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TT – Chad

IV3FSG, Elvira Simoncini, has been back in Doba, Chad since November 21st. She is with the mission of the Franciscan Sisters Alcantarins working on computer courses for the association "Informaticens Sans Frontieres." She is QRV as TT8ES in her spare time mostly during her early morning and late evening time frames. She has a Kenwood TS-480 using a G5RV dipole. With activity on the digital modes and SSB until December 20th. QSL via IK3GES.

FO/A - Australs

A group of six operators from the UK will operate from the island of Raivavae in the Australs (IOTA OC-114) from 20th March until 1st April, all bands CW, SSB and RTTY. The operators are Don G3BJ, Chris G3SVL, Nigel G3TXF, David G3WGN, Don G3XTT, Hilary G4JKS and Justin G4TSH. They plan to run up to three stations, each consisting of a K3 plus amplifier. Antennas will consist of various vertical systems on the beach. The team will upload logs to Club Log and, bandwidth permitting, will also be uploading to LoTW as the expedition progresses. QSLs will be handled by G3TXF and requests can be made directly or via the Club Log OQRS facility. After the DXpedition most members of the team will be attending the International DX Convention at Visalia. A website will be launched with further details once the callsign and other details are confirmed.

PJ7 – Sint Maarten

World traveler G3TXF, Nigel Cawthorne, has headed back to the Caribbean for some fun and sun. As to the fun he'll be QRV as PJ7/G3TXF from Sint Maarten from December 4-11. Listen for him on CW only, mostly on the 79-WARC bands. Logs will also be uploaded to Club Log. He has a Webpage at <http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/PJ7-Dec-13/PJ7.html>. As always QSL via G3TXF via OQRS and LoTW.

VP8/Sh – South Shetlands

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) club members RW3RN, Alexander, and UA3HK/ZS1OIN, Oleg, will operate special event call RI20ANT from the Russian Antarctic Bellingshausen base from King Island in the South Shetland Islands (AN-010) from December 17-31. Activity will be mostly on 20 SSB and CW. QSL via RW3RN.



Radio Arcala landscape is one short

The OH8X guys say, "[The] Radio Arcala landscape is one short," with the loss of their 160M Yagi in 78 mile per hour winds. Actually a combined 160/80 array, it weighed 40 tons. When it collapsed, none of the other six towers, or people, or buildings, were damaged or hurt. Not related to OH8X, 200,000 homes in Finland had their commercial power knocked out by the winter storm. Back to the failure of the large array, professional engineering went into its design to survive such storms. The cause of the failure is being investigated. One theory is the software locked up, software designed to put it into its most streamlined configuration in relation to the wind direction, that failure causing the structure to "corkscrew." It crumpled upon itself. The tower was 330 feet tall (100 meters). Santa Claus is still expected to beam a signal across the world on 20 meters with the OF9X callsign soon. In mourning the loss of the 160/80M behemoth, OH2BH, station chronicler, quotes the legendary Professor (of ham-ology with a specialty in DX-ology) Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD:

"The grief we feel cannot tell. A sad day it was our tower fell."

XW - Laos

It's back to Laos next week for Champ, E21EIC, who will be operating as XW0YJY from December 12th and 17th. He plans to participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest in the single-op mixed-mode low-power category. He prefers QSL requests sent to OQRS and will update his log on LoTW.



Islands On The Air

The following frequencies are considered IOTA meeting places: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10115, 7030 and 3530 KHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3755 KHz.

- **AS-153** - VU3ARF and VU2GMT plan to be QRV as VU3ARF from Jambudwip Island (AS-153) from July 23-31, including the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via VU3ARF either direct or via the bureau.
- **OC-272** - December 21-25 are the firm dates for a Kisar Island, an island in the Barat Daya Islands (OC-272), IOTA DXpedition, says W2FB, Steve. The calls will be YF1AR/8 and YB8XM/p. QSL YF1AR/8 via N2OO and YB8XM/p via his home call. YB4IR, Imam, also says he will be there during the same time period. He'll have a Yaesu FT-950 and 3 element 5 band Yagi and G5RV for 40 and 30 meters. Activity will be on CW and SSB. QSL YB4IR call direct to YB4IR and also via OQRS, LoTW and Bureau. They have a Website at <http://www.yf1ar.com/2013/12/kisar-island-oc-272-new-iota.html>

