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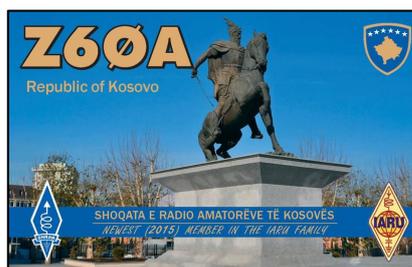
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NEW DXCC ENTITY THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO



At its latest meeting (19-20 January) the ARRL Board of Directors approved a motion to amend the DXCC Rules.

Section II (DXCC List Criteria), Subsection 1 (Political Entities) now includes a fourth criterion: (d) *The entity has a separate IARU member society [1] and is included on the US State Department Independent States in the World [2].* An Entity must be on both

lists in order to qualify for separate listing as a Political Entity under this new criterion.

In fact, the Republic of Kosovo (Z6) has been added to the DXCC List of current Entities, increasing the total number of current DXCC Entities to 340. The addition of Kosovo raises to 331 the required number of current Entities confirmed to qualify for DXCC Honor Roll; Top of Honor Roll is 340. DXCC Award accounts are being tabulated to reflect the change. This change qualifies as an "event," effective on 21 January 2018, at 00.00 UTC. Nothing is retroactive. Kosovo's DXCC Entity code is 522.

[1] <http://www.iaru.org/member-societies.html>

[2] <https://www.state.gov/s/inr/rls/4250.htm>

DX INFORMATION



3B7 - 5-17 April are the dates for the 3B7A DXpedition to the Saint Brandon Islands (AF-015) [425DXN 1387]. Eight experienced operators will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with five stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via F5CWU (direct or bureau). See <http://www.saintbrandondx.com> for more information.

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5W - Atsu, 5W1SA has been active from Samoa (OC-097) since 1998 (100,000 QSOs so far), and has received special call sign 5W20SAMOA for him to use throughout 2018 to celebrate his 20th anniversary. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper QSLs "maybe available later" through Club Log's OQRS if he finds a sponsor.

6W - Willy, ON4AVT will be active holiday style as 6W/ON4AVT from Senegal sometime in February. He will operate PSK31, PSK63 and SSB on 20 metres. QSL via bureau to home call and eQSL.

6Y - JA3AVO, JA3HJI, JA3UJR, JH3LSS and JI3DNN will be active as 6Y6J from Jamaica (NA-097) on 11-22 January. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres from the QTH of Josh, 6Y5WJ. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via JA3AVO.



7Q - The EIDX Group will be active as 7Q7EI from Malawi [425DXN 1382] from 24 March to 2 April, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. Thirteen operators will be QRV on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY with four stations. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (direct or

bureau); traditional cards direct only to M0OXO. See <http://7q7ei.com/> for more information.

A7 - Three operators from the Lufthansa ARC Hamburg (namely DF4HR, DK2DO and DL1BDF) have been active again as A71DLH from Qatar since 11 January, and will remain QRV on all bands CW, SSB and digital modes until 17 January. QSL via DL0LH.

C6 - Bob N4BP (C6AKQ), Tim N4UM (C6ARU) and Mike K4RUM (C6AUM) will be active again from Marsh Harbor, Great Abaco (NA-080) on 6-20 February. They will operate mainly CW on 160-6 metres. Plans are to participate in the CQ WPX RTTY (10-11 February) and ARRL DX CW (17- 18 February) contests. QSL C6AKQ via N4BP (direct) and LoTW; QSL C6ARU via N4UM (direct, no LoTW); QSL C6AUM via K4RUM (direct), LoTW and eQSL with logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]



C9 - Johannes, PA5X (C93PA) and Gerben, PG5M (<http://dx.to/>) will be active as C8X and C81G respectively from Ibo Island (AF-061) from 28 January to 5 February. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home calls. [TNX PG5M]

C9 - Russian Robinson Club's members Vasily R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, Al RZ3K and Vlad RK8A will be active as C96RRC from Mozambique Island (AF-088) from 29 April



to 3 May, and as C98RRC from Inhaca Island (AF-066) on 5-9 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres with three

stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R7AL. See <https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/mozambique> for more information. [TNX RA1ZZ]

CT8 - Hermann, HB9CRV will be active CU8FN from Flores Island (EU-089), Azores from 22 January to 16 February. He will operate FT8 on 160-10 metres. Hermann and Antonio, CU8AS will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest as CR2W. QSL for CR2W and CU8FN via LoTW, or via HB9CRV (direct or bureau). [TNX DX Newsletter]



