news sources and more importantly to the ARRL DXCC Desk come the second week of October.

ACTIVITY FROM THE NEW ONES

The talk of new countries coming from the Netherlands Antilles has been going on for several years now and would-be DXpeditioners have been eyeing these islands for several years. So over the next few months, starting in October, we should see plenty of activity from all of the islands.

PJ2 — Curaçao

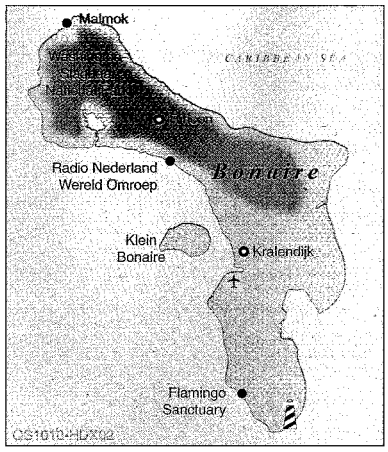
Of the four island groups Curaçao will no doubt be the easiest one to work as there are multiple nationals living on the island, some of whom are somewhat active. Also, the PJ2T Caribbean Contest Consortium (CCC) is located at the famous Signal Point (**www.pj2t.org**). Continuing in the celebration of his 50th year in Amateur Radio, Seppo, OH1VR, will be participating in the GAREC-2010 conference, taking place on October 11-12 and plans to be QRV in his spare time, when not at the conference. Jeff, K8ND, one of the PJ2T ops, announced earlier this year that he would be QRV from Curaçao as PJ2/K8ND from October 8-18. QSL via K8ND.



Don't be surprised to see other members of the CCC show up on the island before the CQ WW SSB DX Contest. A four man team announced their plans to be QRV from a few weeks after the projected 10-10-10 date. Starting November 4 through November 11 Bill, K2TQC; Brian, N2MF; Tony, K2NV, and Ken, W1NG, plan a full week of serious non-contest operation from the CCC (PJ2T) station. For you 6 meter ops and those who are serious about the ARRL DXCC Challenge, don't worry about 50 MHz as PJ2LS and PJ2BVU are serious 6 meter men. So don't rule this one out between now and the end of this year as we could get an opening!

PJ4 — Bonaire

This island has several locals, several of whom are QRV (PJ4LS and PJ4NX) as well as at least one contest (rental) station, which will most likely be active. Peter, PJ4NX, is very active on 50 MHz for the 6 meter crowd.

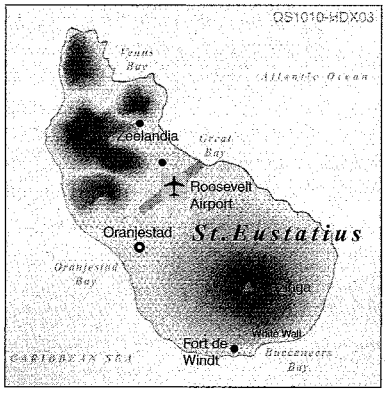


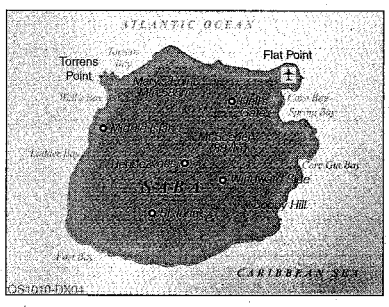
The team of W7XU, NØQJM, WØSD, WØOE and ON4IQ plan to be here for their annual summer 6 meter sporadic-E DXpedition. The timeframe is mid-June to July 5, 2011.

Just as we were going to press a multinational team announced their plans for a DXpedition to Bonaire. This team from The Netherlands, Germany and the US will team up with several PJ4 islanders for a 10 day operation starting October 10. Complete details can be found on their Web page at **www.bonaire2010.com**.

PJ5/6 — St Eustatius and Saba

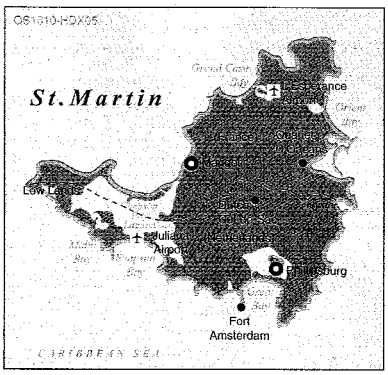
The hardest of the four new ones to work will probably be St Eustatius/Saba (PJ5/6), as there is only one local (PJ5KBF) who is somewhat currently active and there is at least one contest station among the two islands. Bob, K4UEE, announced earlier this year he had a team that would be operating from Saba during the big event. This will include members of the Southeastern DX Club and the K5 Desecheo team. In March several of his team members (W6IZT, N4GRN) went down to secure a location. Don't be surprised if Jim, K1NA, shows up on the air from his PJ5NA station on St Eustatius. Dick, K5AND, and George, K5TR, plan to go to Saba next June and July. In addition to 6 meters, they will also have along a 2 meter EME setup. The boys plan to rent a villa, which they believe will eliminate the possibility of issues with antennas.





PJ7 — Sint Maarten

Sint Maarten (PJ7) has a least one active op (PJ7MF) and at least one contest station so this one should be somewhat active. In addition, two multiop groups have announced their plans to be here for the initial anticipated activities. In May of this year Paul, K1XM, announced his plans, along with others, to be on the air on or before October 10. They will be operating from the PJ7UQ location on 1.8 through 28 MHz on SSB, CW and RTTY. No call sign was mentioned. QSL via KQ1F.



A second multiop team will also be on starting October 10 led by W8GEX and K9CT. The 12 man team will be QRV for 10 days. They have a Web site at **www.stmaarten2010.com**. Jimmy Treybig, W6JKV, and Mike Stall, K6MYC, plan to be here with a concentration on 6 and 2 meters sometime between June 20 and July 4, 2011. Details are still being worked out. EME is likely too. Jimmy wants to make it clear he and Mike do not intend to compete with those putting these new ones on HF; they just want to concentrate on VHF.

Wrap Up

Okay, so there you have it for this month's column. October promises to be very exciting with these new DXCC Entities. This will be the first new ones added to the ARRL DXCC list since December 2007 and very likely the first deletes to the DXCC list since the DXCC 2000 rules went into effect back in April of 1998. Until next month, see you in the pileups! — *Bernie, W3UR*