DX Bits and Pieces

- **1A – Sovereign Military Order of Malta** – DXCoffee reports the following, that a 1A, Sovereign Military Order of Malta, operation is planned for January 2-7. Details to follow as they become available.
- **4S – Sri Lanka** – 4S7B/B is a new 6 Meter beacon transmitting on 50.009 MHz using a Moxon antenna aimed at Japan.
- **5V – Togo** – The rumor that F5MVB, Phil, will be going to Avepozo, Togo in 2014 and operating as 5V7MP is true. He says more details will be released in January.
- **6W – Senegal** – As a reminder AA1AC, Marc, plans to be active from La Somne, Senegal as 6W/AA1AC from December 8-14. QSL via AA1AC either direct or via the bureau.
- **8P – Barbados** – J69AZ, Ernest, will be on Barbados from December 13, 2013 until January 4, 2014. He'll be using an Alinco DX 70 supplied by a 12 volt battery into a Pac12 3 ground vertical and JPC7 vertical 12' on a mast and wire dipole for 40 and 80 meters as 8P9JB. QSL to:
Ancletus Ernest
PO Box 3056 La Clery
Castries
St Lucia W.I
- **9M2 – West Malaysia** – Look for JF6FWS to be QRV in Malaysia as 9M2/JF6FWS from December 6-10. He will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via JF6FWS.
- **A3 – Tonga** – DK1AX, Klaus, has announced he and DK1MA, Heidi, are heading back to the Pacific next year. Plans are to operate as A35AX from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) and Vava'u Island (OC-064) between February 24th and March 7th. The holiday style operation will take place on HF on CW, SSB and RTTY. Plans are to upload QSOs to Club Log at <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/A35AX> and will have OQRS.
- **CE – Chile** – A group of operators will be QRV as XR150CBS during the month of December to commemorate 150th Anniversary of the Santiago Fire Department. Activity will be on all HF bands using SSB and Digital modes, such as PSK, RTTY and JT65. QSL via XQ7UP.
- **D2 – Angola** – D3AA (UA1QV), Mike works at the Catoca diamond mine, along with D2QV, Valery; and D2QMN, Vasilii. Mike's license is good through July 2014. He works between 6 AM and 6PM local time and is often on the air during his evenings and early morning hours. He enjoys

- operating on the lowbands and is willing to QSY to another band.
- **HK0/A – San Andres and Providencia Islands** – San Andres Island is where LW9EOC, Tim, is heading next year, where he'll sign HK0/LW9EOC from April 18-25 on 3.5 through 28 MHz on CW and SSB. QSL via LW9EOC.
- **J3 – Grenada** – G3PJT, Bob, is heading back to Grenada where he will be QRV as J34G from March 3rd to 10th. The main focus will be the RSGB Commonwealth Contest and outside the contest he'll do a holiday style operation. QSL via G3PJT.
- **KH9 – Wake Island** – After last week's report of WA2YUN/KH9, Colin, departing Wake Island permanently in June of next year K9W operator K9CT, Craig, says "A DXer should apply to Chugach for WA2YUN's job". Chugach is the Alaskan Corporation that manages the facilities on Midway Island. Colin is the IT/Communications "go to guy" on KH9.
- **XU – Cambodia** – Look for M6CFW, Alex, to be back in Phonm Penh, Cambodia from January 9-14 and QRV as XU7AEU on SSB and PSK. QSL via his home call.
- **YJ – Vanuatu** – ZL4PW, Paul; ZL3PAH, Phil; ZL2HAM, Rick; are looking for a "fourth and final operator" to join them around mid-April 2014 for a two week small DXpedition to Vanuatu (YJ). Plans are to be QRV on all bands from 1.8 through 28 MHz on CW, SSB and data. YJ ranks number 91 on the most wanted list. "We're not planning a holiday-type DXped, nor are we after serious all-out competition mode, but rather something in between: operating for long, but not extreme hours every day, with a break or two along the way to do a little sightseeing" says Rick. If interested you can contact ZL2HAM, his email address is listed on his QRZ.com web page.
- **ZD7 – St. Helena** – ZS1BBT, Daniel, is expected to arrive on St. Helena (ZD7) via a supply ship on Wednesday December 11th and probably won't begin activity until the following evening or a day later. He'll be there for 12 days. No word yet on his ZD7 callsign.
- **ZF – Cayman Islands** – N4EWT (ZF2KO), N4BFR (ZF2JS) and W4TI (ZF2FU) are heading to Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) January 18-23rd. They will be working "vacation style" and plan on "self spotting" when operating. They may also do some portable operations from Cayman Brac. Activity will be on SSB, CW, PSK31 and JT. QSL via their home calls.