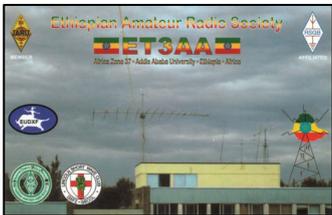
DU - Brian, DU1MS and a large group of operators will be active as DU0DM from Corregidor Island (OC-244) on 13-14 January. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40, 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via DU1MS (direct). [TNX The Daily DX]

DU - Chris, F4EBK will be active again as DU3/F4EBK

from the city of Baliuag on Luzon Island (OC-042) sometime in February. He will operate SSB on 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX NG3K]



DU - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU1/SP5APW from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 13-18 March. He will operate mainly SSB on 17 and 20 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) or LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]



ET - Uilly, DL9WVM has been active from the ET3AA club station in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia since 11 January, and will continue until 29 January. He plans to be QRV on weekdays between 6 and 15 UTC,

and operate CW on 30-15 metres. QSL via N200 and LoTW, OQRS on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM15AAW between 2 and 25 February including the 15th Antarctic Activity Week (17-25 February). He will operate on 40-10 metres mostly SSB from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F8DVD]

F - Members of Radio Club F6KMB will be active as TM6C on 11-26 February during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival (Carnaval de Dunkerque). QSL via F6KMB. [TNX F8REF]



FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active again as FG/F6ITD and TO7D from La Desirade, Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 29 January to 15 March. Plans are to focus on the low bands SSB and on FT8. QSLs

via LoTW (preferred) or F6ITD; logsearch on Club Log.

FG - Gildas, F6HMQ and Michel, F6GWV will be active again as FG/F6HMQ and FG/F6GWV from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 23 February to 12 March. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as TO3Z (QSL via F6HMQ). [TNX NG3K]



FK - Alex, 5B4ALX (IZ4AMS) will be active as FK/5B4ALX from New Caledonia (OC-032) from 20 March to 4 April, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. He will operate SSB, CW, JT65 and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or

via IZ4AMS (direct or bureau). More information on <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/>.

FO - Will, W0ZRJ and Bill, KH600 will be active as TX5X from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia on 10-17 March. They will operate CW, FT8, JT9 and JT65 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or Club Log's OQRS. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

GD - GM00BX, MM00KG and MM0VPY will be active as MT0IXD from the Scarlett Point station (<http://scarlettpoint.im/site/>) on the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 9-12 February. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY, and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via M00XO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]



H4 - There have been a few changes in VE3LYC's original time schedule of his Duff Islands project [425DXN 1389]. Cezar, VE3LYC (H4 callsigns TBA) and Bernhard, DL2GAC (H44MS) will be active from Mbanika Island (OC-168, Solomon Islands for DXCC) on 22-25 April; they will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres with

two stations. From 29 April to 3 May Cezar will be active from Tahua or Taumako in the Duff Islands (OC-179, Temotu Province for DXCC). "There is a small possibility that following the OC-168 operation I may attempt to operate from Nggela Sule (Florida Islands, OC-158) on 26 and 27 April", Czar says. "However, under no circumstance I will rush to end the OC-168 operation in order to squeeze in some activity from OC-158". Bookmark <https://oc-179.weebly.com/> for updates.

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again from Ecuador from 20 January to 10 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-6 metres as HC1MD from Tumbaco (Pichincha Province), as HC1MD/HC2 from Punta Blanca (Santa Elena Province) and as HC1MD/HC7 from Papallacta (Napo Province). QSL via LoTW, or direct to K8LJG. [TNX The Daily DX]

HL - Look for HL23N to be QRV from Yonghung Island (AS-105) on 20-21 January. Activity will be on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via HL2UVH. [TNX The Daily DX]

HL - To promote and support the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games, all authorized amateur radio stations in the Republic of Korea are allowed to change the call area number in their call sign to "23" until 28 February. For example, HLOHQ can be operated as HL23HQ, HL1VAU as HL23VAU, DS4NYE as DS23NYE/4, D70LW as D723LW. Special call signs HLOWOP and DT23WOP will not change. [TNX HL1VAU]

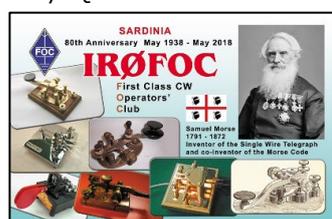
HP - Will, AA4NC will be active holiday style as HP1/AA4NC from Panama on 10-24 January. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6m. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

HP - Mike, W1USN and Bob, AA1M will be active as HP8/W1USN and HP8/AA1M from Panama on 1-15 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW, or via home calls (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]



HS - John, ZB2JK has been active again as HSØZIQ from Phuket Island (AS-053) since 18 December. He will remain there until 10 January. QSL via home call, direct only.

