

I.C.P.O. Bulletin (21-28 September 2012)

"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)



21/09/2012: Operators Friedrich DL4BBH, Matthias DK7LV, Klaus DL7UXG, Henning DB5BZ and Ric DL2VFR will be active from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, GIA O-001, WLOTA 0637) from 21-23 September 2012. Plans are to be QRV CW and SSB on all HF-bands + VHF. QSL direct or Bureau to DM50IOTA. Website: www.iota-expedition.com [rsgbiota]

21/09/2012: Luciano HB9FBI, Claudio HB9EFJ Claudio and Augusto HB9TZA (I2JJR) will be active, weather permitting, on 21 September 2012 as HB9WFF/p from Biotopo Piano Arbigo (WFF HBFF-052). QRV on SSB only from 07.00 UTC starting on 40m, then up. QSL via HB9FBI. [HB9TZA]

21/09/2012: Frank, DL2SWW and Gabi, DF9TM will be active as SD7W and SD7M, respectively, from Hasslo Island (EU-138), Blekinge county, Sweden, from 21-26 September 2012. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSLz will sent via Global QSL. [rsgbiota]

21/09/2012: Zbig, SP2IU/p, will be active from Drwienski Park Narodowy (WFF SPFF-006) Friday, 21 September 2012. QRV on
40/20 metre CW and SSB, starting 10.00 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [SP9BGL]

22/09/2012: Members of the SAFARI DX-activators Club - Natig 4J5T, Boris 4K4K, Igor 4K6OF and Yasuhiko JR0HYT, will be active on the 22nd and 23rd of September 2012 from Mardakan Round Tower (WCA 4K-00004, AzeDA: BA), Absheron region, Azerbaijan. They plan to work on all bands CW and SSB as 4JOSFR (main) and 4J0WFF (reserve). Start from 05.00 UTC on 22nd of September. QSL 4J5T (QRZ.com). [RN1CW]

22/09/2012: Gus, ON6KE, will once again be active as 9H3AK from his vacation home located on the island of Gozo (MIA MM-004, WLOTA 0046, WW Loc. JM76CB), Malta (EU-023), from 22-28 September 2012. He will operate CW only, QRP (2-5 Watts), on 40m (~07.030/~ 7.040 MHz), 30m (~10.106/~10.116 MHz) and 20m (~14.060 MHz). QSL via LoTW and eQSL only, no printed QSL, sorry. [425 DX News]

22/09/2012: Piju, 9M2PJU plans to be active near to the Pertak river dam, Kuala Kubu Bharu, Hulu Selangor district, Selangor, Malaysia, for two days starting 22 September 2012. Look for 9M2PJU/P on 15m and 20m CW. Piju mentions his callsign is also listed on the ARRL Active Stations List (Federated Malay States for Diamond DXCC.) QSL via home call, direct only (QRZ.com). [DX World]

22/09/2012: Look for Dario, IK4MED, to be active on the HF bands from the island of Elba (EU-028, IIA LI-001, MIA MI-022, WLOTA 0609), Tuscany region, Italy, as IA5/IK4MED from 22-26 September 2012. QSL direct or Bureau to his home callsign. [rsgbiota]

22/09/2012: Gab, HA3JB, will be active from Turkey as TA/HA3JB between 22 September until 2 October 2012. This will include an entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (?) entry, CQ zone 20. Outside the contest Gab will be QRV on 80-10m CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSO is valid for the IPA Award. QSL via OQRS: www.ha3jb.com/oqrs.html or CBA. [HA3JB]

22/09/2012: John, VE3ISE and Doug, VE3GJ will be making a second attempt to activate Byng Island (CIsA ON-037, Not IOTA) on Saturday, 22 September 2012. VE3ISE working 7250 kHz and later 14260 kHz (both +/-). VE3GJ will be working on 20 metres, HF Back Pack frequencies, running QRP. All QSL's should be addressed to the operators home call. [USi]

22/09/2012: Slavisa YT5DX will be active on the 22nd of September 2012 from Caricin Grad, Justiniana Prima (WCA YU-00029). He plans to work on 40, 20, 15 metre CW and SSB as YT5DX/p. QSL to home call. [RN1CW]

