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H4Ø - TEMOTU

Daily DX says: In early March, Sigi, DK9FN and Hermann, DL2NUD will join Bernhard, DL2GAC (who will be active from Honiara in the Solomons) for a "side" trip to Temotu for two or three weeks. Sigi will arrive in Lata, Temotu Province on Monday March 2nd and depart on Monday the 16th, but Hermann will stay until April 9th.

Activity will run for the entire two weeks beginning on the 2nd and ending on the 15th. No XYLs will be on this trip and each of the ops plans to be QRV at least 12 hours a day. Sigi will be operating CW only on 1.8 through 50 MHz. DL2GAC (H44MS), Bernhard will be QRV as H4ØMS on SSB and Pactor only. DL2NUD, Hermann, will be the EME op on 2 meters, but his callsign is unknown at this point. Sigi hopes to be re-assigned the call he held in the past, H4ØFN.

The QSL manager will be HA8FW (as he was in the past). He prefers QSLs going via the bureau, although "Urgent QSL via direct." He does not want any IRCs and requires two US $ for postage. Donations are also welcome.

QRZ.com - Making changes

This very popular web site is making some major changes to their site. If you want to check your call with the new design go to: <http://www.qrz.com/db/your_callsign>.

(NOTE: QRZ DX has no connection with QRZ.com)

SWITZERLAND GETS 6 METERS

The German DX-NL reports: "The Swiss authorities will allocate the 50 MHz band to amateur radio on a secondary basis by Jan 1, 2009. All Swiss and foreign CEPT class licensees may send with 100 watts PEP on 50-52 MHz without any antenna restrictions. Primary users may not be disturbed which includes the Ticino since there are still some TV stations active in the VHF band I in Northern Italy."

CAROLINA DX ASSOCIATION

At their annual meeting December 11th, club members elected the following to serve for 2009:

President	Ted Goldthorpe, W4VHF
Vice President	Paul Ponak, AD4IE
Secretary/Treasurer	Cliff Wagoner, W3ZL
Newsletter Editor	John Scott, K8YC
Contest Manager	Dick Williams, W3OA
Cluster Managers:	Joe Simpkins, K4MD
	Paul Sturpe. W3GQ
Webmaster:	Wayne Setzer, WB4BXW

I R C Warning

Just a reminder that there are "SOME" of the older IRC's that will expire December 31st. If you have any question about some that you have, by all means take them to your post office for them to make a determination what you should, or can, do with them. Please don't ask me .. I don't know !!



The mangled ice covered 40 meter tower/antennas at KC1XX



A piece of the ice from an antenna element measures well over an inch. Some of the booms had ice in excess of two inches.

RESULTS OF ICE STORM OVER DEC 13-4 WEEKEND

The pictures above illustrate Mother Natures effect on steel and aluminum, at the contest super-station of KC1XX.

There are many more unbelievable pictures on the web site at <http://gallery.me.com/wlmyers>.

We wish all of the people of the northeastern USA well, especially during this pre-Christmas holiday season, as they begin the massive task of cleanup and repair.

IOTA NEWS

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

◆ **NA-057 - ROATAN ISL (HR9):** Paolo will be signing HR9/IK2QPR January 4-12. No operating details were given. QSL to home call.

◆ **SA-030 - FLORES ISL (CX):** A large group of Radio Grupo Sur members will be on the air as CV5A January 22-26. Operation will be all bands/modes with mono-band beams, including a station dedicated to RTTY/PSK31. QSL via CX2ABC.