I - The United Nations Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as 4U13FEB until 31 March to promote and celebrate World Radio Day (13 February). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA.



ISO - Simone, IS0AFM from Cagliari (Sardinia) is using special call sign IROFOC through 31 December to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club (www.g4foc.org). QSL

via LoTW or direct to IS0AFM.

J5 - Livio, IZ3BUR will be active in his spare time as J52EC from Father Gianfranco's (J52OFM) mission at Cumura, Guinea-Bissau between 24 January and 21 February. QSL via IZ3BUR.

J6 - Bill, K9HZ has been active again as J68HZ from St Lucia (NA-108) since 20 January, and will remain there until 3 February. He is QRV daily between 12 and 6 UTC, on 160-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to K9HZ.

J8 - Brian, GW4DVB will be active again as J88PI from Palm Island (NA-025) on 21-27 January. QSL via home call, direct only (PayPal information on

<http://www.g4dvb.co.uk>); logsearch on Club Log.

JD1_oga- Kazu, JD1BNA will be active from the Bonin Islands (AS-031), Ogasawara on 2-5 February. He will be QRV mainly on 160, 80 and 40 metres. QSL direct to JL1UTS. [TNX DX World]



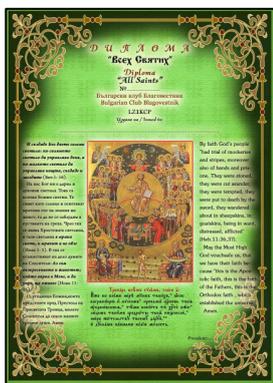
LA - Special callsigns LM90C, LM90HQ and LM90NRRL will be used throughout 2018 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Norsk Radio Relae Liga (NRRL), the Norwegian IARU Society. QSL via the bureau.



LY - Special callsigns from LY100A to LY100Z will be active on 1-28 February in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. The activity is organized by the Lithuanian Amateur

Radio Society (<http://lrmd.lt>). QSL via LY1RMD.

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will



use twelve special callsigns throughout 2018 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints: LZ1883PSS (January), LZ250MT (February), LZ40MS (March), LZ362ME (April), LZ110SAE (May), LZ430PPW (June), LZ380PM (July), LZ1146SPS (August), LZ920MLC (September), LZ1545POA (October), LZ33MM (November) and LZ532PSO (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All

Saints 2018" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com/>.

OA - Special callsign OC4MS will be active on 27-28 January from the archeological site of Mateo Salado in Lima, Peru. Two stations will operate CW, SSB and various digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via OA4O.

ON - Javier, EA1HEO is active as OR4ESA from the European Space Agency's site in Redu, Belgium until February 6. He operates SSB, RTTY and PSK31 approximately between 18 and 21 UTC from Monday to Friday. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or via DL0ESA (direct or bureau); logsearch on Club Log.



OZ - Special event stations OZ18ICE and 5P8ICE will be active on all bands and modes for the Ice Hockey World Championship to be held in Denmark on 1-23 May. See qrz.com for information about the awards issued for working these stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX OZ4FF]

P4 - Mathias, DL4MM, will be active as P4/DL4MM from Aruba (SA-036) on 24-31 January. He will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as P40AA. Outside the contest he will focus on the low bands, with "special attention to JA and Asia on 80/160m". [TNX NG3K]

P4 - John, W2GD will operate again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 12-20 February. Main activity will be during the ARRL DX CW Contest; activity outside the contest will include 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres as time allows. QSL via LoTW or N2MM (direct only). [TNX NG3K]

PJ2 - Joeke, PA0VDV will be active again as PJ2/PA0VDV from Curacao (SA-099) between 16 January and 8 February. He will operate only CW, with a focus on 80 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [TNX PA0VDV]

PY0F - Rafael, PY2NDX and his son Joao Pedro, PU2XDX (11 years old) will be active as PY0F/PY2NDX and PU0F/PU2XDX from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) from 27 January to 1 February. Activity will be mostly on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and possibly FT8. QSL via PY2NDX. [TNX The Daily DX]

SP - Special stations 3Z26FIN (12 January), HF26FIN (14 January), SP26FIN (15 January), SP26WOSP (14 January) and SQ26FIN (13 January) will be active around the 26th Grand Finale fundraiser of the Wielka Orkiestra Swiatecznej Pomocy (WOSP), Poland's biggest charity organization. An award for working 3 different callsigns will be available at <https://wosp.hamlog.ru/>. [TNX SP2FAP]



