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ROCHESTER DX ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2002

Regular Meeting

May 21st 19:30 local

111 Westfall Road
Monroe County Buildings

RDXA Gizmo Night

Bring a device, project, a procedure, etc. that may be useful to fellow RDXAers. Newcomers: bring along any perplexing questions on amateur radio that might be answerable by the combined wisdom of the Club.

*Note potential meeting room change at 111 Westfall—
check with guard for meeting location*

Social after the Meeting

Scotch & Sirloin
Winton Plaza

President's Soapbox

By Mike Rundle - N1OKL

Did you work K1B on Baker and Howland Islands? I was out of town for the start of this operation, but I am told that the pileups were massive. When I returned, I tuned in to find only modest QRM and easy pickings for this rare one. As I said to N2RD on the cluster the evening we worked them, looking at the QSL routes, I think getting the cards will be more difficult than working the DX. For those who logged this DXpedition, QSL to RZ3AA for SSB QSOs and YT1AD for all other modes.

Speaking of DXpeditions and islands, the XYL and I will be heading back to the Maine coast in August for a week of radio, relaxation, and fresh lobster. We have booked a small cottage on Vinalhaven Island at the mouth of Penobscot Bay. This QTH is on the Southeast shore of the island, with an unrestricted takeoff over salt water to Europe and Africa, and great sunrises. Vinalhaven is in the same NAØ55 group from which I operated last year, but I expect this will have little negative effect on activity. There's something about an IOTA QTH that seems to work like a magnet on the bands.

I'll also be using a new antenna setup this year. Thanks to K2MP's observations at the RMSC operation, I now have a full-size (32-foot) HF whip. After a half-day of sweaty work last year on Islesboro putting up the off-center fed dipole, Susan put her foot down, "Find a different antenna!" So I did. I can put the whip up by myself in about 10 minutes. Laying out the 5 radials and hooking everything up should take no more than an additional half hour, at most.

The whip will be fed through an SGC autotuner tuner located at the base of the antenna. W2TZ loaned me his SGC unit for tests, and the results were excellent: 1.3:1 or better on all bands above 40m, with the Bird 43 showing full forward and almost no reflected power. Based on these promising results, I've ordered my own SGC unit and am looking forward to using this easy-up system in August. By the way, if you have been considering one of the SGC autotuners, they are available until the end of June for \$75 off list price. If you want to talk before you buy, the SGC website indicates that the Company will be exhibiting their products at the upcoming Rochester Hamfest.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin, you will find the slate of candidates for RDXA officers for our June elections. Please give these candidates your consideration, and use the time between now and the elections to question the candidates on any issues of concern to you. Remember also that nominations remain open until the June elections. If you or anyone you know wishes to run for an open position, please make your wishes known to a BOD member for addition to the slate.

QRU es CU at the meeting

Editor's Corner

By Dave Wright - N2CK

Am I the only one who found the Baker and Howland Island DXpedition weak and hard to copy? I managed to work them (eventually) on 10m (both modes) and 20m SSB. Hopefully getting the card won't be a challenge.

I decided that the US Postal Service needed an influx of cash, so I started work on a stack of QSL cards for contacts with US managers. Utilizing a web site that Ed, K2MP suggested, I put together a list of managers. I was able to use Microsoft Word to import the list of names/addresses and print up address labels. That saved me quite a bit of time and handwriting! Putting together about 50 requests with SASEs, I've made quite a few trips to the local Post Office.

Have you ever wondered if that letter you're trying to mail is over an ounce? Here's a trick I read in the latest version of Readers Digest: you'll need 5 US quarters, a pencil, and a 12" ruler. Place the ruler on the pencil at the 6" mark. Place the 5 quarters on one end of the ruler, and your unknown parcel on the other. If it lifts the quarters, it's over an ounce (5 quarters weighs exactly one ounce—I had someone at the post office weigh them for me).

