

The Nugget



Mother Lode DX/Contest Club

The Newsletter of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club

MEETING DATE, LOCATION & PROGRAM

When: Our next meeting is Saturday, September 10th at 12:00 noon.

Where: The September 10th meeting of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club will be at the Colima Del Oro Restaurant in Shingle Springs at 11:30AM. The Colima Del Oro is located at 4120 Sunset Lane. Sunset is off of Mother Lode Drive, one block east of Ponderosa Road. Mother Lode is the frontage road south of the Highway 50 / Ponderosa Road overpass and you turn left (towards the freeway) at the intersection of Sunset and Mother Lode. See the club's website at <http://www.mldxcc.org/> and click on "meetings" for a map and more information.

What: This month our meeting will feature a video travelogue of recent DXPeditions.

2011 Meeting Dates:

October 16

November 12

No December meeting.

Below are a few shots taken at our August meeting:



Rick, N6RNO, the CQP Master at work.



Dear Rick W6SR,

I'm writing to you as Newsletter Editor of your Radio Club to see if we can get your help in publicizing this year's running of the California QSO Party (CQP).

This year is the 45th running of CQP and we are shooting for a record number of California operators to put the state on the air! This is a great contest even for the casual contester as California is THE DX everyone else wants to work! It's a great opportunity to capture Worked All States or dig out new countries for the DX¹er.

The Northern California Contest Club sponsors CQP and we have developed a number of awards to encourage folks to join the contest. These include awards for the top operator in the YL, Youth and New Contester categories.

We are hoping you can mention CQP in your September club meeting as the contest runs the weekend of October 1st and 2nd. The full rules can be found at:

<http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

We have put together a PR pack for this year's CQP which is available on the CQP web site at:

<http://www.cqp.org/Resources.html>

The PR pack includes an "advertisement" for CQP that ran in the September QST as well as an article for incorporation in your club Newsletter. As one of the co-editors of the NCCC JUG newsletter, I know that submitted content is always a welcome surprise for any editor hopefully both the ad and the article will be suitable for your newsletter.

We have also prepared a presentation on CQP which is meaty enough to be full meeting presentation or can be a resource for pulling a few slides for a short presentation to add to an existing agenda.

We did our best to focus this email to the right people and the right clubs in California. If you no longer serve as Secretary or Editor, could we ask you to forward this to the right person?

If contesting isn't of interest to your members, please accept our apologies for this email.

Best 73's
Stu K6TU
On behalf of the CQP team!

FROM THE PREZ:

Paul Ewing/N6PSE has indicated that he will be available to the MLDXCC for a ST0R South Sudan presentation after PACIFICON. He will

be giving the presentation at PACIFICON on Saturday Oct 16. I would like a discussion of this item at our September meeting. We will need to determine a date and venue with enough lead time to publicize the event.

CQP is next month! I am presently working on all aspect of my station and I have a goal to exceed my 2010 QSO count by 100 and I challenge all club members to do likewise. We need to make sure we get maximum CQP participation from our members. This has been our shining moment and we need to get focused once again and defend our title. Everyone should be making plans and conducting station tests so that we can bring our "A" game to the CQP.

The results of the 2011 ARRL International DX Phone Contest were announced in the September issue of QST and on the ARRL web site. AA6K placed 5th in the West Coast Region and 2nd in the Pacific Division in the Single Operator Low Power Category.

The results of the 2010 CQWW DX Phone Contest were announced in the August issue of CQ magazine. AA6K placed 2nd in the 6th Call Area in the Single Operator Low Power Category.

A discussion item for our next meeting will be getting a slate of Officers for 2012. We need some volunteers to step up and guide our club next year.