TY - A multi-national team (DJ3CQ, DL1CW, DL3GA, F1HRE, F1ULQ, F4AZF, F5MFV, F5NTZ, OE7PGI and possibly other two operators) will be active from Benin on 7-18 March (callsign TBA). They will have four stations running on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes (FT8

included). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via F5GSJ (direct or bureau). Bookmark <https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com/> for more information and updates. [TNX F5NQL]

V3 - Paul, VE3AXT is active again as V31AX from Consejo Shores, mainland Belize until 4 April. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (<http://m0urx.com/oqrs>) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

V3 - Jim, W2JHP has been active again as V31TA from the Turneffe Islands (NA-123), Belize since 4 January, and will remain there until the 10th. QSL via EA5GL (direct only).

V3 - Torsten, DG7RO Alexandra, DO5ALX will be active again as V31TF and V31RU from Belize on 7-25 February, including activity during the CQ WPX RTTY, ARRL DX CW and CQ WW 160-Meter SSB contests. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearches on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

V3 - Art, NN7A will be active again as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 8-14 February. He will operate mainly CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via NN7A (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

V4 - Bernie, W3UR will be active holiday style as V47UR from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 29 January to 12 February. He will operate CW, SSB and some FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via NR6M. [TNX The Daily DX]

V5 - Rudi, DK7PE (<https://www.roody.de/>) will be active as V5/DK7PE from near Omarura, Namibia on 24-31 January. He will focus on the low bands, especially 160 and 60 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest. QSL via home call.

V6 - Sumio, JI1MDM will be active from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 15-18 January. He will operate SSB as V63AKB48 (correct call) and FT8 as V63AKB on 20, 17, 15 and 12 metres. QSL via the bureau to JI1MDM.

VE - Pierre, VE3KTB and Alex, VE1RUS will be active again as VY0ERC approximately from 4 February to 1 April. This is the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located in the environs of the weather station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008). They will be QRV in their spare time, most likely on 40 and 20 metres SSB, digital and very slow CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX DX World]



VK - Andy, VK5MAV plans to be active as VK5MAV/9 from Cato Reef (OC-265) for six days in April or May. "I'm ready for such expedition technically", he says, "but not financially". Any support will be much appreciated. Apparently this "group of rare Australian islands is in a process of

management plan change”, which will include “more strict control of access” and “total ban on camping”. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5MAV/9> for more information. [TNX VK5MAV]



VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/6 from three IOTA groups in Western Australia in June. Plans are to be QRV from Woody Island (OC-170) for 2-3 days, from East Lewis Island (OC-199) for 3-4 days and from Direction Island (OC-140)

for 3-4 days. Details will be published on <https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/> in due course. [TNX VK5CE]

VP5 - Pat, K0PC will be active as VP5/K0PC from Providenciales (NA-002), Caicos Islands on 13-20 February. He will operate VP5K during the ARRL DX CW Contest (17-18 February). QSL for both call signs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via K0PC (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

VQ9 - Jim, ND9M (VQ9JC) is now active from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands [425DXN 1386] with his new special call sign: VQ920JC. His operating hours are still limited to 13-16 UTC, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. Usually he operates mainly CW on 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call.

W - Howie, K1VSJ will be active from Key Colony Beach (NA-062) from 15 January to 15 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - KM1CC, the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club, will be active from 13 UTC on 18 January through 21 UTC on 19 January from rare grid FN51 to honour “Marconi’s vision and achievements in wireless communications on the 115th anniversary of the first transatlantic transmission from his South Wellfleet, USA wireless to his Poldhu, UK station”. Look for activity on 80-15 metres SSB (3660-3860, 7130-7260, 14260, 18160, 21360 kHz) and CW (3535, 7035, 10110, 14035, 18080, 21035 kHz). QSL to KM1CC or via LoTW.

XW - Charles, W0DLE will be active as 3W9DLE from Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam “for 90 days in February, March and April”. He will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB, with main activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest (17- 18 February) and the Russian DX CW Contest (17-18 March). QSL direct to W0DLE. [TNX The Daily DX]



XX9 - With the assistance of XX9LT, a team from Brazil (PP1CZ, PR7AB, PY2MC, PY2SEX, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4BZ, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6RT and PY7XC) will be active as XX9B from Macao on 9-17 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (especially RTTY and FT8) with three

stations on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via PP1CZ. See <http://xx9b.py2sex.com/> for more information.