INTERNET INFORMATION

60 Meters	<http://60meters.net/>
425 DX News	<http://www.425dxn.org>
ARRL	<http://www.arrl.org>
Arkansas DX Assn	<http://www.adxa.org/>
Buckmaster	<http://hamcall.net>
Carolina DX Assn (CDXA)	<http://www.cdxa.org/>
Central Arizona DX Assn	<http://www.cadxa.org>
Cent TX DX/Contest Club	<http:www.ctdxcc.org/>
CQ Magazine	<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>
Chiltern DX Club (CDXC)	<http://www.cdxc.org.uk>
Dynamic DX Charterhouse	<http://www.ddxc.net/wap>
Delta DX Assoc (DDXA)	<http://www.deltadx.net/>
DX Safaris	<http://www.africandxsafari.com>
DX Summit - Cluster	<http://www.dxsummit.fi/>
ETDXA (E.Tn.DX Assoc)	<http://etdxa.org/>
EUDXF	<http://www.eudxf.de/>
F6AJA - QSL Collection	<http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>
French DX News	<http://LesNouvellesDX.fr>
German DX Foundation	<http://www.gdxf.de/>
German DX-News Ltr	<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fgdxm.htm>
GoList	<http://golist.net/>
HIDXA	<http://hidxa.com>
INDEXA	<http://www.indexa.org>
IOTA Website	<http://www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com>
IRAQI Amateur Rad Soc	<http://www.iraqi-ars.org/>
IREF	<http://www.islandradio.org>
KP1-KP5 Project	<http://www.kp1-5.com>
LADXG	<http://www.hamradio.no/ladxg/default.htm>
Low-Land DXped. Team	<http://www.qsl.net/lldxt>
Magnolia DX Assn.	<http://www.mdxa.org>
Mediterraneo DX Club	<http://www.mdxc.org>
NCDXF	<http://www.ncdxf.org>
NCDXF Beacons	<http://www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html>
N. ILL DX Assoc. (NIDXA)	<http://www.nidxa.org>
North Jersey DX Assoc.	<http://www.njdxa.org>
Oceania DX GP(ODXG)	<http://www.odxg.org>
OK - DX Contest	<http://okomdx.radioamater.cz/>
Postage Information-K9XJ	<http://www.windridge.net/personal.htm>
Propagation Data	<http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/QSL>
Managers Society	<http://www.qsl.net/qslmanagers>
QSL Routes (Germany)	<http://www.qslinfo.de>
QSL Manager (Italy)	<http://www.ik3qar.it/manager/>
Radio Club of Costa Rica	<http://www.ti0rc.org/>
Radio Am. Soc.Thailand	<http://www.rast.or.th>
SEDCO - Convention	<http://sedco.homestead.com>
Utah DX Assn. (UDXA)	<http://udxa.org)>
TVDXA (TnVal DX Assoc)	<http://www.tvdxa.com>
Texas DX Society	<http://www.tdxs.net>
The DX Notebook	<http://www.dxer.org>
Visalia-Int'l DX Convention	<http://www.dxconvention.org>
Worldwide Antarctic Pgm	<http://www.waponline.it>
WØ-DXCC Convention	(http://www.rarexpo.org>
W9-DXCC Convention	<http://www.w9dxcc.com>

DX-TRA's

◆ **A52RY - BHUTAN:** 425 DX News reports that Frank, I2DMI will be visiting Bhutan and Nepal between late December and early January. He will operate RTTY only as A52RY from Thimphu, Bhutan on 22-31 December, probably between 0100-0300 UTC and 1200-1900 UTC on a daily basis. Suggested frequencies are 3582, 7040, 10142, 14082, 18102, 21082, 24922 and 28082 kHz. He will then be in Nepal until 5 January. He plans to operate as 9N7DMI or N7RY (callsign to be confirmed upon arrival) on the same frequencies and at the same times. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

◆ **C56KR - THE GAMBIA:** Niels, OZ8KR will be at a seaside location January 9-14 and again January 23 to February 4. He plans to operate SSB on 40 - 10 using wire antennas. QSL to home call.

◆ **CN89NY - MOROCCO:** A special callsign to celebrate the New Year by CN2DX/HB9HLM; CN2CV/HB9CVC; CN9PA and others, from December 21 to January 31. QSL via EA7FTR.

◆ **JD1BMM - MINAMI TORISHIMA:** Daily DX is saying that Masa will be returning on a work assignment December 18 to January 7. He says he will concentrate on the low bands and he does have a 500 watt amp. Masa wants it known that this is NOT a DXpedition but a work assignment and he will only be active in his spare time. QSL via QRZ.com instructions, and DO NOT send via registered mail, PLEASE.

◆ **KC4 - ANTARCTICA:** Adam, K2ARB will be active from Patriot Hills Camp and the surrounding area December 16 to January 30. You may hear him using the calls: KC4/K2ARB, CE9/K2ARB or VP8DKF. He expects to be active on CW/SSB/PSK31. QSL to home call.