While reading the DX reflector, I noticed a thread about using some sort of locating information to ascertain whether a certain spot could be heard where you are located. Dave, AA6YQ posted a comment about a piece of freeware called SpotCollector. This program captures spots from up to four internet-accessible telnet clusters and the CQDX IRC channel and creates a single database entry for each spotted station, merging both identical spots from different sources and multiple spots of the same station at the same frequency. It provides sophisticated real-time filtering and sorting of the resulting database, and can optionally color the database display to highlight stations with whom QSOs are needed to achieve your DXing objectives.

Intrigued, I went to <http://www.qsl.net/spotcollector/> to find out more about it. It works with another program (also freeware) called DXKeeper, which records and manages QSOs, tracks progress towards DXing objectives, and prints QSL cards and QSL Labels. It can import logs in the universal ADIF format. It looks like quite a nice set of programs, requiring a Pentium 133 or better, windoze 95/98/2000 or NT, 64mb of RAM and a SVGA display or better. If interested, check out <http://www.qsl.net/dxview/> for further information and screen shots. It looks like it does as much stuff as DX4WIN, however at a price most hams would agree with—that being free! It's a substantial size (13.5mb), so I would suggest a broadband connection to download the self-extracting executable. I also checked the development history, and there are updates as late as May 4th, 2002, so development is ongoing. I would be interested in hearing of anyone trying this, and their feedback. Seeing all that it does, I am shocked that it is free!

Remember that at the May meeting, Irv will have tickets for the Hamfest. Also, the RDXA and RVHF groups will have a combined presence at the Hamfest again this year. Look for the Rover vehicles to again be on display. See you at the meeting.

DX of the Past - May 1963

By Ed Gable - K2MP

Most anticipated at this time is Willis Island by Peter, ZS6LM. Peter, a commercial airline pilot, gets all over VK/ZS and plans to activate as many DX spots as possible using a KWM-1.

Conditions are excellent and DX abounds this period, filling many a log book with QSOs from: Ocean Island VR1N; Cocos Island TI9SB; Canton Island KB6EPN; Sarawak VS4RS; Campbell Island ZL4JF; and lastly, a land station that is fairly easy to work Iraq, YI4AC.

Dr. Don Miller, W9WNV, was traveling the Pacific at this time and just finished a stint at Rota Island as KG6R.

Well known DXer Don Wallace, W6AM, reported that he just sold off 95 acres of his Rhombic antenna farm and is down to 25 acres. Only 11 rhombics, on 130 foot poles, remain.

A new prefix for South Korea was just announced as 6N5 and has been issued to foreign visitors.

The FCC just announced that effective 1/1/64, Amateur License fees would be \$4 dollars per application.

Danny, VP2VB/mm, aboard the *Yasme III*, is heading home after eight years and countless thousands of QSOs from dozens of rare DX locations.

The May, 1963, issue of *QST* covered the results of the most recent ARRL phone and CW sweepstakes results in seventeen full pages. The RDXA had no club listing. The WNY CW winner was K2INP with 134,033 points running 40 watts on four bands. The phone winner was K2GXI with 172,074 points running 100 watts, SSB+AM, on four bands.

The next 7 land call sign popped out of the FCC computer to a new ham, it was K7UGA, U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater.

There were many new rigs announced during this period with the Collins KWM-2s getting some real competition from excellent entries in the transceiver line such as the Hallicrafters SR-150 and the new kids on the block, Sideband Engineers, with their SB-33.

May Contests

FISTS Spring Sprint, CW ----- 11 May
CQ WW WPX, CW ----- 25, 26 May

June Contests

All Asian DX, CW ----- 15, 16 June
ARRL Field Day ----- 22, 23 June

July Contests

RAC Canada Day, CW, SSB ----- 1 July
IARU HF Championship, CW, SSB ----- 13, 14 July
CQ WW VHF, all modes ----- 20, 21 July
RSGB IOTA Contest, CW, SSB ----- 27, 28 July

License Statistics

By Ed Gable - K2MP

The number of U.S. Amateur Extra class licensees topped 100,000 for the first time. This is no doubt caused by the 5 wpm code requirement. From the *ARRL Letter*, license stats are:

Extra -----	100,153
Advanced -----	85,690
General -----	138,980
Technical, Tech+ -----	319,768
Novice -----	38,574
Total -----	683,165

RDXA Awards

By Chris Shalvoy - K2CS

First, I'd like to thank everyone for their score submissions and wish you all the best in next year's competition. Remember, one more contest to go this year: CQWW WPX CW at the end of May.