YB - Emmanuel, F5LIT will be active again as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island (OC-022) from 30 January to 10 February. He will operate SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

YJ - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 14-21 January. He will operate SSB on 40 and 20 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

YJ - Grant, VK5GR will be active holiday style as YJ0AG (requested call sign) from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on

17-29 April. He will operate digital modes (RTTY, FT8, PSK, Olivia) on 80-10 metres, with some SSB and maybe some CW. He also plans “an SSTV activity day”. QSL via M00XO's OQRS. [TNX VK5GR]



Z2 - Rune LA7THA, Arne LA7WCA and Thor LA9VPA will be active holiday style as Z2LA from Zimbabwe on 2-11 March (<http://www.la9vpa.com/z2la/>).

They will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via M00XO's OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

Z6 - Kosovo's IARU member society (SHRAK) and its president Vjollca Caka (Z61VB) are hosting an activation to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kosovo's independence. SHRAK Headquarters station Z60A now is active on several bands from two operating sites with multiple local and guest operators. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH.



ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 13-21 January. He will operate SSB on the HF bands, with holiday style activity except during the North American QSO Party (from 18 UTC on 20 January to 6 UTC on the 21st). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

3Y0Z: BOUVET ISLAND

From 425 DX News # 1392

“We are happy to report that we are on schedule for a January 13 departure to Bouvet Island, the World's most isolated island and the number two most wanted DX entity”, the 3Y0Z Team announced on 29 December. “All team members will meet in Punta Arenas, Chile no later than January 10. We will attend a one and one-half day marine safety course, purchase last minute supplies and then fly across the Drake Passage to King George Island in the South Shetlands. There, we will board the newly refurbished Chilean vessel M/V Betanzos, and begin our 9 to 11-day voyage to Bouvet”. Their plans remain unchanged: “we will have two stations on every open band whenever humanly possible, gain and directional antennas where possible, high power stations and a propagation-driven operation. The primary modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. FT8 will be utilized if it is the only productive mode. Anyone preparing to utilize FT8 must read the 3Y0Z FT8 protocol on the Band Plan page of the DXpedition website”. QSL via Club Log's OQRS for either direct or bureau requests; traditional cards go via N200, direct or bureau. You may include a donation with your OQRS QSL request on Club Log (via PayPal), or you may include additional funds with your direct mailed QSL card. As for LoTW, “we will be uploading to LoTW for everyone who requests a direct QSL card. These will be done in batches during our QSL card processing, as time allows. A full LoTW upload will be made about 6 months after the end of the DXpedition”.

From 425 DX News # 1394

The 3Y0Z Team's original plan was to fly from Punta Arenas (Chile) to King George Island (South Shetlands), where they expected to board the M/V Betanzos and begin their voyage to Bouvet [425DXN 1392]. On 13 January, however, the team gathered in Punta Arenas stated that “heavy sea ice east and north of King George Island” would make navigation “slow and of increased risk. We will therefore depart from Punta Arenas and sail directly to Bouvet. This has necessitated changes to preparations”. On 16 January the team reported that



they were awaiting "final clearance to sail which will be issued by the Chilean Navy, the regulatory authority for maritime safety". Eventually the M/V Betanzos set sail on 19 January around 12.30 UTC. The team will be active as

3G9A/mm (QSL via N200) during their voyage; the sailing time to Bouvet is estimated at 14 days. "Whatever delay we encounter will not impact our results on the island", the team says, and their QRT date will be extended as necessary.

From 425 DX News # 1395

"Today, the seas remained relatively calm, but the temperature has dropped significantly, and the wind velocity is increasing", the 3Y0Z team reported on 25 January. "We passed another iceberg today. The weather is supposed to deteriorate tomorrow". They are active as 3G9A/mm, and "propagation is becoming closer to that predicted in our model. Once we are on the island and have better antennas with no noise, we expect we will hear much better. Right now, signals are fairly weak, but definitely there under some local noise from the ship". The team is "well past the half-way point" See <http://www.bouvetdx.org/> for news and updates, and follow the M/V Betanzos' progress on <https://share.garmin.com/bouvet>.



GOOD TO KNOW



ARRL INTERNATIONAL GRID CHASE • The Leader Board is now up and running at <https://igc.arrl.org/index.php>. The event started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will run through 23.59 UTC on 31 December. It is open to all amateurs, regardless of location or license class. Any operating mode is eligible as well as every band, except 60 metres. The objective is to work stations in as many different Maidenhead grid squares as possible, and then upload your log data to LoTW. See <http://www.arrl.org/aigc2018> for complete details.



CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST • The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 31 December is available at <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 467.7 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average.



CQ DX MARATHON • The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2018 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. The deadline for log submission for the 2017 DX Marathon is 10 January at 2359Z. Complete details can be found at <http://www.dxmarathon.com/>.

CX3AL ON LOTW • Leo, CX3AL has uploaded to LoTW his handwritten logs covering the period from 28 April 2006 to present (some 19,000 QSOs). This year he will upload the logs from 2001 onwards. His paper logs collection goes back to 1970. If anyone cannot match a QSO, or wants a LoTW confirmation for an old contact, can write to Leo (leocorreag@gmail.com). [TNX CX3AL]

DAYTON TOPBAND AND CONTEST DINNERS • The 29th Top Band Dinner will be held on 18 May, followed by the 26th Contest Dinner on the 19th. Both the events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. See <https://www.topbanddinner.com/> and <https://www.contestdinner.com/> for tickets and other information.



DX SOUND CLIPS • Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2017 can be found at <http://hamgallery.com/dx2017/>. The collection of 118 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 20 full years of sound clips available.

IDXC 2018 • Registration for the 69th Annual International DX Convention, to be held on 20-22 April at the Visalia Convention Center in Visalia (CA), will begin on 15 January at 17 UTC: <http://www.dxconvention.org/>.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD • The Intrepid-DX Group is seeking nominations for the individual or group that most displayed their "Intrepid Spirit" in 2017, "by expressing an unshakable commitment to the Amateur Radio DX Community". The award



(<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/awards.php>) is made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011). Intrepid Spirits for purposes of this award are defined as being "bold, courageous, dedicated, innovative, fearless, generous, resolute and visionary in their approach to Amateur Radio". Nominations may be submitted via email to intrepiddxgroup@gmail.com and must be received by 15 January. The Board of Directors of the Intrepid-DX Group will evaluate the nominations and the award will be presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia on 21 April. [TNX N6PSE]

IOTA DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD • The inaugural Island Radio Expedition Foundation's (IREF) "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" Award will be presented at the 2019 Dayton DX Dinner. The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has agreed to present the award at their annual DX Dinner, which - in the words of IREF President Mike Crownover AD5A - "will add prestige and visibility to the award and will provide the appropriate recognition for IOTA Expeditioners". The new award from IREF will join the list of awards presented annually at SWODXA DX Dinner including DXpedition of the Year, DXpeditioner of the Year (DXCC) and the presentation of the CQ DX Hall of Fame inductees. Details on the "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" award can be found at <https://irefradio.com/activator-award/>.



IOTA NEWS • "The last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2018 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2018", G3KMA posted to <https://iota-world.org/>. "If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. It is important that participants who have not updated since the 2013 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2018. Of interest this year is

that in addition to the 2017 IOTA Contest logs a much larger number of logs of IOTA operations on Club Log have recently been made available for QSO matching". It is possible to get IOTA credits through QSO matching for irregular log names. To facilitate this, the log names are now listed on the accepted activations tab. In order to get a match for AA1AA/P on XX-yyy with the log name AA1AA/P_XX-yyy, the chaser must upload to Club Log a QSO with the callsign AA1AA/P_XX-yyy. Once the match is obtained, the system will automatically use the proper callsign in the subsequent credit application. For any questions contact info@iota-world.org

KOSOVO & TQSL • A new Logbook of The World (LoTW) TQSL configuration file (v.11.4) was released on 23 January. Radio amateurs outside of Kosovo should continue to upload their logs to LoTW in the usual manner. LoTW users within Kososvo (either with a Z6 call sign or reciprocal call sign Z6/homecall) will use TQSL to request a new call sign certificate for their call sign. The request will use Republic of Kososvo as the DXCC Entity, and the QSO Begin date will be 21 January 2018 or later. LoTW will reject call sign certificate requests for the Republic of Kososvo with a QSO Begin date prior to 21 January 2018. Z6 users requesting call sign certificates may e-mail a copy of their Amateur Radio license to LoTW-Help@arrl.org.

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 15,340 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-16), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

QSL VIA N200 • "With the 3Y0Z QSL project fast approaching, now would be a good time to request any other QSLs that I handle", Bob N200 says. "Once the 3Y0Z and 3G9A/mm mail starts up, all other QSL operations here will be delayed. For a full list of who I handle and how to request cards, go to the QRZ page for N200. Also, if you add cards with your 3Y0Z mail for other calls, your return mail will be delayed. It's OK to do, but there will be a delay".