73 de AA6K
Shirley

From the VP

This month our meeting will feature a video travelogue of recent DXpeditions. Join us and be surprised. I know I will. Also, bring your California QSO Party plans. Competition will

be stiff this year, but I am expecting great efforts from the club! **Dana Phillips, N6DW**

Tube of the Month de Norm, N6JV

TYPE "U" Pliotron

Early vacuum tubes were often given names and not numbers. In 1913 the General Electric Company decided to give names to reflect the characteristics of the different types of tubes they were experimenting with. I guess it was fashionable to use Greek or Latin names, as was the practice when naming new species. Pliotron was chosen for the triode tubes. Pleion in Greek is "more" and tron is an instrument. A pliotron gives you more or it amplifies. GE produced many tubes during World War I for the military. Commercial use of transmitting tubes essentially didn't exist. Near the end of the war, more powerful tubes were being made. A 50-watt version was especially useful and designated the "U" Pliotron. It used a special bayonet socket. Today this size and shape of tube and the socket are still called "50 Watter". Insulation between the four pins was made of mica and very weak. About 1200 of these tubes was made for the Navy who gave it the designation CG-1144 and 200 for the Army who called it a VT-18. The Navy used these tubes in their seaplane transmitters. This tube was a natural for commercial and amateur radio equipment, so after the war ended, GE came out with an improved tube designated the UV203 and was a big hit with hams who could afford it. For the next 30 years the 50 watter was modified and improved. The construction of the 203 limited its upper frequency, but this shape of tube is still very popular in audio as in the 211 and 845 types.

**Visit the museum at N6JV.com
de Norm N6JV**



Editor's Notes de Rick, W6SR

The past month was pretty busy at our place, our oldest son and his wife were here for 5 days, and our daughter for 3 days. We also had a couple of friends say over for a couple of days each. So we are taking a well deserved rest after our bed-and-breakfast duties, Hi Hi

Norm, Lyle and I were all active during the first weekend of the **10GHz and above contest**. I operated as a rover from 5 different locations in northern California, and had my best DX contact with Mt Potosi Nevada from right here in El Dorado County, a distance of 580km. Not bad for 5 watts and a 30 inch dish, huh?

HF conditions over the last month have been pretty lousy, but I managed to eek-out a couple of new band countries, HV0A on 18M, and 9K2HN on 30M. Other than those, it's been slim pickings.

No outside stuff done around here, it's been too hot. I think I am ready for some cooler weather and to get rid of the lousy HF conditions and summer static-noise. I need to do some antenna maintenance, and repair a downed beverage antenna before the rains come.

The more I use the automated Icom station the more I appreciate it, the instant-on and automated-everything has taken a lot of the "Oh Crap did I really do that" errors out of my operating. It's great for guest operators also, if you're familiar with N1MM you're ready to go. Speaking of guest operating, if anyone would like to operate one of the up-coming contests from our QTH, let me know. I'm sure we can work it out.

Karen and I plan to travel for a week or so in mid-October, first we are heading out to K0YW's place in Durango, CO for a few days of RR. Then a short stay in AZ, to check-out a recent re-plumbing & painting that was performed a few months ago. Finally, we are

going to spend a few days at our daughter's place in the Rolling Hills Estates (in LA area) and visit family and friends.

Who says that being retired is an easy life? But I must say we love it! Enough for now, see ya' all at the September 10th meeting. **de Rick, W6SR**

Member news/feedback/Announcements and Items F/S.

I think N6JV was first place for the Pacific division in the ARRL CW DX Contest with 1,139,040 in Single OP HI power assisted. I am waiting for a few more QSLs to have 900 IOTA confirmed on CW.

MLDXCC MEETING -13 August 2011

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM PDST by President Shirley Rose AA6K.

Roll call of officers found only President Rose & Director Rich Cutler WC6H in attendance.

No minutes from joint meeting w/ NCCC in July. June minutes to be in upcoming 'Nugget'.

Treasurer's report: we are 'solvent'.

September meeting to be at Colina del Oro in Shingle Springs. (add date ?) Rick W6SR to arrange with facility.

Accomplishments/announcements, etc. ;
W6RFF certificate for 2010 IARU
K6LRN RTTY DXCC
K6QG has 10 gig mobile operational

Under new business Pres. Rose announced he would not be available next year.

There was discussion about California QSO Party prior to Rick N6RNO's presentation on same.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 for Rick's CQP presentation.

Counting the speaker & N6JV's XYL, there were eleven people present.

P.S. Business not covered that, IMO, should have been...clarification of dues structure & budget.

