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FW5RE - WALLIS & FUTUNA

HAØNAR, HA9RE and HA9SDA have tentative plans to be active from Wallis & Futuna January 28 - February 23. Plans are to operate 160-10, CW.SSB/RTTY using two stations with amplifiers. Antennas will include verticals for 160-30, SpiderBeams for the upper bands and a 6L yagi for 6 meters. Support is requested. QSL via HA8IB.

ConTest University (CTU) 2009 REGISTRATION

From Tim, K3LR, CTU Chairman:

"I am pleased to announce that 'early bird' registration for Dayton ConTest University ("CTU") 2009 is now OPEN. The CTU staff is working hard to prepare an interesting and informative curriculum for 2009. CTU will be held in Dayton, Ohio, on Thursday, May 14th, 2009 (classes last all day). This is the day before the big 3 day Dayton event! CTU 2009 will feature some of the best Radio Contest operators and station builders (CTU Professors). They will present state of the art contesting topics that will increase your knowledge and fun.

Thanks to our flagship Sponsor - Icom America - for their continued support of CTU 2009 and our contesting radio sport.

Also thanks to CQ Magazine, DX Engineering, Comtek Systems, Dave, W9ZRX and SuperBertha for helping make CTU a success.

For CTU 2009 details & registration, 2008 CTU wrap up and more information, go to: <http://www.contestuniversity.com>.

Please make sure that you click on the registration page and indicate if you are a returning CTU graduate or this is your first time attending Dayton CTU. Based upon the tremendous attendance at Dayton CTU 2008, I expect CTU 2009 student registration slots will fill up fast. Space is limited.

Contest University traveled to the United Kingdom in October 2008. It was a huge hit! <http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2008/contest_university.htm>.

Look for additional Europe Contest University dates coming soon. Hope to see you at Dayton CTU 2009! Thanks to Scott, KA9FOX and QTH.com for his hosting of the Contest University Web site! Merry Christmas and 73!"

2009 CQ WPX CONTEST RULES

Randy Thompson, K5ZD, Director of the CQ WPX Contest, announces the rules for the 2009 CQ WPX Contest are now available. See <http://www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm> There are changes throughout the rules, so participants are encouraged to read the complete rules carefully. Many of the changes were to align with similar rules in the CQ WW Contest or to clarify administrative details.

There is no change to the scoring. Most of the changes are administrative and should have little impact on the competitive and fun aspects of the contest. They look forward to more sunspots and another record year of participation in the 2009 WPX contests. Look for CQ WPX 2008 Contest results in the



However you may celebrate this time of year,
I wish you peace and prosperity now and throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas

CANADA - SPECIAL PREFIXES

From January 1 to February 28 special prefixes may be used to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Galileo's using optical instruments to inspect the universe. This is the International Year of Astronomy. VE changes to CG; VA changes to CF; VO changes to CH; and VY changes to CI. For example - VE7DAO = CG7DAO, VA3DAO = CF3DAO.

Announced operations with special callsigns for the IYA: Darin, VE3OIJ as CG3OIJ, 80m to 70cm (WW Loc. FN25EJ). QSL via VE3OIJ, or direct (P. Darin Cowan, 674 Southmore Dr. W, Ottawa, ON K1V 7A1, Canada), or via the bureau or eQSL. <http://www.squidzone.ca/ve3oij >. Paul, VE9NC as CG9NC , from Hampton, New Brunswick. Mainly on 20 meters on the Digital modes. QSL via VE9NC.

CANADIAN (CHU) TIME MOVES TO NEW FREQUENCY

"Canadian time/frequency standard station CHU -- a fixture for decades on 7335 kHz -- Will change frequency to 7850 kHz at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2009. The move comes as a result of the International Telecommunication Union's decision in 2007 to expand the 40-meter ham band in Europe and Africa (Region I) to 7000-7200 kHz. It was previously 7000-7100 kHz, with -- as very 40-meter DXer knows – international broadcasting allocated from 7100-7300 kHz. As part of the 40-meter expansion, the international broadcast Band was shifted to 7200-7350 kHz. As broadcasters began relocating, CHU on 7335 began experiencing significant interference. Thus, officials at Canada's National Research Council which operates CHU, decided to move the time/frequency standard station's transmissions to 7850 kHz as of the beginning of 2009. The complete NRC announcement (English version) is online at: <http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/common_files/stories/chu/communique_e.pdf>.