QSL VIA OM3JW • Owing to health issues, OM2SA is no longer managing the QSLing duties for the DXpeditions of Mike, KM9D and Janet, KF4TUG. The Daily DX reports that now Steve, OM3JW has uploaded to Club Log the logs for their 2007 activities. He has the QSLs for these operations, and can confirm QSOs made with:

E51QMA	11-25 May 2007	Suvarrow Atoll (OC-080)	North Cook Islands
E51TUG	11-19 May 2007	Suvarrow Atoll (OC-080)	North Cook Islands
FW0MO	27 Jul-12 Aug 2007	Nukutapu Island (OC-054)	Wallis Islands
FW0YL	27 Jul-07 Aug 2007	Nukutapu Island (OC-054)	Wallis Islands
H40MY	08-16 Oct 2007	Tikopia Island (OC-178)	Temotu Province
T32MO	15 Jan-3 Feb 2007	Fanning Island (OC-084)	East Kiribati

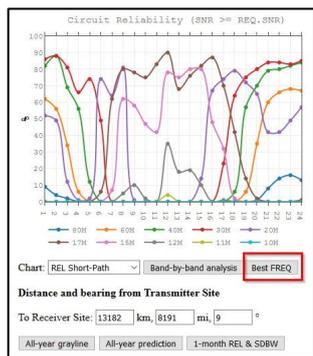
RST SPECIAL EVENT • Members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active between 1 February and 31 May from several different locations in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut (including VY1RST/VY0 and VE8RST/VY0 from Ellesmere Island) and Greenland using all NCDXA "RST" callsigns: KL7RST, VY1RST, VE8RST, VY0RST and OX7RST. QSL direct to K7ICE. See <https://www.qrz.com/lookup/K7ICE> for more information.



SWODXA DX DINNER • The 33rd DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2018 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 18 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Dinner tickets can be ordered by going to www.swodxaevents.org; programme details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available. [TNX W8GEX]

THE K3LP HUMANITARIAN AND SERVICE AWARD • "The Intrepid DX Group wishes to memorialize our friend, Co-Founder and President, David R. Collingham (K3LP). In recognition of David's humanitarian work as well as service to mankind, we are creating an annual 'David R. Collingham - K3LP Humanitarian and Service Award'. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or group for their humanitarian or service for the previous year. The award presentation will take

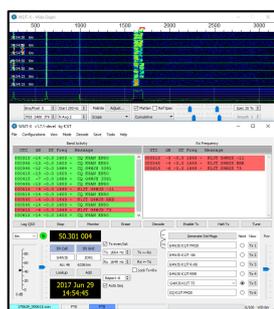
place at the International DX Convention held in April at Visalia, CA. To make a nomination for the award, please send an email message to intrepiddxgroup@gmail.com. We will close the nomination period on January 31st, 2018". [TNX N6PSE]



VOACAP • Jari, OH6BG is "happy to introduce a new functionality at the VOACAP Online P2P (point-to-point) HF propagation prediction service (<http://www.voacap.com/p2p>), namely assessment of the Best Operating Frequencies for every hour of the day for the circuit chosen. This means that all ham radio bands are being considered and, after a careful evaluation, the three best bands will be displayed, together with some VOACAP prediction data. To use the new service, just click on the new button labeled 'Best FREQ', located just below the graphs on the front page". More information can be found on <https://voacap.blogspot.com>.

ZS8Z QRT • David, ZS8Z (ZS1BCE) uploaded his last QSO to Club Log on 19 November 2017, and has been off the air from Marion Island since then. According to the "South African Sunday Times", the 20-people science mission on the island "is stranded with an 'unstable' team member, a faulty generator and a critical food shortage". Reportedly an Indian relief ship is on the way with food and fuel, but David is unlikely to get back on the air before departing Marion in May.

FT8 OPERATING GUIDE



Gary, ZL2IFB has published his "FT8 Operating Guide", described as "a collection of pragmatic tips that takes over where the WSJT-X help and installation notes leave off". It is "specifically aimed at HF Dxers": http://www.g4ifb.com/FT8_Hinson_tips_for_HF_DXers.pdf. "It started out as my rough notes as I fumbled around with the new mode", he says. "Those grew steadily over the past few months, absorbing information, advice and helpful hints from many sources including plenty of encouraging comments on the web version. I've peppered it with screen shots, quotes, comments and ideas, and given it a little structure. It's still not entirely 'finished' (partly because the operating techniques and software are still evolving) but I wanted to get it out there ahead of Bouvet, so those who intend to have a go at working 3Y0Z on FT8 have a chance to read and practice their skills, honing their techniques before the Main Event. Feedback welcome, especially corrections and further tips... such as how we are going to cope with 3Y0Z's extra wide splits, and wall-to-wall continuous callers".