Minutes **by Dick, K6LRN**

August 2011 Treasurer's Report

Balance August 1, 2011: \$1475.85

Income: Dues, N6RK 15.00

Expenses: 00.00

Balance August 31, 2011: \$1490.85

**Carolyn Wilson, K6TKD
Treasurer**

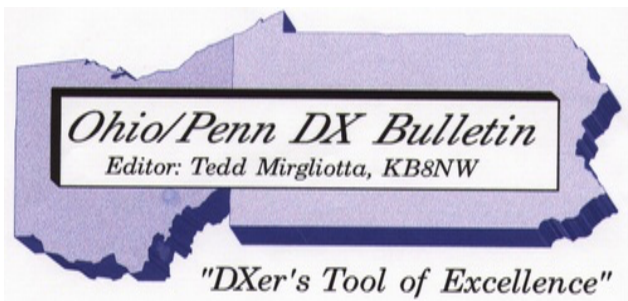
Click on the Hyperlink below to check-out the MLDXCC scores in the latest contests.

<http://mldxcc.org/scores.html>

UP-COMING DX and Dxpeditons

Click the link below to display up-coming Announced DXpeditons:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>



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3A, MONACO

Lucky, IZ7EVZ, will be active as 3A/IZ7EVZ from September 7-10th. Activity will be 160 and 80 meter SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

9H, MALTA

There have been reports that Martti, OH2BH, will be active as 9H3BH from Santa Venera, Malta (EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). QSL via OH2BH. Check out Martti's QRZ.com page at:

<http://www.qrz.com/db/9H3BH>

9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS

Members of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter Society (MARTS) are planning a "2012 Project" to activate Pulau Layang Layang (AS-051). The DXpedition is expected to be during the first two weeks of April 2012. The team leader is Neoh/9M2CLN, with support by Tack/JE1CKA and the 9M4SDX Team

<http://island.geocities.jp/layang9m4sdx/sub1.html>

The coordinator is Tex, 9M2TO. More details should be forthcoming.

A5, BHUTAN

Operators Andy/UA3AB (A52AB), Ralph/K0IR (A52IR), Paul/W8AEF (A52PP), Pat/W0BM

(A52PC) and Glenn/W0GJ (A51B), along with their wives, will be in Bhutan between October 25th and November 1st. In the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th), look for A52IR on 75m, A52PC on 40m, A52PP on 20m, A52AB on 15m and A51B on 10m. They will be on other bands/modes outside of the contest. QSL via their home callsigns.

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS

The DX0DX DXpedition to Thitu Island (AS-051) planned for 2012, is now "PERMANENTLY CANCELED". For DX0DX refunds, including refunds to DX Foundations etc. -- Please E-mail chris@vk3fy.com

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Luis, EA8AY, from the Island of Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276), announced that he will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW. Visit his Web site at:

<http://www.ea8ay.com/ed8a>

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Look for EF8M from Santa Maria de Guia, Las Palmas Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, WLOTA L 0969), to be on the air during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High- Power entry. Operators will be Valery, RD3A. QSL via UA3DX.

HK, COLOMBIA

Members of the DXColombia Amateur Radio Club (DXARC) will activate the "Jumanji Contest Station" as HK1NA during the 2011 CQWW RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are Sal/HK1T, Luis/HK1W, Roberto/HK1AA, Camilo/HK3TU, Jaime/HK1N and Jorge/HK1R. QSL via K6IPM. Visit the DXARC Web page at:

<http://dxarc.org>

IOTA NEWS

AS-024. Kan, JE1SCF, a member of the "Tokyo Dental College ARC" will be active as JE1SCF/JR6 from **Yaeyama Island** between October 6-8th. The main purpose of his visit is

to establish and provide medical/dental care to the islands, so activity will be limited to his spare time. QSL via his home callsign.

AS-100. Members of the "Holyland DX Group" will be active as 4X5A from **Akhziv Island** (WFF 4XFF-001) between 0700z Friday, October 21st, and 1200z Saturday, October 22nd. Operators mentioned are Jan/ 4X1VF, Art/4X4DZ, Yulik/4X6HP, Mark/4Z4KX, Reuven/4Z5FI and Ros/4Z5LA. Activity will be on 40-10 meters usng CW and SSB. They will have two stations on the air using vertical antennas. QSL via 4Z5LA.