2000-01 Barefoot Contester Award K2CS

Awarded to the person submitting the highest combined low power score for all club contests, both CW & SSB. 150 watt limit. This award is for the small station.



2001-02 RDXA Operating Awards await presentation to deserving recipients.

- 2000 Best First Time CQWW SSB** **K2CY**
- 2000 Best First Time CQWW CW** *not awarded*
- 2000 Best First Time ARRL DX SSB** *not awarded*
- 2000 Best First Time ARRL DX CW** *not awarded*
- 2000-01 Top Combined SSB Score**..... **K2UA**
Includes the CQWW SSB and the ARRL DX SSB
- 2000-01 Top Combined CW Score**..... **K2UA**
Includes the CQWW CW and the ARRL DX CW
- 2000-01 Most Improved**..... **N2CK**
Includes the CQ & ARRL SSB & CW Contests



A surprised Irv, AF2K accepts the 2001-02 KE2WK Award from Ed, K2MP.

KE2WK Memorial Award **Irv Goodman, AF2K**
Awarded to an RDXA Member for extraordinary service to the Club and the local Amateur Radio Community as well as in recognition of personal DX and Contest achievements.

2000-01 MEGA Point Award *10 awards*
**K1PY, K2CS, K2UA, N2CK, N2UM, N2WK
 W2GO, W2LC, W2LU, W2TZ**

Awarded to any RDXA member who submits contest scores which total 1 million points or more for a single contest year. Only those contests in the club competition are eligible. Included are CQWW (SSB, CW & RTTY), ARRL Sweepstakes (SSB & CW), ARRL DX (SSB & CW), CQWW WPX (SSB & CW), ARRL 10 & 160m Contests, CQWW 160m (SSB & CW).

2000-01 Cumulative MEGA Point Award

Awarded to any RDXA member who submits contest scores totaling 1 million points or more. Points accumulate from year to year so that everyone can work for the award. Endorsements to the original award will be given for higher milestones such as 5, 10 and 25 million points.

- W2LC**..... **15 Million**
- K2UA** **15 Million**
- K2CS**..... **10 Million**
- N2WK** **10 Million**



Masters of Ceromnies, Wyane, N2WK and Chris, K2CS present the awards.

The Rochester Cup

Awarded annually by the Rochester VHF Group for Club participation in the January VHF Sweepstakes, the Rochester Cup is a coveted local award. A Club winning the Cup for three consecutive seasons retires the Award to the permanent possession of that Club.



*N1OKL, President of RDXA accepts the Rochester Cup for the Club, for the *third consecutive year*, thus permanently retiring this Cup to the RDXA trophy case!*

Field Day 2002 Planning

**Vic Gauvin - K1PY
 Fred Groner - W2TZ**

Field Day is 22 and 23 June. Setup is 21 June. Mark your calendars now. This is a very active yearly event for RDXA, since members again have the opportunity to work side-by-side at one location in a team effort. Last year RDXA won first place in the 3A category. This year is going to be quite different because we will be one of the very, very few Field Day stations running KWs. We will operate 2A and have a new GOTA station which replaces the Novice station.

The basic setup at Webster Park will almost be the same as last year. This year, however, the antenna set-up will be more simple in that we will be operating 2A, but the generators and power distribution will be more complex. The traditional SSB station will

operate 40 SSB and CW with the addition of 10 meters if the band opens to a reasonable extent. Antennas will be 2 element wire beams on each band. The second station will operate SSB and CW on the remaining bands using the TA33 tribander and 80m dipole on the flag pole using GIZMO-1.

The GOTA station will use the RDXA 10 meter 3 element beam on our new, aluminum tower, and an all-band dipole.