DX Club News

The 2014 officers for the **Twin Cities DX Association** (TCDXA) are as follows:

President: K0BUD, Michael Sigelman
Vice President: W0ZR, Tom Lutz
Secretary-Treasurer: K0PC, Pat Cain
DX(pedition) Grant Manager: N0AT, Ron Dohmen
Director: K0JUH, Jim Junkert

For more details about the TCDXA check out their website at <http://www.tcdxa.org>.

Results of the annual **Redwood Empire DX Association** (REDXA) officers election for the 2014 term are as follows:

President: N6YEU, Fred Leoni
Vice President: N6GY, Rick Sealock
Secretary: K6ESE, Ed Essick
Treasurer: KH6GJV, Bill Hillendahl
Board Members: K6JS, Jim Selmi (past president); W6XU, Josh Fiden; and K6SRZ, Alan Eshleman

You can get more information about the REDXA at <http://www.redxa.com>.

Silent Key

The following Amateur Radio operators have recently passed away: IK1QQQ, Carlo Orfelia; LU1DZ, Alberto Urano Silva; and XE1YK, Carlos Eduardo Levy Vazquez.

Miscellaneous QSL Information

As a reminder if you have any of the Nairobi model IRCs, which expire on December 31st of this year it is time to dig them all out and take them to your post office for redemption. Do not send them to a QSL manager as by the time they get the IRC and have a chance to redeem them it will be too late. Turn them in. DXers in the US should remember to take a copy of the US International Mail Manual with you - http://pe.usps.com/text/imm/imm3_020.htm. Don't get stuck holding the bag in this Ponzi scheme.

Those K9W confirmations in LoTW are indeed for those who help sponsor the Wake Island DXpedition either before or afterwards (via OQRS).

4S7WP, Shanthi, will be stateside from December 12, 2013 until April 10, 2014 and will have cards to answer QSL requests. Send your SASE to:

W.P.S. Perera
4019 N. Water Iris Ct
Houston, TX 77059
USA

G3SWH, Phil, has "finished importing all the hundreds of individual (ZC4LI) log files into a single file and uploaded it to both Club Log and LoTW". He notes there were "a number of log files missing" despite this he was able to "recover some 312,000 QSOs". Phil asks those seeking a QSL to please first check the ZC4LI log at www.g3swh.org.uk/zc4li.html as he "will be unable to confirm any QSO's that are not in the log". As a reminder the RSGB QSL bureau does not allow sending out QSL cards of non-members, thus paper QSLs can only be sent direct, preferably using G3SWH's OQRS.

QSL manager ZS1HF, Pierre, reports earlier this week he received the ZS8Z Marion Island QSLs from the printer. ZS8Z, David, has been extremely busy with "technical matters" pertaining to his work assignment on Marion Island. "We might be lucky to get the log book downloaded early in Jan, but there is no guarantee", says Pierre.

On The WWW

DX Professor N7NG, Wayne Mills, has put a short piece on Target Areas ("How DXpeditions Can Work the Most Needed Areas") on the DX University Website (www.dxuniversity.com) and on the DX University Blog (n7ng.wordpress.com).

Check out this 5-year old who knows his geography, including all of the countries, including Kosovo, which came out of Yugoslavia. <http://biertijd.com/mediaplayer/?itemid=44336>

The latest issue of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) newsletter is out and available at <http://www.indexa.org/documents/Newsletter-Issue-103-Fall2013.pdf>

DXCC News

TF3DC, Oskar, reports making a recent DXCC endorsement in which his QSL card for TT8/US3EZ was not credited and marked "No Documentation Rec." on the DXCC Award credit slip dated November 18th.

NR6M, Rex, reports talking on the phone yesterday with ARRL Awards Manager NC1L, Bill Moore, about the recent operations of VK3FRNB, Ralph Kluge. H44IOTA operations for May 31-June 4 (OC-149), June 22-25 (OC-158), June 16-20 (OC-047) were all approved "for the land based portion" were all approved says Rex, who will be indicating land based or MM on the QSL card labels so the DXCC checkers will know. If anyone had their H44IOTA June 16-20 QSL rejected by the DXCC desk can return their QSL with return postage and Rex "will gladly send another card with the correct information". Bill also told Rex the H44IND, H40IOTA and YJ0RK operations "have all been approved" for DXCC.