◆ **T8 - PALAU:** Another Japanese group will operate from Palau, January 16-18. Yas, JA6UBY/T88CP; Yu, JE6DND/T88HK and Hiro, JA6KYU/T88HS will be active from Koror Isl (OC-009). They plan to operate 80-10 using CW/SSB. QSL to respective home call, DIRECT only.

◆ **QSL INFORMATION:**

WANT/NEED IRCs ?? QSL Manager Steve, N3SL has around 70 of the new ones available for $1.75 each. Contact him by email <n3sl@arrl.net>.

TO5DX: Joe, W8GEX announced last week that AA4NN had received the cards from UX5UO and had already answered/mailed a large number of requests he had waiting for the cards. (Editor: *I got mine the end of last week)*

DXPEDITION WEB SITES

Maldives (8Q7SC)	<http://www.8q7gc.com>
Palestine (E44M)	<http://www.dxcoffee.com /e44m/>
Glorioso-FR/G	<http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/>
Desecheo (KP5)	<http://www.kp5.us/>
Papua New Guinea (P2)	<http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/p29_2008/>
Bangladesh (S2)	<http://www.s2iota.eb7dx.com/>
Marshall Isl. (V73NS)	<http://www.qsl.net/v73ns>
Willis Island (VK9DWX)	<http://www.vk9dwx.de>
Lord Howe Isl (VK9LA)	<http://www.odxg.org/vk9la.htm>
Christmas Isl (VK9X)	<http://www.dxciting.com/vk9x> South
Georgia (VP8DIF)	<http://www.lars-boehme.de/vp8dif/>
Niue (ZK2DF)	<http://dx.zk2df.nu>
Marion Island (ZS8)	<http://zs8t.net/>

QSN Heard / Worked

QSN FORMAT: Call Freq. Time Date Reporter's
*(** = LONG PATH)* (UTC) (Dec) State or Call Area