22/09/2012: Rile YU2U/p and Ljuba YU1TY/p will be active on the 22nd of September 2012 from Pontes Trojans Bridge (WCA YU-00028). They plan to work on all bands CW and SSB. QSL via home calls. [RN1CW]

22/09/2012: Miki YU1YM (YT3E) will be active on the 22nd of September 2012 from Felix Romuliana - Gamzigrad (WCA YU-00002), Near Zajecar. He plans to work on 20 and 15 metre SSB as YU1YM/p. QSL via home call. [RN1CW]

22/09/2012: Vojkan YU2TT will be active on the 22nd of September 2012 from Manasija Fortress-Monastery (WCA YU-00011), near Despotovac. Plans to work on 20 metre SSB as YU2TT/p. QSL via home call. [RN1CW]

23/09/2012: Harald, DL7VSN, will be returning to Tanzania between 23 September and 13 October 2012. During this activity, he will be QRV as follows: 5H1HS from Zanzibar Island (AF-032, WLOTA 1080); and 5H1HS/3 from Lazy Lagoon Island (Not IOTA). QSL via home call. [DX World]

23/09/2012: Jeff, K5WE, will be active as KP2/K5WE from the island of St. Croix (USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477), U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) from 17-26 September 2012. QRV on all bands, mostly CW, maybe some RTTY. QSL via his home call. [OPDX Bulletin]

24/09/2012: The WW DX Team have planned their next DXpedition to be active from Conway Reef (OC-112, Grid Loc. RG78) between 24 September and 5 October, 2012. The team already has received the callsign 3D2C. They will be QRV on all HF bands 160-10m, all modes. They will also be active on 6 and 2 metre 6 EME with WSJT65 A,B,C on 50.375 MHz and 144.375 MHz. A 6 metre beacon will be setup on 50.095 MHz. Operators include Hrane YT1AD Team leader, David K3LP Technical Co-leader, Aleksej UA4HOX Organization Co-leader, Paul N6PSE PR, Atilano PY5EG, Vasily RW4NW, David WD5COV, Carlos EA1IR, Joe AA4NN, David AH6HY, Alan AD6E, Gabriele I2VGW and Alan K6SRZ Medical Doctor of our team. Note: They still have room for 2 more operators! Due to travel time between Suva, Fiji, and Conway Reef actual operating dates from Conway will be between 27 September and 4 October (approx.). QSL via YT1AD (Dr Hrane Milosevic, 36206 Vitanovac, Serbia - EU). For direct QSL please send: QSL + SAE + SASE (1US\$ for normal post, 2US\$ for Airmail). QSL via Bureau - only send QSL card. Further information, frequencies and log search can be found at: www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html [DX World]

25/09/2012: Enrico, IK2FIL will once again be active as 6V7X from the Le Calao Resort, Somone, Thiès region, Senegal (WW Loc. IK14LL) from 25 September to 3 October 2012, including an entry in the CQ WW RTTY Contest (29-30 September). The QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau through Global QSL, plus LoTW and eQSL on a daily basis. Direct cards via home call. [425 DX News]

25/09/2012: Those intrepid hams in the Atlanta area lead by Ricky K4JTT are at it again with the third annual activation of a lighthouse that rarely sees much ham radio activity. This year the team of eight hams will take their equipment, food, and all supplies to operate from Sand Island Lighthouse [Inactive since 1933] (ARLHS USA-723, TWLHD WLH K-141, WW Loc. EM50XE), Dauphin Island (NA-213, USi AL002S), Mobile county, Alabama, on 25-30th September 2012. A special call, K4D, has been assigned by the FCC for this activation. The team will be QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via the Kennehoochee Amateur Radio Club, W4BTI (QRZ.com). Further info and updates at: www.w4bti.org/ [DXAT]

25/09/2012: Tommy, VK2IR and Peter, VK2NN will be in Hawaii (OC-019) on a holiday style DX'pedition with family from 22 September to 6 October, 2012. They hope to operate as KH6/homecalls on 40-10m and look forward to meeting local hams. QSL via VK2IR. [DX World]

26/09/2012: Willi, DJ7RJ, will be QRV as FR/DJ7RJ from the Reunion (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812) Island between 26 September and 21 October 2012. He will be active on all bands 160-10m, CW and SSB and will pay special attention to the low bands for US and JA. QSL direct to home call. [DX World]