QSL Information

3B9FR	via	HB9SLO	CS2C	OK1RF	MM/SP7SMF	SP7SMF
3W7W		W3HNC	CT8/DF9WB	DF9WB	P29LL	EA7FTR
5R8AL		G3SWH	CT8/DK9WI	DK9WI	PJ2T	W3HNC
5T0JL		ON8RA	E6RQ	VK4FI	PJ7/G3TXF	G3TXF
6L0NJ		HL4CEL	E720IARU	E71A	RN110RAEM	RZ9DX
6W/AA1AC		AA1AC	EA5/GM0OPK	GM0OPK	RW110RAEM	RT0Q
6Y5/W8YCM		W8YCM	EA8/PA3LEO	PA3LEO	T32RC	N7RO
8P2K		KU9C	F/TU5KG	F4DXW	TM16C	F4DSE
9A283KS		9A3KS	FM/F5MCC	F5MCC	TM1TLT	F8KFP
9A283XV		9A3JB	HA40QRP	HA6NL	TM4TLT	F4KIP
9A287R		9A7R	HB0/HB9LCW	HB9LCW	TM6M	F4DXW
9A289A		9A9A	HB30OK	HB9OCR	V63XG	JA1XGI
9H5G/C6A		NI5DX	HC4/W4BWS	W4BWS	VU7AG	W4VKU
9M2/JF6FWS		JF6FWS	J6/AA4W	AA4W	VX3X	VE3JO
9M2/JJ6WZS		JJ6WZS	J6/N9AW	N9AW	VY1JA	N3SL
9X0ZM		JO1CRA	J6/NM4T	NM4T	XR150CBS	XQ7UP
A6/PH9HB		PH9HB	J6/W4QO	W4QO	YB0/JA8VE	JA8VE
A91MCAT		IZ8CLM	J6/W5EXJ	W5EXJ	YB9/DL3KZA	DL3KZA
AP2NK		W3HNC	J6/W6HFP	W6HFP	YL95DQ	YL3DQ
C6ANM		WA2IYO	J68FF	W3FF	ZD8UW	M0OXO
CE1/AL4Q		DJ8QP	JW/IW1FNW	IW1FNW	ZF2OK	N0OK
CE2/UU5JZ		UU5JZ	KH6/KU1CW	KU1CW	ZL/W6SZN	W6SZN
CE2AWW		N7RO	LY2013SAT	LY3BY		