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THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE 2009-01 WHICH WILL BE DATED JANUARY 7, 2009

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.

◆ **EU-089 - FAROL DO ALBARNAZ (CU8):** CU8AS, HB9CQL & HB9CRV/CT3FN will be active Jan 19-23, mostly on the low bands as CU8W. For the CQWW 160 CW contest they will use CU8A and be joined in that effort by CT1GFK & CT1GPQ. QSL requests for both calls should go via CT1GFK.

Carolina DX Association Hops on the DX Marathon Band Wagon

The Carolina DX Association (CDXA) is starting an intramural competition for its members participating in the 2009 CQ DX Marathon. CDXA members will be competing among each other for First Place plaques and certificates in the Formula and Unlimited classes. CDXA is offering a special prize to encourage members to start participating right away. All members who score 150—out of 345 countries and 40 zones—in 2009 will be entered into a raffle for a 26-inch HDTV television.

CDXA is calling their intramural competition the **DX King** Competition. They will use the standings published in CQ to determine the winners. CDXA already has a strong awards program for its members who participate in the CQ World Wide and ARRL DX contests. The **DX King** Competition is seen as another tool to get members on the air to enjoy their hobby.

CDXA is a club of about 160 members interested in DXing and contesting. While most of the members live in North and South Carolina there are others throughout the U.S. and overseas. All amateurs are invited to join – you must be a member to participate in the **DX King** Competition. For more information, check-out the CDXA website at: <http://www.cdxa.org>.

GERMAN POSTAGE

Klaus, DL2QB offers some insight into the postage rates in Germany.

"Postage for airmail letters to destinations outside Europe from Germany is quite high and unfortunately exceeds 2 US $ (about 2.20 $ right now). That means that an American would have to send 3 green stamps in order to cover the postage costs for an SAE.

One way to avoid this costly procedure is to buy German stamps from somebody offering that service in the US or another country, but this comes with additional postage cost and fees for the service.

Most recently the German Post is offering a so called "Internet Stamp" that anybody in the world can print out him/herself. Payment (among other alternatives more suitable for the domestic market) can be done via PayPal. You can print out the stamps(s) on a plain sheet of paper and then glue it onto the SAE or use self-sticking labels.

Unfortunately the internet pages by the German Post (http://www.internetmarke.de) are only in German and it will probably be too difficult for somebody not knowing the language to navigate through the pages. Nevertheless I just wanted to mention this interesting alternative for creating your own German stamps, minimum order of stamps to be printed out would be 10 Euro (13 $).

I am adding a sample picture of how these internet stamps from Germany look. Maybe the German Post will add an English language version of this new service if there is demand for it."



More IOTA NEWS

◆ **OC-046 - MOOREA ISL (FO):** Pascal, will operate as FO/F8AAL until December 31. He'll operate in his spare time on 40, 30 & 20 SSB/RTTY. QSL to home call.

DX-TRA's

◆ **4X/K2LS - ISRAEL:** Larry will be active January 6 to February 1. He will be using a 706MKIIG and an 80 meter dipole with ladder line. QSL to home cal.

◆ **6W/DL2RMC - SENEGAL:** Tom will be making a small holiday DXpedition to Senegal January 16-29. He may get a 6V callsign. He says he will be on for the CQWW 160 CW contest. QSL via DL1RTL.

◆ **7P8AA - LESOTHO:** Danny, ZS6AW will be active with this call from Katse Dam December 24-27. He plans to be on 20 SSB mostly. QSL to home call.

◆ **KH2 - GUAM:** Yoshi, JE2EHP will be active as K1HP/KH2 January 16-19. Activity will be on all bands, CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL to home call via the bureau.

◆ **PJ4/WOØZ - BONAIRE:** Larry will be operating Holiday Style December 26 to January 4. He plans to focus on 30 & 17 meters, all modes. QSL to home call.

◆ **V3 - BELIZE:** Gerd, DJ4KW plans to be active from Belize after January 19 as V31JP. Operation will also include activity in the FOC Marathon, CQ 160 CW and ARRL DX CW contests. In the CQWW WPX RTTY contest listen for Gisela, V31GW (multi-Op). From Feb 26 to March 3 Gerd will be active from NA-180 while Gisela enjoys scuba diving. No QSL info provided.