26/09/2012: Steve, AA7V, will be active as VP2V/AA7V from the island of Virgin Gorda [aka Tortola] (NA-023, WLOTA 0347), British Virgin Islands, between 26 September and 1 October 2012. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest from CQ zone 8. QSL via NR6M, direct only or LoTW. NO BUREAU QSLs. [NG3K]

27/09/2012: Club station BY1WXD will operate as BY1WXD/0 for ten days from the Tibet Autonomous Region between 27 September until 7 October 7, 2012. Their QTH will be near Lhasa, Chengguan District, Tibet Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China (WW Loc. NL59HI). Per the Chinese operators, this is "the first officially announced DXpedition activity in Tibet Autonomous Region of China by Chinese hams and they sincerely welcome

DX chasers all over the world to work us." This period overlaps the "Worked All Provinces of China" Contest (6 October 0000-2359z). Contest rules can be found at: www.mulandxc.org/?page_id=2. They will be QRV on 40-6m, all modes. Operators include BA7CK, BA8IK, BA9TX, BD2FW, BD4TS, BD5FFK, BD5QDM, BD5SO, BD9GQ, BG0GE, BG3MTK, BG5TOW, BG6MA, BG9API and BG9XE. QSL via BA4TB, direct or Bureau and OQRS. [DX World]

27/09/2012: Look for Pavel ZA/OK1DX, Petr ZA/OK1FCJ and David ZA/OK6DJ to be active from Albania between 27th September and 3rd October 2012. This will include a Multi-Op entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest using the callsign ZA/OL8R. Activity outside the contest will be on 160-10 metres. Ant: spiderbeam 20/15/10m incl WARC, vertical 40m-10m, 80m dipole, LW 160 metres. Tcvr: Elecraft K3, Kenwood TS850. QSL ZA/OL8R and ZA/OK1FCJ via OK1DRQ, ZA/OK1DX via OK1DX, ZA/OK6DJ LoTW eQSL via direct, Bureau. [OK6DJ]

27/09/2012: Rob, M0VFC, has secured a place on the "Baltic Trader" travelling to Tristan da Cunha (AF-029) on 20th September 2012 from Cape Town. Weather permitting, he should arrive on Tristan da Cunha around 27 September, and be active as ZD9UW until 4 October before returning to Cape Town. Rob does not expect to have time to cover all bands, and probably will not operate on 1.8 or 50MHz. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre SSB, with some RTTY if time and pile-ups permit. QSL via OQRS on Club Log (for direct and bureau cards); traditional direct cards should be sent to M0VFC. Further information and updates can be found at: www.zd9uw.org.uk/ [DX World / 425 DX News]

LOOKING AHEAD -

29/09/2012: Look for operators Werner DC8QT, Peter DL2YCA, Peter DF7EME, Burkhard DF8XC, Frank DL8LR, Helmut DF7ZS and Philippe LX2A to be active in the CQWW RTTY Contest (29-30 September) as LX7I from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, CQ zone 14. They plan a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LX2A. Website: www.lx2a.com/ [NG3K]

13/10/2012: Shuji, JA1FMN, will be on a DX-Vacation to the island of Saipan (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) from 13-15 October 2012. He will be QRV as KH0/JA1FMN, holiday style, on 17 and 15 metre Digi-modes (PSK31, Fldigi, JT65HF) and some SSB. QSL via his home call, direct (with SAE + sufficient postage) or bureau. [NG3K]

22/10/2012: Vlad, RK4FF, plans activity from Le Calao Resort, Somone, Thies region, Senegal, as 6V7S between 22 October and 3 November 2012. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via home call. [DX World]

23/10/2012: Martin, G4XUM, will be active as VP2MXU from Gingerbread Hill, St. Peters Parish, island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475, WW Loc. FK86VS) from 23-30 October 2012. He should be active in the CQWW SSB DX Contest (27-28 October). QSL via G3NKC. [OPDX Bulletin]

