG from Yap Island (OC-012) between December 5-12th. Activity will probably be on 20-6 meters (especially 30/17/12m) using mainly CW, with some SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or by the Bureau. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. Look for updates and details at: <http://ja1xgidxvacation.blogspot.com>

V8, BRUNEI (Ops Needed). Gabriele Villa, I2VGW, team leader of the next DXpedition to Brunei, announced that they are looking for some CW operators for the upcoming V84SMD DXpedition, November 11-23rd. If interested, please contact by E-mail to Gabriele at: gabrielei2vgw@gmail.com

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Steven, AA7V, will once again be active as VP2V/homecall from Virgin Gorda (Tortola) between September 26th and October 1st. QSL via AA7V.

WILL KOSOVO BE OUR NEXT DXCC COUNTRY? Several sources are reporting that Kosovo, former province of Serbia, shall receive its full sovereignty in September, almost four and a half years after obtaining its independence. Stay tuned!

XP, GREENLAND. Henning, OZ1BII/OU2I, will be active as XP2I from club station XP1AB in Kangerlussuaq between September 13-17th. Activity will be CW only. QSL via his home callsign.

YB67, INDONESIA (Special Event). Look for members of the YB Land DX Club (YBDXC) to activate special event station YB67RI between 0000z August 10th and 2400z August 17th. Activity is to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the independence of Indonesia. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via YB2DX direct or LoTW only. NO YB Bureau cards.

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