The Weekly DX Calendar

Date	End	Prefix	Call	QSL Manager	Ref Vol. No.
9-Dec	31-Dec	3A	3A60ARM	3A2ARM	13-46
9-Dec	15-Dec	3B8	3B8/SM6GOR	SM6GOR	13-45
9-Dec	15-Dec	3B8	3B8JB	SM6JBC	13-45
9-Dec	14-Dec	3W	XV2LRR		13-43
9-Dec	20-Apr	4S	4S7KKG	DC0KK	13-44
9-Dec	15-Dec	5R	5R8IC (AF-090)	F6ICX	13-37
9-Dec	14-Dec	6W	6W/AA1AC	AA1AC	13-47
9-Dec	16-Dec	8P	8P9BJ	K0BJ	13-42
9-Dec	12-Dec	8P	8P9CC	G0KOK	13-46
9-Dec	16-Dec	8P	8P9IU	K1IU	13-42
9-Dec	16-Dec	8P	8P9TA	N1TA	13-42
9-Dec	1-Feb	9L	9L1A	9A2AA	13-46
9-Dec	31-Jan	9L	9L1BXU	G7BXU	13-9
9-Dec	10-Dec	9M2	9M2/JF6FWS	JF6FWS	13-47
9-Dec	31-Dec	BV	BV60V		13-37
9-Dec	31-Dec	C9	C91GBA	EA4GBA	13-22
9-Dec	31-Dec	CE	XR150CBS	XQ7UP	13-47
9-Dec	1-Jul	D3	D3AA		13-47
9-Dec	17-Dec	E6	E6RQ	VK4FI	13-46 33
9-Dec	17-Dec	E6	E6SG	VK4FI	13-46 33
9-Dec	13-Dec	FK	FK8RO (OC-033)		13-46
9-Dec	31-Dec	HL	DT60US	WX8C	13-22
9-Dec	???	J2	J28NC	F5RQQ	13-46
9-Dec	1-May	JW	JW2US (EU-027)	LA2US	13-46
9-Dec	15-Dec	JW	JW9JKA (EU-027)	LA9JKA	13-19
9-Dec	1-Feb	KC4	R11ANC	RN1ON	13-43
9-Dec	31-Dec	KC4	R11ANP (AN-016)	RN1ON	13-43
9-Dec	31-Mar	KC4	R11ANR	RK1PWA	13-34
9-Dec	31-Mar	KC4	ZS7PHM	ZS1HF	13-36
9-Dec	28-Feb	KC4	ZS7V	ZS1HF	13-36
9-Dec	31-May	OD	OD5/EA1CYK	EA7LS	13-42 35
9-Dec	11-Dec	PJ7	PJ7/G3TXF	G3TXF	13-47
9-Dec	11-Dec	T32	T32RC (OC-024)	N7RO	13-34
9-Dec	11-Dec	T32	T32TM (OC-024)	K8NA	13-32
9-Dec	1-Apr	T6	T6EC	KF7WNX	13-42
9-Dec	15-Dec	T6	T6JR	ON4JM	13-38 37
9-Dec	1-Jan	T6	T6MC		13-34
9-Dec	20-Dec	TT	TT8ES	IK3GES	13-47
9-Dec	31-Dec	VK	VI6WA100	VK6IR	13-36
9-Dec	25-May	VP8/F	VP8BTU	G1EUZ	13-39
9-Dec	31-Mar	VP8/H	RI1ANU (AN-010)	ZS1OIN	12-46
9-Dec	10-Dec	VU7	VU7AG (AS-011)	W4VKU	13-43 42 41
9-Dec	24-Jun	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	LZ1BJ	13-25
9-Dec	1-Aug	ZD9	ZD9G (AF-030)	ZS1HF	13-42
11-Dec	18-Dec	YN	YN5Z	K7ZO	13-46
11-Dec	22-Dec	ZD7	By ZS1BBT		13-47
12-Dec	17-Dec	XW	XW0YJY	E21EIC	13-47
13-Dec	4-Jan	8P	8P9JB	J69AZ	13-47 46
14-Dec	15-Dec	8P	8P8T	K1IU	13-42
14-Dec	15-Dec	D4	D4C (AF-086)	IZ4DPV	13-46
14-Dec	14-Jan	S7	S79ACR	UA3DJY	13-45
14-Dec	15-Dec	ZF	ZF2AH	W6VNR	13-32
15-Dec	15-Mar	KC4	RI1ANT	RW1AI	13-41 40
16-Dec	18-Mar	JD1/M	JD1/JG8NQG	JA8CJY	13-46 42

Propagation Forecast

Date	Band	Date	Band	Date	Band	Date	Band
Dec	Activity	Dec	Activity	Dec	Activity	Dec	Activity
2	HN	6	HN	10	AN	14	HN
3	HN	7	HN	11	AN	15	AN
4	AN	8	HN	12	AN	16	AN
5	AN	9	HN	13	HN	17	AN

KEY

AN – Above Normal

LN – Low Normal

DIS – Disturbed

HN – High Normal

BN – Below Normal

VDIS – Very Disturbed

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QSLs received direct:

3B8/G0TSM, 4S7TRG, 4S7VG, 5H1DX (AF-063), 6V1A (AF-045), 6V7Q (2011), 6Y5WJ, 7X2ARA, 8R1A, 9L1BTB, 9M2/OK1CZ, 9X0ZM, A92HK, BA7KW, CM5FZ, CN8IG, D44AC, D44TXT, E51NOU, E70T, EK2GO, FO/KH0PR (OC-062, 094, 114, 131 and 238), FO/UT6UD, FW5JJ, G100C, GB8FC, GJ100C, GM0GMN, GO7VJR, GQ4RCG, GR100MGY, GU4CHY, GU4CHY/P, HB0/DL2SBY, HZ1BW, IO1DCI, J28NC, J8/W6HGF, J85K, JD1/JG8NQG, JD1BOI, JW8HGA, JY9FC, K2J, KG4HF, KL7KY, OD5ET, OD5NJ, OX5YL, OZ6OM, PJ4/K4BAI, PQ5M (SA-027), PY2OC, RI1ANU, T32AU, T6T, UY7QN, V73AX, VK2DX (2011), VO1AU/BY1DX, VP8DMN, XV2V40J, YB4IR, YB9GV/P (OC-150), YF1AR/9 (OC-275), YF1AR/6 (OC-245), YN2PX, YS1/AI5P, Z21DXI, Z30U, Z81Z, ZD7VC, ZL2HAM, ZS5IE and ZS8C.

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