We don't know what to expect in terms of station-to-station interference because of the KWs, but we hope to do some Saturday morning testing to try to resolve any problems.

Bonus point activities are again a major need this year. The following briefly summarizes these activities. Hopefully we can accomplish most of these.

- ✧ *Three non-traditional mode demonstrations worth 100 points each are possible.* They may be APRS, ATV, SSTV and Portable Packet. *We need people to setup and run these demos.* The rules say nothing about the duration of the demo, so the time involved with the demos can be minimized to whatever it takes for one demo.
- ✧ *There is a 100-point bonus if the FD site is visited by a government official.* This official must show up at the site. Politicians, obviously, are needed.
- ✧ *Media Publicity* (100 bonus points) must be at least attempted, and a copy of the attempt or the actual media publication included in our final FD report. *Help is needed with media publicity.*
- ✧ Irv, AF2K did a great job last year with *message origination* (100 points), *message handling* (100points), *public info table* (100 points), and *WIAW bulletin* (100 points). Hopefully, Irv can be given some help with these items this year.
- ✧ *Alternate Power* (100 points) using solar charged batteries (K2MP) and a QRP rig (N1OKL) was done during generator shut-down last year. Hopefully, K2MP and N1OKL can repeat this year.
- ✧ *Satellite QSO(s)* (100 points) has been done in certain previous years. Although only 1 QSO is required to claim the bonus points, any number of QSOs can be made without changing our entry category. *Help is needed with the satellite station, since it is complicated.*

The VHF station has been in the capable hands of N2OPW in previous years. As always, Paul will appreciate help during setup as well as operators at any time.

If you can help fill any of the above Field Day slots, please contact us. All help is appreciated.

The rigs and KW amplifiers are not yet finalized. Many details will have to be worked out before Field Day. But thanks to the experience and dedication of RDXAers, what appears to be mass confusion in the beginning, always comes together smoothly. Join us for Field Day 2002 and experience the magic!

RDXA 2002-03 Slate of Candidates for Officers

The BOD presents the following slate of candidates for Club Officers for the 2002-03 operating year. As always, the floor remains open for nominations until the June election.

PresidentFred Groner – W2TZ
Vice President Raj Dewan – N2RD
Secretary/TreasurerCharlie Kuhfuss – WB2HJV
BOD..... Mike Rundle – N1OKL (ex-Pres., automatic)
BOD..... Scott Blystone – NY2A
BOD.....Dave Wright – N2CK
BOD..... Paul Meyers – N2OPW

Hamfest Calendar

By Dave Wright - N2CK

Rochester..... 31 May – 2 June
Cortland..... 15 June
Batavia20 July
Utica.....27 July
Ithaca.....3 August
Elmira.....28 September

Check <http://www.remote.arrl.org/hamfests.html> for more info on these and other nearby summertime ham events.

Propagation

AD5Q's notes from Cycle 22, May 1991

Solar Flux Range ----- 148 – 249

General - The plummeting MUFs of an approaching summer have put an end to the wall to wall DX activity we have enjoyed on 10 Meters for the past several months. This effectively closes paths to Europe, Russia and the Far East. Since most DX signals come from these areas, activity is way down and will remain so until September. Openings will continue through the summer to the East, West and South, so it will still be possible to work Africa, S. America, the Pacific and VK/ZL on 10. It is also Sporadic E season, so there will be plenty of short skip in the evenings. The 10-10ers will love it, but DXers will move to other bands.

The 15 meter season is about to enter it's awesome phase. So far we have enjoyed improved evening propagation, with frequent long path openings to the west and southwest in the morning. Marginal DX openings continue well into the night. From now and into June, these late night openings will improve dramatically. Signals from Russia and Europe will often be very loud, and the band will stay open for long durations. It will be morning there. When it is late morning for us we get the other end of the same path, taking the form of a pipeline to the Far East. Indonesian stations on 15 fone can be as numerous as JAs, and exotic calls like V85, 9M, 9V & XX can be found. Propagation to the rare countries in Zone 26 is also excellent. Long path is open in the early morning as described last month. Polar openings will also be excellent, and Africa is workable during the day and evenings.