◆ **VP8 - SOUTH SHETLAND:** Janusz, SP9YI is at the Polish Base "Henryk Arctowski" on King George Island (AN-010). His call is HFØAPAS and he will be there until January 12th. QSL to home call.

◆ **XE - SPECIAL CALL-4A1DXXE:** The DXXE Group will use this call Dec 25 to Jan 6 to celebrate their 4th anniversary. Expect SSB/CW/RTTY activity on all bands. QSL via N7RO. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. <http://www.dxxe.org/>.

◆ **QSL INFORMATION:**

VU4MY & VU4RG: Alan, K9MBQ got a note from DJ7JC saying he expected the cards from the printer this week. He has the labels printed and will begin sending replies right away.

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

SEND INFO: Via Email: n4aa@dxpub.com

TOLL-FREE - PHONE/FAX: 877-397-8254

16Ø Meters					4Ø Meter	CW	cont'd			2Ø Meter	SSB	cont'd		
4Z1UF	1840	0437	21	OH	GMØWED LP	7010	1526	19	CA	HA8ØØNAR	14202	1329	17	FL
CO8LY	1824	0103	20	OH	KH2/JE1WYC	7007	1529	19	CA	HZ1ZH	14293	1350	18	MD
DJ4MM	1831	2355	17	OH	KH6MB	7005	0923	17	OH	JY5CC	14238	1305	16	MD
E74AW	1823	0008	17	OH	OL14ØPS LP	7014	1539	19	CA	OD5NH	14217	1324	18	MD
EA8BMG	1829	0220	20	OH	OQ5M	7010	0918	17	OH	OL14ØPS	14215	1258	20	FL
ES5QX	1827	0154	15	OH	OZ3FD	7001	0944	17	OH	OX3WS	14238	1245	16	MD
GØJHC	1830	0108	20	OH	SM5CAK	7008	0934	17	OH	PZ1PZ	14283	1258	22	MD
G3FPQ	1829	2355	17	OH	UA9MC	7010	0228	20	MD	RK2FWA	14217	1244	20	FL
G3PQA	1826	0137	16	OH	VR2PX	7007	1546	17	CA	SV9COL	14247	1424	19	FL
GW3YDX	1828	0141	15	OH	XU7XRO	7002	1531	15	CA	TM5WRC	14197	1438	21	FL
HA9RT	1837	0037	22	OH	YT3ØFOC LP	7011	1537	16	CA	Z22JE	14192	1827	15	OH
IV3PRK	1832	0133	18	OH	ZL1BVB	7002	0920	17	OH	ZR2CR	14243	2012	16	FL
KV4FZ	1824	0936	20	OH	ZL1CDP	7004	1037	17	OH	ZS1SR	14197	1825	18	OH
LA6YEA	1822	0445	16	OH	ZL2RU	7013	0919	20	OH	ZS4U	14188	1757	16	OH
LA9Z	1831	0306	22	OH	2Ø Meter	CW				2Ø Meter	PSK			
OA4TT	1823	0428	18	OH	4L3Y	14022	1328	16	MD	3B8GT	14072	1748	20	IL
OH2BO	1831	0243	15	OH	4Z8BB	14007	1805	15	OH	CN8YZ	14071	1755	21	IL
OZ1CTK	1829	0024	22	OH	A71BR	14024	1323	18	MD	EA1GHG	14072	1755	21	IL
PA3GCV	1825	0324	19	OH	AH6V	14014	1823	15	OH	FG1AR	14072	1756	21	IL
PZ5RA	1819	0244	16	OH	AP2TN	14011	1312	18	MD	GW7ERI	14071	1358	20	IL
RA4LW	1823	0239	16	OH	CN8GL	14004	1331	16	MD	HK3ARR	14072	2153	20	IL
RK3AWL	1828	0237	15	OH	EA5ST	14012	1809	15	OH	LX1SF	14072	1756	21	IL
S5ØU	1834	0141	22	OH	EA8BMG	14013	1325	16	MD	NP4EG	14071	1756	21	IL
S51IV	1829	0010	20	OH	TA1AN	14014	1320	18	MD	OM3R	14073	1400	20	IL
SM2LIY	1835	0247	16	OH	TA3AX	14010	1323	16	MD	PA3N	14072	1359	20	IL
SM5EDX	1831	0441	16	OH	VU2BGS	14015	1337	17	MD	PT7DX	14072	2109	21	IL
URØMC	1833	0424	18	OH	VU2RMS	14002	1329	17	MD	SP7CYG	14072	1359	20	IL
UR8MA	1833	0258	22	OH	ZC4VJ	14006	1319	16	MD	UR2ML	14071	1437	20	IL
UT3MD	1830	0340	15	OH	2Ø Meter	SSB				US1VS	14073	1410	20	IL
UT3VA	1827	0029	22	OH	7X5VRK	14293	1350	18	MD	XE2KJV	14072	2145	21	IL
UYØZGU	1835	0034	22	OH	9A3TR	14208	1805	15	OH	ZS2JSR	14071	1941	19	IL
YL2SM	1828	0240	16	OH	A71CV	14195	1322	17	MD	17 Meters				
4Ø Meter	CW				A92BND	14190	1245	17	FL	Z29KM	18070	1720	21	MD
4X4FC	7010	0235	17	MD	CN89NY	14192	1251	22	MD	7X5VRK	18135	1442	19	FL
7X4AN	7005	0236	17	MD	CN89NY	14192	1240	22	FL	A71CT	18145	1301	20	FL
CT1ZQ	7011	2342	18	OH	CN8YZ	14165	1737	17	OH	EA8ALK	18135	1730	21	MD
E77U LP	7005	1553	19	CA	CU2AA	14195	1726	20	MD	FR1AN	18135	1730	21	MD
FR5ZL LP	7005	1439	15	CA	EI3MVW	14198	1804	15	OH	ON17Ø8M	18137	1307	20	FL
G3LUM	7003	0941	17	OH	EK6TA	14163	1440	16	MD	YU3AA	18134	1448	21	FL