EU-172. Operators Heiko/DG0OGM, Dieter/DK1AW, Lutz/DL3ARK, Peter/DL4AMK and Mar/DL5ASE will be active as OZ/homecall from **Helnaes Island**, Denmark, between September 24th and October 1st. Their activity will also include activating a new light-house (WLOTA 3159). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and BPSK. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau. For more information, visit:

<http://www.dxclub.net>

EU-189. Once again a Belgian expedition team will be sailing to **Rockall Island** at the end of September. Operators mentioned as of press time are: Patrick/ON4HIL, Theo/ON4ATW, Henk/ON4AHF, Karel/ON5TN and Rudi/ON7YT. Three of these operators have been at, not on, Rockall Island in May 2009. The team will set sail aboard the "Commandant Fourcault" on September 23rd, for a 4 day voyage to Rockall. If all goes as planned, they will be on the air as MM0RAI around September 27th or 28th. Please keep in mind that heavy seas or bad weather can delay the operation! QSL via ON4ATW (LoTW, by the Bureau or direct. Please visit their Web site for details and updates at:

<http://www.rockall.be>

EU-189. (Update) A team of four highly experienced IOTA activators are planning to operate from the extremely rare and dangerous **Isle of Rockall** possibly between the end of May

or the beginning of June 2012. A new Web page is now online with operator bios, QSL info, picture gallery and history about Rockall, at:

<http://www.eu189.com>

The team is looking for funds to help offset some of this expense. Significant contributors will be added to their QSL card. To donate, you can use paypal at the above Web page.

SA-026. Members of the Araucaria DX Group will be active from the PT5T contest station PT5T on **Santa Catarina Island** during the 2011 WAE SSB Contest (September 9-10th). Operators mentioned are Atilano/PP5EG, Evan/PP5NZ, Peter/PP5XX, Rodrigo/PY2KC and Luciano/PY5KD. QSL via K3IRV.

J2, DJIBOUTI

Freddy, F5IRO, who has been active as J28RO since July 2010, is planning to be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) as a Single-Op entry. He is expected to stay here until July 2012. His normal activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. His QSL Manager is F8DFP. QSL direct (w/SAE + valid IRC PLEASE NO MONEY AT ALL), or by the French REF-Union Bureau. The direct cards without the above mentioned will be answered by the Bureau. For updates and more info, visit his Blog at:

<http://j28ro.blogspot.com>

J6, ST. LUCIA

Bill, K9HZ, will once again be active as J68HZ from Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) between November 19th and December 3rd. Activity is usually on 80/40/20 meters using CW and SSB. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3550, 7050 and 14050 kHz

SSB - 3770, 7155 and 14155 kHz

He also suggests to watch 40 or 20 meters between 1600-2400z daily. QSL via his home callsign.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION

FORECAST/REPORT (September 5-11th)

Sep 05 HN SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
 Sep 06 HN -----
 Sep 07 HN BN - Below Normal
 Sep 08 HN AN - Above
 Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
 Sep 09 HN LN - Low Normal
 Sep 10 AN HN - High
 Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
 Sep 11 AN DIS - Disturbed
 VDIS - Very

Disturbed

GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

 QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between 0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
 UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between 7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less

LY37, LITHUANIA (Special Event)

The following special event stations have been activated since August 31st, by the members of the Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society (Lietuvos Radijo Megeju Draugija - LRMD) and will continue to be on the air until September 18th. Activity is to celebrate the 37th European Men's Basketball Championship in Lithuania. It is a big event in Lithuania where basketball is its most popular game. For details on the event, see:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EuroBasket>

[2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EuroBasket)

Special event stations and their operators are:

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|----------------|---------------|
| LY37A - LY2MM | LY37M - LY2KM |
| LY37V - LY3V | |
| LY37B - LY2GW | LY37N - LY1N |
| LY37W - LY5W | |
| LY37C - LY2CV | LY37O - LY5O |
| LY37X - LY3X | |
| LY37E - LY3NX | LY37P - LY2BH |
| LY37Y - LY5Y | |
| LY37F - LY1FW | LY37Q - LY4Q |
| LY37Z - LY2KZ | |
| LY37G - LY1G | LY37R - LY3P |
| LY37J - LY2J | LY37S - LY2QT |
| LY37K - LY1K | LY37T - LY1CT |
| LY37L - LY2BOK | LY37U - LY3UE |

For updated information about the special event stations' operations on the air, see:

<http://www.lrmd.lt>

Also, rules to earn a special award and a special silver commemorate medal are available at:

<http://www.lrmd.lt/basketball-2011-en.htm>

PACIFIC DXPEDITION TOUR (3D2 and C2)

Bill, VK4FW, co-leader of the upcoming DXpedition to Fiji (3D2) and Nauru (C2), informs OPDX that Eric, VK4NEF, has now committed to join the DXpedition. The operators now are Jay/K4ZLE, Art/NJ7N, Tim/NL8F, Eddie/VK4AN, Eric/VK4NEF, Bill/ VK4FW and Julian/W5SL. Bill states (edited), "All is on track for the operation to begin late on October 25th, from Fiji until November 8th, followed by Nauru from November 10th through to December 6th. The 'Online QSL Service' is set up at

www.vk4fw.com/oqrs-php

However, it is important that people do not use it before we get back so as not to overload the system causing mailbox failure. We would like to thank those who have already supported us and remind all that donations no matter how big or small can be sent via paypal to dxpedition@westnet.com.au "

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

Masa, K1GI, will be active as PJ7I from **Sint Maarten (NA-105)** between November 24-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using a FT-450 w/500w amplifier into a Hexagonal beam (20-10m) and a Quarter Lambda vertical (80/40m) antenna. QSL via JG2BRI. The PJ7I Web page is available at:

<http://www.qsl.net/pj7i>

A Blog page is available at:

<http://pj7i.blog.fc2.com>

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated September 4th)

 3Z176DORR via SP2FAP II0ITA via IQ0RM
 OH1W via OH1FEQ 4T100MP via 4T100MP
 II2LOM via IQ2LZ OM8MEDZEV via OM8APA

5H3CMG via ZR6CMG IR2LV via IK2AGN
 OY1OF via M0URX 5R8UI via IZ8CCW
 J8/PE1IGM via PA3C OZ/PD2DX via PD2DX
 9H3AT via IC8ATA JW2PA via LA2PA
 PP2/DL3SEZ via DL3SEZ CN8KD via EA5XX
 KP4QY via NP30 R300ML via RN1ON
 CU5/CU3EJ via CU3EJ LX/PA1AW via PA1AW
 S550ACP via S59ACP DT0DWAC via HL0KHQ
 LX/PA3EWP via PA1AW SN0W via SP2KDS
 EG1SDC via EA1AUM LX/PA7FM via PA1AW
 SV9/WB2GAI/PviaWB2GAIE G2SDC via EA1AUM
 LX/PA9JO via PA1AW TA4/RZ3DJ via RZ3DJ
 EG3SBD via EA3URS LY37A via LY2MM
 TK5UX via F5MUX EG5SDC via EA1AUM
 LY37C via LY2CV TM6M via F4DXW
 EG7MJ via EA7NL LY37EB via LY3BY
 TM44FF via F-Bureau (only)
 EG7SDC via EA1AUM LY37LY via LY5A
 TM95BV via F6KUP EG8RHG via EA8CPE
 LY37M via LY2KM TX8GN via FK8GN
 EG9SDC via EA1AUM LY37O via LY5O
 UF6VG via R3DO EI/E018IKN via US6IKN
 LY37S via LY2QT UM8LA via RW3RN
 EM2G via UR7GO LY37T via LY1CT
 V5/DF2UU via DF2UU ER0I via Y08WW
 LY37V via LY2FN V5/DF3GY via DF3GY
 ER0UB via UT2UB LZ1794MAB via LZ1KZA
 V5/DL2GAG via DL2GAG
 FO/JA3EZJ via JA3EZJ NOS via ABOS
 V55V via DJ8VC HB60RF via HB60RF
 OE50EFA via OE5HFM V85TX via W3HMK
 II0IADU via IW0HP OH0HG/2 via JA1HGY
 ZL6RWC via ZL1VK

NEW QSL MANAGER. Ed, PY4WAS, President of the CWJF, reports that the CWJF GROUP (PY4KL - www.cwjf.com.br) is the new QSL Manager for **PP8ZAC** station, and now has the logs for 2009/2010/2011. This station is the only CW operation in the state of Amazonas (PP8), one of the most difficult states of Brazil to contact, located in the northern part of the country, and operating near the border with Colombia (HK).