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16Ø Meters					3Ø Meters					2Ø Meter PSK				
4Z1UF	18230	0355	13	OH	W8XGI/KH2	10108	2047	15	MI	3B8GT	14071	1540	13	IL
9A2AJ	1835	0433	13	OH	TA3AX	10110	2033	15	DE	9H4CM	14072	1538	13	IL
CO8LY	1833	0254	9	OH	UA2FX	10110	1509	15	UT	EA8BED	14072	1555	14	IL
DJ7MI	1834	0520	13	OH	2Ø Meter CW					ET3SID	14071	1532	14	IL
E74AWE	1822	0257	12	OH	EC8AUZ	14009	1500	13	MD	GW5PH	14072	1603	14	IL
EL2DX	1830	0339	14	OH	TA1AN	14024	1339	12	MD	HB9ELS	14071	1521	14	IL
F5IN	1823	0513	13	OH	2Ø Meter RTTY					HI8LAM	14071	1539	13	IL
FM5BH	1822	0347	14	OH	IT9MUO	14083	1734	13	MO	HP1AVS	14072	1413	8	IL
FM5CD	1816	0351	14	OH	2Ø Meter SSB					J28KO	14072	1532	14	IL
GØJHC	1819	0439	13	OH	5B4AGN	14195	1224	11	MD	RA1WY	14071	1507	14	IL
G3PQA	1835	0258	13	OH	5R8GZ	14195	1835	9	MD	V55SRT	14072	1917	9	IL
IV3PRK	1833	0434	13	OH	6W/F1TZG	14220	1806	13	OH	YV4OW	14072	1603	14	IL
LY2J	1828	0302	13	OH	6W2SC	14185	1850	13	FL	Z31MM	14071	1307	10	IL
OK1CZ	1827	0304	9	OH	7X2EB	14244	1255	11	MD	17 Meter CW				
OK1PAY	1830	0205	13	OH	7X5VRK	14185	1327	12	MD	3B8CF	18075	1337	15	CT
OK2ZU	1828	0252	9	OH	CN8WL	14238	1232	11	MD	5N/LZ1QK	18069	1457	13	MD
OM2VL	1825	0301	13	OH	CN8YZ	14163	1658	10	MD	HA8SSG	18075	1416	15	NC
OM2XW	1829	0342	14	OH	CT3FT	14259	1753	11	OH	17 Meter SSB				
OM4EX	1826	0343	14	OH	EA6HBO	14242	1242	11	MD	4X4FR	18157	1309	11	FL
P4AWE	1823	0223	14	OH	EA8/LA8WF	14161	1818	13	OH	9H1ET	18136	1413	12	FL
S5ØA	1824	0421	13	OH	EA8BWW	14280	1653	10	MD	EG3CTV	18124	1327	14	FL
SM1LIY	1835	0259	9	OH	EA8CCG	14200	1759	11	OH	HB1ØDX	18135	1515	13	FL
SM6CPY	1832	0343	13	OH	EA8CDJ	14166	1322	12	MD	JH1OCC	18150	2236	14	GA
SV3RF	1821	0427	13	OH	EA8TH	14185	1929	9	FL	KP2/WA2TTI	18135	1645	10	FL
URØMC	1834	0232	14	OH	EI9JU	14170	1750	11	OH	PJ7/K2GSJ	18141	1537	13	FL
UT3UA	1832	0259	13	OH	EK6TA	14190	1724	15	TN	SV2CXI	18120	1303	14	FL
UX1AA	1837	0448	13	OH	EW6GF	14242	1253	14	FL	1Ø Meter SSB				
UX1UA	1836	0451	14	OH	HB9KOF	14161	1817	13	OH	HQ2W	28370	1843	14	FL
UY5ZZ	1827	0342	13	OH	HZ1PS	14170	1324	12	MD	P4ØK	28383	1608	13	FL
8Ø Meter CW					HZ1ZH	14190	1318	10	MD	PY5EW	28397	1620	13	FL
GM4FAM	3501	0811	14	MO	JY4CI	14244	1255	11	MD	HI3CCP	28455	1841	13	FL
4Ø Meter CW					JY5CC	14238	1330	15	MD	VE3KF	28475	1702	14	FL
5C5WW	7002	1111	9	MD	SVØHK	14190	1350	10	MD	TG9ANF	28478	1829	14	FL
HR9/W17R	7008	0543	9	MD	TF1JI	14210	1706	15	TN	LS2D	28482	1616	13	FL
JM7OLM	7012	1209	11	MD	TU5JM	14178	1825	11	MD	ZS6JPY	28485	1504	13	MD
UN6LN	7011	1204	11	MD	Z21BC	14178	1833	11	MD	CX5BW	28494	1743	13	FL

PIRATE ALERT - VP2V/G6AY

If you worked a station signing this call in early December 2008, you worked a pirate. Phil, G3SWH says, "There has been a pirate station using the call VP2V/G6AY on CW over the last few weeks, and both Jim, G3RTE and I have received QSL requests from numerous stations. VP2V/G6AY was the special call of our February 2006 DX-pedition and has not been activated since. Neither do we have any current plans to re-activate the call. All QSL requests received to date have been returned with an explanatory note."

60 Meter Update - W8GEX

The next 60 Meter Atlantic Sessions DX Activity Night will be this coming Saturday, December 20th. It's always the 3rd Saturday of the month.

The 60m chat page is: <http://dxworld.com/60mlog.html> where you can post QSN, post yourself, etc.

Stations active recently are: OZ8ABE, GB2RS, IK4WTU, OX3XR, GW7AAV, GØEMK, EI3GRB & TI3/WA7UZO.

KH6BZF REPORTS

December

17 AN	**19 AN**	**21 AN**	**23 HN**
18 AN	**20 AN**	**22 HN**	**24 HN-AN**

AN = Above Normal Geomag Level =QUIET
HN = High Normal Geomag Level = UNSETTLED

QUIET=A Index between 0 & 7; K Index=2 or less
UNSETTLED = A Index between 7 & 16; K Index = 3 or less

MORE FROM KH6BZF

Up to and through December 8, 2008 there were a total of 245 spotless days. With only 23 days left this month, there is a possibility of a total of 268 spotless days, if we have zero sun spots the rest of the month.

August 2008 was the worst as there were NO spots the entire month.