TRIVIA

10 METER CONTEST: Ken, K4DXA tells me Carolina DX Association members, operating as N4ARR from the QTH of AA4S racked up over 900 QSO's.

Ken added: Eskip and Meteor Scatter helped the effort.

KH6BZF REPORTS

December

24 HN-AN	**26 AN**	**28 AN**	**30 AN**
25 AN	**27 AN**	**29 AN**	**31 AN-HN**

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

CALENDAR

Date(s)	Operation/Activity	Ref.
Now - Dec 31	*E76ØDPR - BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA*	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 Bissau	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 - 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 24 - 27	7P8AA - LESOTHO	2008-EXTRA
Dec 25 - Feb 28	TU8/F4EGS - IVORY COAST	2008-48
Dec 26 - Jan 4	PJ4/WOØZ - BONAIRE	2008-EXTRA
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 6 - Feb 1	4Z/K2LS - ISRAEL	2008-EXTRA
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 16 - 19	K1HP/KH2 - GUAM	2008-EXTRA
Jan 16 - 29	6W/DL2RMC - SENEGAL	2008-EXTRA
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
Jan 28 - Feb 23	FW5RE - WALLIS & FUTUNA	2008-EXTRA
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 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
5WØUK	SM6CUK
7S5CF	SK5AA
9J3A	S57S (direct only)
A71CT/NDQ	EA7FTR
A71EM/NDQ	EA7FTR
BVØHQ	BMØJCC
BY5CD	BG5CHU
CO7PH/P	W3HNK
D22CW	K1BV
EA1/EH3CT	EA3KG
EL2DX	K8SJP
FR1AN	NI5DX
H6VA	TI4SU
HF75LD	SP7PGK
HP3TA	KG6UH
HZ1EA	DJ9ZB
KT3Q/4	DL3OCH
LU4EJS	EC5CSW
LW3EWZ	EA5KB
ON175BR	ON7BR
PA3ØKST	PE9DX
PJ2Y	G3SWH
RI1OTA	UA9XC
RL6YXX	N3SL
SX1RAAG	SV1SV
T47C	W3HNK
TI3/WA7UZO	AI4U
TM5WRC	F4ELU
UAØHA	RX3RC
UE4WWW	UA4WB
UN3M	EA7FTR
UN7QF	EX2A
VP9BO	W4ZGR
XU7XXX	KCØW

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