24/10/2012: Les, N1SV, will once again be active as VP9/N1SV from Hamilton Parish, island of Bermuda (NA-005, WW Loc. FM72PI) from 24-28 October 2012. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (27-28 October), using the callsign VP9I. Outside the contest look for activity on all the HF bands. QSL VP9/N1SV via home call. QSL VP9I via N1HRA. [NG3K]

26/10/2012: Hisashi, JF2SKV, will be active as T88KV from the Palau rental shack located on Koror Island, Republic of Palau (OC-009), from 26-30 October 2012. QRV on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He will also participate in the CQWW SSB DX Contest (27-28 October) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry, CQ zone 27. QSL via JF2SKV. [NG3K]

27/10/2012: Operators Rashid A71AD, Saif A71AM, Ali A71BX, Ali A71BZ, Khalid A71CO, Abdulla A71CV, Mohammad A71EL, Khalid A61BK, Ibrahim A61ZX, Dave K5GN, Mark N5OT, Dave N6AN, Tree N6TR and Zoli HA1AG will be active as A73A for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (27-28 October) from Doha, Qatar, as a Multi-Multi entry, CQ zone 21. QSL via EA7FTR. [NG3K]

27/10/2012: Look for IF9A to be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (27-28 October) as a Multi-Single entry from the island of Favignana (EU-054, IIA TP-011, MIA MI-025, WLOTA 1545, WW Loc. JM67DW), Sicily, CQ zone 15. Operators include Raffaello IT9ATF, Sal IT9BXR, Renato IT9NPR, Pippo IT9PPG, Antonio IT9RDG and Pino IT9WDC. QSL via IT9ATF, direct preferred or Bureau. [NG3K]

01/11/2012: Hiro, JF1OCQ, will be active from the Chatham Island (OC-038, WLOTA 1627) as ZL7A (and possibly ZL1WY/ZL7) between 1-9 November 2012. QRV on 80-6m CW, SSB and Digi-mode, with an emphasis on 80 and 6m. A beacon will be on 50.117MHz around the clock. QSL via JF1OCQ, direct or Bureau. Website: w1vx.net/pedition/zl7/2012ZL7.htm [DX World]

03/11/2012: Daniel, VK4AFU, will be active as YJ0AFU from Port Vila, island of Vanuatu, New Hebrides (OC-035, WW Loc. RH42DG) from 3-10 November 2012. Main mode will be JT65A on (80 to 10M) with a little on 160m. 6M will be priority when open and should be mostly on CW-SSB and JT65 on request. QSL via NA5U direct with SAE + sufficient postage. Website: www.qrz.com/db/YJ0AFU [DX World]

20/11/2012: Dave, W5CW, will again be QRV from the VP5JM "Hamlet" on the island Providenciales, North Caircos Islands (NA-002, WW Loc. FL31VS), between 20 November and 11 December 2012. Dave's main focus will be the CQWW CW Contest (24-25 November), using the callsign VP5CW. Before and after the contest he will be active on 160-6 metre CW and SSB. On 6 metres 50.125 MHz USB is usually used for monitoring. QSL VP5/W5CW and VP5CW via W5CW, direct only (QRZ.com). [DX World]

15/12/2012: Leo, YC9MLL, will be active from Maumere, Flores Island (WW Loc. PI11CI), Tenggara Timur Islands (OC-151), between 15 December 2012 and 15 January 2013. He will be QRV on all HF bands and modes, propagation allowing. QSL direct (QRZ.com) or via eQSL. [rsgbiota]

02/03/2013: Larry, KE2VB, plans a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March 2013) from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) using the callsign VP2V/KE2VB. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

08/06/2013: Operators Drew N2RFA (C6ABB), Gene K2KJI (C6ALC), Ivars KC4PX (C6APX) and Jay K2TTT (C6ATT) will be returning to Cable Beach, New Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1115, WW Loc. FL15HB), Bahamas, and will be QRV from 08-15 June, 2013. Their main goal is to participate in the ARRL June VHF QSO Party (8-10 June 2013). Activity outside the contest will be on 80-10 metre SSB, RTTY, SSTV, PSK31 and JT65. QSL direct to the individual operators home callsign. [DXAT]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