20 meters will remain a consistently reliable night path band. The first two hours after sunrise is an especially good time to operate. Through the summer we get a pipeline to the Far East, with exotic stations workable daily. Long path openings are different than in winter. LP openings to Europe, Russia, the Middle East, NE Africa and India are out of season and often unworkable. Openings to southern Africa and the Indian Ocean are at their best, including a northwesterly path to some very rare islands.

73, de Roy - AD5Q / Houston
<http://www.qth.com/ad5q/>

New Bands

ARRL - FCC

Amateur Radio Poised to Gain Two New Bands! Chalk up three runners on base for Amateur Radio. The FCC has proposed going along with ARRL's request of last summer for a new domestic (US-only), secondary HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.4 MHz. The FCC also is ready to adopt at least part of ARRL's longstanding request for a low-frequency amateur allocation by proposing to permit operation on a 136-kHz "sliver band." And, in response to a third ARRL request, the FCC has proposed elevating Amateur Radio to primary status at 2400 to 2402 MHz.

Twenty-seven Day Space Weather Outlook Table

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US Dept. of Commerce NOAA

UT Date	10.7cm Radio Flux	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2002 May 08	200	5	2
2002 May 09	205	10	3
2002 May 10	200	15	3
2002 May 11	200	10	3
2002 May 12	195	8	3
2002 May 13	195	8	3
2002 May 14	190	8	3
2002 May 15	185	8	3
2002 May 16	180	8	3
2002 May 17	175	8	3
2002 May 18	175	8	3
2002 May 19	175	8	3
2002 May 20	175	8	3
2002 May 21	175	7	2
2002 May 22	170	7	2
2002 May 23	165	7	2
2002 May 24	160	8	3
2002 May 25	155	15	3
2002 May 26	155	8	3
2002 May 27	155	8	3
2002 May 28	160	7	2
2002 May 29	170	7	2
2002 May 30	180	7	2
2002 May 31	190	8	3
2002 Jun 01	490	8	3
2002 Jun 02	190	8	3
2002 Jun 03	195	8	3

DX Logbook

Chris Shalvoy - K2CS

Since my last column, plenty of new and rare ones have showed up on the bands.

Shortly after my last article, **XRØX** (better known as **CEØX**) hit the bands in full force the middle of March. Great expedition, strong signals, good operators and a knowledge of propagation. All told, 11 Qs, all modes, multiple bands. QSL via N7CQQ.

In between that expedition, **VP6DI** (Duce Island, new one for all) fired up and was very workable after the initial fervor diminished. Another great expedition with similar operating habits and knowledge. QSL via VE3HO.

Mellish Reef, **VK9ML** was the next big one and was the toughest. Signals were never there, band choices seemed misguided and a solar hit made it even worse.

Believe it or not, I got em rather effortlessly on 40m, about 3am local, after returning from the RDXA/RVHFG Banquet! 1 call, good signal but as I've said, it's all in the propagation. The 40m path from that part of the world at that time is optimal. I always get my token VK and ZL during the contests on 40m sometime before 5am local.

Wow, Monk Apollo (or guest op (SV/a) just spotted on 20m SSB, haven't seen or heard from him in a few years (Ø214z). I think his picture was in one of the recent DX magazines.

Last and certainly not least, Y1AD and the gang has placed **K1B** (KH1) on the map in a big way the last few days. Great ops, big signals and 'round the clock operation have made this one easy. So

far only missing them on 160m & 80m (160m doubtful). Hope you've had a chance to get 'em.

In the Log (non contest)

4L3Y20m CW
9N7RB 10m SSB
XRØX 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m, 20m CW
 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m, 20m SSB
 15m RTTY
4U1ITU 12m CW
VP6DI 15m CW, 10m, 15m SSB
XX9TRR 10m CW
JT1BH 17m CW
YBØAVR 12m CW
3XY8A 20m RTTY
A25/DL1YFF 20m RTTY, 17m, 15m CW
VK9ML 12m, 30m, 40m CW
K1B 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m, 30m, 40m CW
 10m, 12m, 15m, 20m SSB
 10m RTTY
ZC4DW 20m RTTY
XW3ZNR 15m SSB
DU3NXE 17m CW

Best DX es 73, Chris

ARRL November Sweepstakes Results

November Sweepstakes results are now available on the League website. Check: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/>.