K6VVA/KL7 QSL STATUS. Fred, N6AWD, has reportedly received the QSL cards from the printer and has started sending out the K6VVA/KL7 QSL cards for the July 22-25th, **NA-242** IOTA DXpedition.

ST0R QSL CARD. For those who may not have seen the ST0R QSL card, go to: <http://www.dxfriends.com/SouthernSudan2011/qsl.php>

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: CE0Y/I2DMI, F6HKA, G3VMW, HA1ZH, IS0GQX, JX50, LZ1670SWS, MD0CCE, OK1CF, ON4AEK, PJ2X, R7DX, RI1ANC, S58T, TK/F8DZY, V31UB, VU4PB, XE2X and YS3CW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: FO/OH1RX, FP/VA2WA, N4SF/VP9, TJ3IC and YS3CW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

SI9, SWEDEN (Special Event)

Special event station SI9AM from the King Chulalongkorn Memorial in Ragunda, Sweden, the largest Thai Pavilion in the world outside Thailand, will be active between September 8-13th. Operators will be Axel/DL7ULF and Peter/DL7VMM. They plan to be an entry in the WAE DX Contest (September 10-11th). Outside of the contest, activity will be on 160-10 meters. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1817, 3517, 7017, 10117, 14017, 18077, 21017, 24897 and 28017 kHz

SSB - 1840, 3760, 7060, 14210, 18160, 21310, 24960 and 28510 kHz

FM - 145.550 MHz and repeater RV49 - 145.612 MHz

QSL via SM3CVM, direct or by the Bureau. For more information, visit the SI9AM Web page at:

<http://www.si9am.se>

SV9, CRETE

Luc, ON6DSL, will be active as SV9/ON6DSL/P from **Crete (EU-015)**, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) between now and September 9th. Activity will be holiday style, QRP with a FT817 into a Inverted V, on 40/20/17/15 meters SSB. Also, look for him to activate some summits for the SOTA award while in the area. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau (preferred).

T6, AFGHANISTAN

Eric, K9GY, was active as T6MO from Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan this past week. He describes Bagram as "The O'Hare (Chicago airport) of Afghanistan!" He says being there is

like living next to the runway of a busy airport. He is expected to leave here and be active as T6LB from FOB (Forward Operation Base) Shank, Loghar Province, Afghan-istan. He hopes to find a used ICOM 7000 and will be purchasing a sloper antenna from AES. Also, look for him to be in contests. QSL via K9GY (USA: SASE [no return postage, no return QSL]--- Outside USA: SAE + 1 USD or SAE + 1 IRC [if you don't have both then no return QSL]). He will upload to the ARRL LoTW and ClubLog periodically.

V6, MICRONESIA

Operators Sho/JA7HMZ (V63DX) and Kei/JA7GYP (V63T) will be active from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between October 3-8th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home call- signs.

VP8ORK PICTURE BOOK AVAILABLE

Nodir, EY8MM, has put together a picture book of photos from the 2011 VP8ORK South Orkney Island DXpedition. Book is around 200 pages. To preview, go to:

<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/2447641>

YASME FOUNDATION PRESS RELEASE (From Yasme Secretary Kip Edwards, W6SZN) FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- August 29, 2011, Jackson Hole, Wyoming):

"Ethiopia came back on the air May 30, 2011, with the re-opening of the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society station ET3AA. Professor Heiko Schroeder, head of the technical faculty of the University of Addis Ababa and PB2T, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, President of IARU Region 1, cut the ribbon in a reopening ceremony. The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation became aware that 25 club members were scheduled to take the amateur radio license examination in late July and that the fee for taking the exam was about one month's salary in Ethiopia. Accordingly, the Board voted

unanimously in favor of a grant to cover one-half of the examination fees for all 25 applicants, the remaining one-half having been previously committed from the Radio Society of Great Britain. Yasme Vice-President and Director Fred Laun, K3ZO, was instrumental in making possible this grant.

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to Amateur Radio, including DXing (long distance communication) and the introduction and promotion of Amateur Radio in underdeveloped countries. For additional information about The Yasme Foundation, visit our website at

www.yasme.org.