+ SILENT KEYS +



We mourn the tragic loss of **David Collingham, K3LP**, who died on 5 January after falling through the ice on a pond while attempting to rescue his stranded dog. He was 59 years old. First licensed in 1975, he was very active in DXpeditions, contesting, youth development and charity projects. He visited over 100 different DXCC Entities, operated from 63 of them and participated in over 75 DXpeditions - 3D2DC (Fiji 2004 and 2011), T33C (Banaba 2004), T30LP (West Kiribati 2004), K3LP/KP5 (Desecheo 2005), VU4AN/VU3RWO (Andaman Islands 2006), 5A7A (Libya 2006), N8S (Swains Island 2007), 5W3LP (Samoa 2007), YI9PSE (Iraq 2010), ST0R (South Sudan 2011), 3D2R (Rotuma 2011), ET3AA (Ethiopia Youth Project 2011), 7O6T (Socotra Island, Yemen 2012), XZ1J (Myanmar 2013), VP8STI (South Sandwich 2016), VP8SGI (South Georgia 2016) and 5U5R (Niger 2017), just to name a few. In 2014 he was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Read N6PSE's touching tribute on <https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2018/01/09/tribute-to-david-collingham-k3lp/>.

Neville Chedale, G3NUG passed away unexpectedly on 14 January. Licensed since 1959, he served in the RSGB Council, Management Committee, HF Committee and IOTA Committee; in 2015 he was made an Honorary Life Member of the Chiltern DX Club - The UK DX Foundation, after serving as Chairman (1994-2001) and President (2001-15). A serious DXer and IOTA chaser himself, he conducted several IOTA DXpeditions to Malaysia as 9M2/G3NUG, and led the Five Star DXers Association's 9M0C (Spratly Islands, 1998), D68C (Comoros, 2001), 3B9C (Rodrigues, 2004), 3B7C (Saint Brandon, 2007) and T32C (Kiriritmati, 2011) DXpeditions. He also co-authored "Dxpediting. Behind the Scenes" (2000), a comprehensive handbook on planning, setting up and operating a successful DXpedition. In 2009 he was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.



Hans-Rudolf "Rudi" Lauber, HB9RG passed away on 26 December at 92 years of age. "Rudi was a multi-faceted ham and active in many different disciplines of our hobby", Pete, HB9PL says. "He not only held an astonishing score of first VHF/UHF contacts between Switzerland and the rest of Europe as well as beyond, but was initiator, sponsor and driving wheel of a group of enthusiast who in the second half of the fifties realised the first EME QSOs out of Switzerland. During the last few decades he shifted his activities towards DX and achieved DXCC Honor Roll No.1 status (339/358 Mixed) in remarkably short time. His sincere, eloquent, competent and helpful manners will be widely missed".

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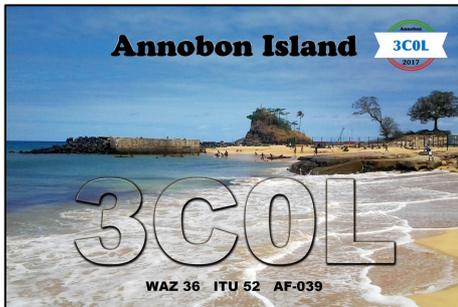
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3V8SS	LX1NO	C56RU	ON7RU	OD5/EA1CYK	EA7LS
3Z0R	SP9SX	C56VC	SP7VC	OD5ZF	IZ8CLM
3Z0YL	SP9SX	CX7CO	EA5GL	OD5ZZ	NI5DX
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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3COL (AF-039), 3C1L (AF-010), 3XY3D (AF-051), 4O4A, 4S7VBG (AS-003), 4S7VBG/p (AS-171), 4W/OZ1AA, 5A1AL, 5K1B (SA-078), 5T9VB, 5Z4/DL2RMC, 6W/UA4WHX/p (AF-078), 7V7V, 8Q7VB, 9H3WHX, 9J2BO, 9K2OF, 9N1AA, A25SP, A92AA, AL3/AA7CH (NA-042), AP2HA, B7CRA (AS-143), B90IARU, BV0L (AS-155), C50VB, C93PA, CE7VPQ (SA-018), CN2VB, CO8LY, CT8/UA4WHX, CT9/DL5AXX,



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