21/09/2012: Preston Amateur Radio Society will be activating GB0LMR for Railways on the Air. Starting on the evening of Friday 21 September and running through to Sunday 23rd 2012, the station will be located at the miniature railway on Worden Park, Leyland. The highlight of Sunday will be when RSGB President Dave Wilson, M0OBW visits to meet the Mayor, and have a ride on one of the trains with Alex Sorley, M6CDA. At 10 years old, Alex is the youngest licensed member of the club. Due to bad weather earlier in the year, the Leyland Festival had to be postponed and it is now on at Worden Park on these dates. If you require further information you can consult the website for Railways on the Air and also QRZ.com. There will be a talk-in station on 2m. QSL via the Bureau. [GB2RS]

21/09/2012: Look for special event station 8J7NPMG to be active on all bands and modes until 16 October 2012 to celebrate the 25th All Japan Health and Welfare Festival "Nenrin-pic (or Annual-ring-pic) in Miyagi (JCG 06013) & Sendai (JCC 601) 2012". Miyagi and Sendai are located in Miyagi prefecture, Tohoku region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

21/09/2012: The special event station ON68POL is currently active until 30 September 2012 to commemorate the liberation of the Rijkvorsel Bridgehead by the Polar Bears 68 years ago. Special activity weekend 22 - 23 September. QSL via the bureau, or direct to ON4AZD. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ON68POL [DX Newsletter]

22/09/2012: Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society will be operating special event station GB0NVR at the Nene Valley Railway, Wansford, near Peterborough on 22 and 23 September 2012 for Railways on the Air. This will coincide with NVR's Steam Gala when both the 50163 Tornado and 71000 Duke of Gloucester locomotives are scheduled to appear. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [GB2RS]

22/09/2012: South Lancs Amateur Radio Club will be on the air as GB1BAS from the site that was Bickershaw & Abram Station, which closed 48 years ago. On the air from 0000 UTC on 22 September until 1400 on 23 September 2012, they plan to use the 80, 40, 20, 10, 2m and 70cm bands. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [GB2RS]

23/09/2012: On Sunday 23 September 2012, GB50WVR will be taking part in Railways on the Air weekend from the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway in West Yorkshire. Direct QSLs should go to s via Pam, 2E1HQY who is QTHR. More information can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/GB50WVR [GB2RS]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

21/09-23/09 DM50IOTA: Fehmarn Island WLOTA:0637 QSL Direct/Buro
22/09-28/09 9H3AK: Gozo Island WLOTA:0046 QSL ON6KE (eQSL/LoTW)
22/09-23/09 GB1BAS: England (main island) WLOTA 1841 QSL RSGB Buro
22/09-26/09 IA5/IK4MED: Isola d'Elba WLOTA:0609 QSL H/c (d/B)
23/09-13/10 5H1HS: Zanzibar Island WLOTA:1080 QSL DL7VSN (d/B)
25/09-30/09 K4D: Sand Island WLH:K-141 WLOL:USA-723 QSL W4BTI (d)
26/09-21/10 FR/DJ7RJ: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL H/c (d/B)
26/09-01/10 VP2V/AA7V: Virgin Gorda WLOTA:0347 QSL NR6M (d)

6 METRES & UP -

22/09-23/09 JLRS Party Phone Contest 6m-70cm classes 22 0300z-23 0300z
22/09 AGCW VHF/UHF-Contest 144MHz/CW 1400z-1659z
22/09 AGCW VHF/UHF-Contest 432MHz/CW 1700z-1759z
22/09 RSGB 50MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
23/09 PW 70MHz QRP Contest CW/Phone/10w pep 1200z-1700z
23/09-24/09 Classic Exchange 'CX' 6m/2m CW 23 1300z-24 0700z
25/09 LY 2.4G & Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
25/09 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
25/09 The 50MHz Open Cumulative SO/MO/LP/MP/HP 1700z-2100z
25/09 SVHF Fall Sprint 222MHz Fixed/Rover 1900-2300 Local Time
26/09 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z
27/09-04/10 3D2C: Conway Reef OC-112 Grid:RG78 6/2m EME QSL YT1AD (d/B)
27/09-07/10 BY1WXD/0: Tibet Autonomous Region Grid:NL59 6m QSL BA4TB (d/B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_sep.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: <http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt> (Updated: 19 September 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/ SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/ QSL INFO -