Wayne A. Mills, N7NG, President
The Yasme Foundation"

YT16/YU16, SERBIA (Special Event)

The Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (SRS) is hosting the 16th IARU WORLD ARDF Championships 2012. ARDF is the abbreviation for "Amateur Radio Direction Finding". In celebration of the Championship, look for the following special event stations to be on the air through now and September 30th 2012:

YU16ARDF - QSL via YU1FJK YU16IARU - QSL via YU0U, YT16ARDF - Qsl via YU1FJK, YT16IARU - QSL via YU1EA
For more details about the "16th IARU WORLD ARDF Championships 2012", visit the Web pages at:

<http://www.ardf2012.org>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/16th-ARDF-World-Championships-2012/194164547268652>

ZA, ALBANIA

Tevfik, TA1HZ, will be active as ZA1TC from Durres between September 7-14th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using a Kenwood TS570D, FD-4 Multi-Band Windom antenna and 80m dipole. Operations also include an entry in 2011 WAE DX SSB Contest. Please be patient, as this will be his first solo trip. QSL via the instructions on QRZ.com.

**ZL4/ZL6/ZM, NEW ZEALAND
(Special Event)**

Look for some New Zealand amateurs to replace their ZL prefix with a ZM prefix throughout September and October, in celebration of the Rugby World Cup (September 9th-October 23rd). Additional special event stations will and are already on air. Look for ZL4RUGBY (QSL Manager/Operator Paul/ZL4PW) to be on the air through October 31st. Also, look for ZL6RWC, which is operated by various members and friends of the Papakura Radio Club, to be on the through October 31st. QSL ZL6RWC via ZL1VK, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Check QRZ.com for more details about both stations.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via "kb8nw@arrl.net"..... TNX de Tedd
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**PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12, 2007),
NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE
OPDX INTERNET
HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE
REQUEST:**

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org
Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org
Subject:unsubscribe

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(provided by John, K8YSE
k8yse@papavs.com):
<http://www.papavs.com/opdx.html>**

**ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX
ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
<http://www.papavs.com/nodxa.html>**

Solar Update



The Sun, as seen on Thursday, September 1, 2011 from [NASA's SOHO Extreme Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope](#). This [MDI](#) (Michelson Doppler Imager) image was taken in the continuum near the Ni I 6768 Angstrom line. The most prominent features are the sunspots. This is very much how the Sun looks in the visible range of the spectrum.

Tad
"[September Sun, blowing golden hair](#)"
Cook, K7RA, reports:Sunspot activity rose again this week, with the average daily sunspot number up nearly 18 points to 83.6, but the geomagnetic indices were down slightly. The high sunspot number for the week -- 121 -- was recorded on Wednesday,

August 31. The last time the sunspot number was higher was on July 31 at 128 and August 1 at 130. The predicted solar flux is 110 on September 1-2, 105 on September 3, 100 on September 4-5, 95, 90, 90, 85, 90, 92 and 95 on September 6-12, 100 on September 13-15, and finally peaking at 105 on September 18-22. The predicted planetary A index is 5 on September 1-

2, 8 on September 3-4, 5 on September 5-10, and then 8, 12, 8 and 5 on September 11-14. Look for more information on the ARRL website on Friday, September 2. For more information concerning radio propagation, visit the [ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page](#). This week's "Tad Cookism" is brought to you by Type O Negative's [September Sun](#).

UP-COMING CONTESTS (complete)

For the latest contest info. click on the following link:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 10 to 2359Z, Sep 11
Arkansas QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 10 to 0100Z, Sep 11
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 12
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 16
Connecticut QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 17
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 17 to 2400 local, Sep 18
South Carolina QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 17 to 2100Z, Sep 18
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0700Z, Sep 18 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Sep 17
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 19
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 22
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2400Z, Sep 25
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 24 to 0200Z, Sep 25 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 25

October 2011

California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 1 to 2200Z, Oct 2
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 8 to 0600Z, Oct 9 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 9
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 9
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 15 to 0200Z, Oct 16
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 29 to 2400Z, Oct 30

November 2011

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 6
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 12 to 0200Z, Nov 13
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 12 to 0500Z, Nov 14
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 19 to 0300Z, Nov 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 26 to 2400Z, Nov 27

December 2011

ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 2 to 1600Z, Dec 4
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 9
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 10 to 2359Z, Dec 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 16
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 17 to 1500Z, Dec 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 19

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