Since many RDXA members participated in the K2NNY operation from Northern New York for this event, the K2NNY scores are reproduced here for both CW and SSB. This also serves as an example of the level of detail available from the contest results portion of the League website.

For those interested in detailed analysis of contests, propagation, bands, etc., the ready availability of these statistics in electronic form should prove invaluable.

Despite availability of contest results on the web, and the uses to which such information can readily be put, it is still good to see results in *QST*. Or as Shakespeare said, "*Tis pleasant sure to see one's name in print.*"

Sweepstakes CW:

Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Sect	Check	Hours
65886	417	79	M	NNY	95	18
Bands:	160	80	40	20	15	10
	0	151	102	39	14	111
Ops:	K2DB, K2CS, W2FE, NG2P					

Sweepstakes SSB:

Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Sect	Check	Hours
207360	1296	80	M	NNY	95	24
Bands:	160	80	40	20	15	10
	0	443	193	172	221	267
Ops:	K2CS, K2DB, N2OPW, AF2K, N2TWI, AE2T, N1OKL					

RDXA / RVHFG Banquet

Mike Rundle - N1OKL

This year's combined RDXA / RVHFG Banquet proved to be as successful as last year's event. Here is a brief look back in pictures.



AF2K, N2OPW, K1PY and others chow down.



NG2P, N2RD and XYL waiting for the awards.



N2CK and spouse; K1PY passing the bread.



K2MP checking out the door prizes.



K2CS and N2TWI enjoying desert.



K2AXX, N2WK and K2CS with a microphone! Is this irony or what?

5W, Samoa – Ted/K8AQM and David/K8AA will be active as 5W0TR and 5W0AA, respectively, July 2-12th. Activity will be 40-10 meters mainly CW, Digital and some SSB. QSL both callsigns via K8AA.

6O, Somaliland – Baldur, DJ6SI, who has been active as 600X from here, will be active for a few more days (probably the end of the week). Most of his activity has been mainly on 20/17/15 meters CW, however, he has been on other bands. *Somaliland, which has declared itself independent from Somalia (T5) in 1991, does not qualify for anything for DXCC. The license was issued by Somaliland government, not Somali government.*

IOTA News

AS-099. Members of the radio club Stip (Z37M/Z30M), Macedonia, and the members of the radio club from Istanbul, Turkey, TA1KA, will be active from the Island of Bozcaada between May 20-28th. Activities will be on all bands (160-10 meters) including 6m, 2m and 70cm, CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. There will also be participation in the CQWW WPX Contest. Callsigns will be TA0/homecall, and they will also use the special callsign YM0KA. QSLs for YM0KA are via TA1KA and for the others via home callsigns. More information is available at: <http://www.qsl.net/z30m/Bozcaada.html>.

AS-118. A group from the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will operate from Failaka Island with the callsign 9K2F. If everything goes as planned, they should be active May 22-31st. QSL via 9K2RA; bureau is OK.

EU-125. A group of German Scouts will be active from a camp site in Kongsmark on the Danish northsea island Roemoe (Locator JO45GC). The Scout Club station, OZ1RDP, will be on the air from May 18-21st. Their activity will be on 80-2 meters CW/SSB.

NA-091. Frank, VE7DP, informs OPDX that the planned operation from NA-091 on May 11-12th was postponed until May 18-19th. The operation was going to take place from Rebecca Spit Provincial Park on Quadra Island. Due to unusually cold weather, the park remains closed until May 15th. No other suitable operating location could be found on short notice.