On September 19, the ARRL DXCC Desk approved the following 2012 operations for DXCC credit: * 3B8/IW5ELA (Mauritius) * 9A8VB (Croatia) * 4O7VB (Montenegro) * E40VB (Palestine) * E7/UA4WHX (Bosnia-Herzegovina) * EY8/UA4WHX (Tajikistan) * JY8VB (Jordan) * UN/UA4WHX (Kazakhstan) * YU9VB (Serbia) * Z38VB (Macedonia) * ZA/UA4WHX (Albania) Bill Moore NC1L Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: 3C0C, 6V7D, 7Z7AA, 9H9OB, 9M2CNC, 9M2TO, AL9A, BV100, CR6T, CT3/IZ2DPX, DP3LUNA, EA8UP, EY8AN, FJ/OS1T, HB0/SP7VC, JA1SFL, KH6OO, LZ1818MOG, P4/PG4DX, PJ2/WX7P, PJ2T, PJ5/AH6HY, PQ8OP, RI1ANC, TJ9PF, TT8DX, TX8DD, UN9GD, VP5/AC4S, VP5DX, Z2/K0YY, ZK3OU and ZS6TQ.

QSLs via Direct: 4J0SFR (4J5T), 4L1MA (ON4RU), CP6XE (IK6SNR), CX2DK (CBA), E40VB (UA4WHX), H44UD [OC-149] (UT6UD), HB0/HB9AON (DJ2YE), JG8NQJ/JD1 (JA8CJY), KP2/KZ5D (H/c), OH0JV (DL7RV), P4/WA2NHA (H/c), PJ2/DF8ZH (H/c), T88HK (JE6DND), TJ3AY (F5LGE), TK/DL1RTL [EU-164] (UT6UD), V5/DJ2HD (H/c), XE1ZW (CBA) and YW5PI [SA-048] (DM4TI).

QSLs via LoTW: 2O12L, 4M5RY, 5N6/YL2SW, 7O6T, 9L1JT, A35YZ, CT7/G3SED, D2EB, EJ0PL, EW2AO, F8GGD, FS/F8PDR, HB9CVQ, HK3AK, LX7I, MJ/OT9Z, OJ0R, RA6YY, RI1ANF, ST0R, TY1KS, V55V and YI9LZ. LINKS - IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/ USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/ WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/ WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air) at: www.wlota.com/

BITS & PIECES -

Western Kiribati T30PY/T30SIX -

We are working on the last minute logistic issues as well as on final preparation of our operation.

Although Air Pacific has changed our flight schedule multiple times, we are confident that we can keep up with the announced schedule.

The first station should be on the air in the first GMT hours of October 16th. Then we will gradually have all 4 stations running.

The quality and even the availability of local Internet need to be confirmed. Our goal is to upload logs in Clublog daily as well as send news to the community periodically. The current DXpeditions in the Pacific area give us additional information about the likely local propagation behavior on HF.

We emphasize that we plan to have Low Band stations in every SR/SS as well as the 6m station on EME on every MR/MS. We are grateful for the support received from many individuals, clubs and companies. Support is key for the success of this enterprise.

73, T30PY / T30SIX Team <http://www.mdxc.org/t30py>

YB - Indonesia - To commemorate one year anniversary of YB Land DX Club, a special short term certificate of merit will be issued for contacting YBDXC members as well as other amateurs from YB land between 13 September and 31 October 2012. Full information can be found at: www.ybdxc.net/ [DXAT]

Z60K - The Republic of Kosovo now on air - Sept 20 - Jim Weaver - K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Director on Z60K activity: "Of interest to DXers is the current operation from Kosovo - Z60K. I want to ensure that everyone interested in QSOing this activity understands it does not qualify for DXCC credit. This is because Kosovo is neither a member of the United Nations nor does it have an ITU-issued call sign block. At this time, Kosovo does not meet the established requirements of the DXCC program."

ZD9UW - Tristan Da Cunha - UPDATE: Some bad news unfortunately: Martin, G3ZAY, has been forced to cancel his onward journey from Cape Town to Tristan. Rob, MOVFC, will still continue, and be active as ZD9UW. This means that it's now a single operator activation, and will concentrate primarily on SSB with some RTTY. Further info at: <http://zd9uw.org.uk/>

73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