CALENDAR

Date(s)	Operation/Activity	Ref.
Now - Dec 31	*E76ØDPR - BOSNIA-HERZEG*	2008-46
May 9 - Apr '09	ZS8T - MARION ISLAND	2009-19
Sep 21 - Feb'09	FM - MARTINIQUE	2008-38
Oct 1 - Dec	EY - TAJIKSTAN	2008-39
Nov - Dec	3V8SS - TUNISIA	2008-46
Nov 15 - Mar'09	6W2SC-J5UAP-Sene/Guinea Biss	2008-43
Nov 15 - Apr '09	OD5/IV3YIM - LEBANON	2008-47
Nov 17 - Feb 6	9M2RRS - WEST MALAYSIA	2008-46
December	S2 - BANGLADESH	2008-46
Dec 3 - 28	YS/HB9KNA - EL SALVADOR	2008-47
Dec 5 - Jan	KC4AAA - ANTARCTICA	2008-40
Dec 10 - 18	XU7XRO - CAMBODIA	2008-49
Dec 10 - Nov '09	FT5WO - CROZET	2008-44
Dec 15 - Jan 26	TR - GABON	2008-44
Dec 15 - ???	XU7ACY - CAMBODIA	2008-47
Deb 18 - Jan 7	JD1BMM - MINAMI TORISHIMA	2008-50
Dec 21 - Jan 31	CN89NY - MOROCCO	2008-50
Dec 25 - Feb 28	TU8/F4EGS - IVORY COAST	2008-48
Dec 28 - Jan 2	JD1 - OGASAWARA	2008-48
Dec 31 - Jan 9	ZD8UW - ASCENSION	2008-47
Dec - Jan	A52RY - BHUTAN	2008-50
?? 2009	FR/G - GLORIOSO	2008-47
?? 2009	YVØA - AVES ISLAND	2008-47
Jan 1 - 11	E44M - PALESTINE	2008-49
Jan 9 - 14	C56KR - THE GAMBIA	2008-50
Jan 10 - Apr 28	H44MS - SOLOMONS	2008-48
Jan 11 - 27	8Q7AK - MALDIVES	2008-48
Jan 16 - 18	T8 - PALAU	2008-50
Jan 17 - 31	VP8YL* - FALKLANDS - YL's	2008-39
Jan 23 - Feb 4	C56KR - THE GAMBIA	2008-50
Jan 24 - 25	5KØCW - SAN ANDRES	2008-49
Feb 12 - 26	KP5 - DESECHEO	2008-47
Feb 11 - 16	3D2 - FIJI	2008-48
Feb 17 - Mar 2	T2 - TUVALU	2008-48
Mar 2009	VK9LA - LORD HOWE	2008-45
Mar 2 - Apr 9	H4Ø - TEMOTU	2008-50

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Dec 19	Russian 160 Contest
Dec 31	Straight Key Night
Jan 1	SARTG RTTY New Year Contest
Jan 3 - 4	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 10 - 11	NA QSO Party - CW
Jan 17 - 18	NA QSO Party - SSB
Jan 17 - 19	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
Jan 23 - 25	CQ 160 Contest - CW
Apr 17 - 19	Int'l DX Convention-VISALIA

QSL ROUTES AND INFORMATION

Station	QSL Via
3Z83NKP	SP2FAP
5WØUK	SM6CUK
6W2SC	HA3AUI
A71CV	A71AN
AM1LE	EA4URE
CN2DX	HB9HLM
CT7FFG	CT1GFK
DPØGVN	DL5EBE
E51CUK	SM6CUK
EA9EU	EA5KB
ED6URB	EA6ZX
EG3CTV	EA3RKR
EI/ON5GS/P	ON5GS (direct)
H44MY	OM2SA
KH8/KK6H	W7TSQ
LA/PA5DD	PA5DD
ON1ØØØNOTGER	ON5VL
ON4ØBAF	ON6KN
PF6WW	PFØR
SM4/OZ2M	OZ2M
TM4AFM	F6KIM
TT8FC	EA4AHK
UN7CC	KI6Y
VO1AA	VO1HE
W8XGI/KH2	JA1XGI
XU7XRO	MØURX
XV9TH	SK7AX
YR3R	YO3BL
YW1TI	IT9DAA
Z34M	DJØLZ
ZF2AH	W6VNR

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