NA-148. Tony/WF1N and Lou/W1DIG will be on Thacher Island July 26-28th. Operations will start around 1500z Friday and end about 1800z Sunday. Their activity before and during the IOTA Contest will be with a tribander, dipoles and an amp for 40/80. Operations will take place on/near the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL to their home calls direct (sae and postage, pse) or Bureau.

OJ0, Market Reef – Look for Seppo, OH1VR, to be active as OJ0VR from June 7-11th and July 8-11th. Activity will be on 160-6m CW/SSB. He will use an A4S and a 5 element on 6m. QSL via OH1VR CBA.

OJ0, Market Reef – The group of SM5AJV, SM0GNS, SM5HJZ and SM0HPL will be active from Market Reef (**EU-053**) from June 13-16th. They will travel by boat, and the unpredictable sea surrounding Market Reef may cause landing problems. Web page: <http://www.mistra.se/oj0>

Operation plans are CW and SSB on 160-6 meters. They will try to be on the air with at least two station 24 hours a day. Other modes might be possible (RTTY, PSK31 etc.). QSL Manager is SM5HJZ. QSL via the bureau preferred. If possible use the QSL-request form on the home page in order to speed up the QSL-handling.

Your QSL-card is not necessary. For direct, send to: Jonas Ytterman, Lilla Breden, SE-740 10 Almunge, SWEDEN (1 USD or 1 IRC and self-addressed envelope is required).

OY, Faroe Islands – Tom/DL2RTK and Ric/DL2VFR will be active as OY/homecall, May 20-22th, from Streymoy Island (**EU-018**). This will also count for Strymoy Island Lighthouse (ARLHS FAR-034). QSL via home calls.

P4, Aruba – Mike/N3MT and Dick/W3RM will be active from Aruba, May 29th through June 19th, as P40MT and P40RM. Operation will be on 160 through 6 meters, mainly CW, some SSB. QSL via their U.S. calls, CBA.

P5, North Korea – Ed, P5/4L4FN, is back in Pyongyang after a little holiday in different parts of Asia. He is now using an Ameritron AL80A amplifier that was donated to him by Martti Laine, OH2BH, Bernie McClenny, W3UR and Al Baker, W5IZ, which he picked up on his stop over in Beijing. Also, this past week was a “big joy” for many DXers who received their P5 QSL in the mail.

T30, Western Kiribati – Eric, T30ES (N1JSY), on the island of Butaritari in Western Kiribati, will be off the air until approximately May 16th to attend Peace Corps meetings in Tarawa. His exact return date is dependent upon local transportation. For the latest information and his operation schedule, check: <http://people.mags.net/boem/kiribati1.htm>

TN, Congo, Sponsored in part by RDXA – Josep, EA3BT, informs OPDX that he and Nuria, EA3WL, are ready to start their DXpedition. They will be leaving for Brazzaville, May 16th, and hope to be on air as soon as they get everything setup. Their callsigns will be TN3B and TN3W. They are going to put 2 simultaneous stations on air. The bands will be from 80-6 meters, SSB, RTTY and some CW. You can find all the information about this operation, including worldwide propagation tables for TN, at: <http://www.ea3bt.com>

VK9X, Christmas Island – Bert, PA3GIO, informs OPDX that he will be VK9XV on Christmas Island (OC-002), May 18-25th. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w and a doublet with open feeder line, or Outbacker Perth mobile Antenna. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. His Web: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9XV/> Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9XV/>

VK9L, Lord Howe Island – Bert, PA3GIO, informs OPDX that he will be VK9LO on Lord Howe (OC-004), May 28 through June 7th. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w and a doublet with open feeder line, or Outbacker Perth mobile Antenna. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Web: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9LO/> Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9LO/>

VP2, Montserrat – Geno/WA3IOU and his wife (Mar)lene/N3LGY, will be on here as VP2MEB and VP2MAB, from October 14-25th. They will be staying with Keith, VP2MEG. QSL to home callsign.

YA, Afghanistan – YA5T should be active again this week both by Peter/ON6TT and Mark/ON4WW. Mark will be there for the next two months, Peter will only be there for a few days and Robert, S53R, will be there within a few weeks. He is currently in Palestine.

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