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by I2MQP

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2R	Rotuma	Sep 27 - Oct 7	3D2R operation is on with good signals. See below for details	YT1AD
3D2	Fiji	Oct 24 - Nov 9	VK4FW and VK4AN will be active as 3D2T and 3D2A before the C21AA Nauru DXpedition	H.C.
3DA0	Swaziland	Oct 21 - Oct 24	ZS6AYU as 3DA0GF and ZS6BZP as 3DA0HC	H.C.
3X	Guinea	Oct 18 - Nov 1	DK7LX, DL4WK, DL7DF, DL7UFR, SP3CYY and SP3DOI will be active as 3XY1D all bands and modes	DL7DF
4X	Israel	Oct 21 - Oct 22	4X group will be on as 4X5A from AS-100	4Z5LA
5B	Cyprus	Oct 29 - Oct 30	HA5PP will be in the contest /5B	H.C.
5Z	Kenya	Oct 29 - Oct 30	5Z4EE by NV7E	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Oct 22 - Nov 11	F8IJV will be on as 6V7Q, will also be active in the CQWW SSB	H.C. dir, bur, LoTW

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6Y	Jamaica	Nov 26 - Nov 27	VE3NE and VE3NZ will be active as 6Y3M	VE3NE
7Q	Malawi	NOW	G0JMU is active as 7Q7MH HF and possibly 6 meters	G0IAS dir
7Q	Malawi	Oct 31 - Nov 13	GM3YTS & GM0GAV as 7Q7GM	GM4FDM
8Q	Maldives	Oct 28 - Nov 4	8Q7SO by JK1KSB	H.C. dir & bur
8Q	Maldives	Oct 31 - Nov 13	G3VDB as 8Q7EJ	
9H	Malta	Oct 8 - Oct 14	DL8KX & DD8ZJ will operate as 9H3KX	DL8KX
9J	Zambia	2011 - 2012	ZS6RI will be active as 9J2RI during his stay in Zambia	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9N	Nepal	NOW	WP4FE is in Nepal for his job and active during free time as 9N1FE	
A2	Botswana	Sep 29 - Oct 18	VA3QY as A22EW	KB2MS
A3	Tonga	NOW	KI0SO is on as A35CT	H.C.
A5	Bhutan	Oct 25 - Nov 1	UA3AB (A52AB), K0IR (A52IR), W8AEF (A52PP), W0BM (A52PC) and W0GJ (A51B) will be on all bands and modes including CQWW contest	H.C.
A6	U.A.E.	Oct 29 - Oct 30	A61K will be a multi-2 entry in the CQWDX	EA7FTR
A7	Qatar	Oct 22 - Oct 29	Lufthansa Radio Club will be active as A71DLH	DL0LH
BV	Taiwan	NOW	BV100 will be in the RTTY contest	BV2KI
C3	Andorra	Oct 29 - Oct 30	C37N will be a be group in the contest	EA\$URE
C5	Gambia	Oct 21 - Nov 1 Nov 20 - Nov 28	OK/OM group will be on C50C and asC5A during contest	OM2FY
C6	Bahamas	Oct 29 - Oct 30	C6 ARW by N0HJZ	LoTW and dir
CN	Morocco	Oct 29 - Oct 30	W7EJ as CN2R	H.C.
CR3	Madeira	Oct 29 - Oct 30	CR3A will be a multi in the contest	LoTW

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CR3	Madeira	Oct 29 - Oct 30	CR3L will be a multi/2 in the contest	DJ6QT
CY0	Sable	Oct 5 - Dec 31	VE1AWW is working in CY0 and will be signing /CY0	H.C.
D2	Angola	NOW - Jun 2012	MM0SSG is in D2 signing D2SG when free from his job	FM4FDM
D4	Cape Verde	Oct 12 - Oct 18	DL1DAW will be D44TZN all bands and modes	H.C.
EA6	Balearic Isl	Oct 29 - Oct 30	EA6/AA5UK will be in the contest	H.C. dir and bur
EA8	Canary	Oct 9 - Oct 17	DL3FCG will be /EA8	H.C.
ET	Ethiopia	NOW	ET3BN is active mainly on CW	
F	France	Oct 13 - Oct 16	F/IZ4BBF by the MO-DX-IT Team from EU-058	H.C.
FH	Mayotte	Now - Mar 1	F6GNT will be on as FH8NX	H.C.
FJ	St. Barthelemy	Nov 22 - Nov 29	TO3A by VE3EY & VE3TA Will also sign /FJ	
FM	Martinique	Nov 29 - Nov 30	TO5A by F5VHJ	LoTW & H.C. bur & dir
FO	French Polynesia	Oct 16 - Oct 19 Nov 1 - Nov 4	R3FA, UT5UY, FO5QB, UZ1HZ, UU4JMG, RK7A, RA6LBS, UX0HX, US0KW, UX0LL and UA7A will be on as TX3T	
FO0M	Marquesas	Oct 19 - Nov 1	R3FA, UT5UY, FO5QB, UZ1HZ, UU4JMG, RK7A, RA6LBS, UX0HX, US0KW, UX0LL and UA7A will be on as TX7M	
FP	St. Pierre	Oct 24 - Nov 1	KV1J will be again /FP	H.C. dir/ bur/LoTW
FR	Reunion	Oct 4 - Oct 26	DJ7RJ will be /FR focusing on low bands	H.C.
H4	Salomon	Oct 8 - Oct 21	SP5DRH will be on as H40KJ from OC-065	SP7DQR
H40	Temotu	Oct 8 - Oct 21	SP5DRH will be on from OC-065 mainly CW RTTY on low bands signing H40KJ	SP7DQR bur & dir & LoTW
HB0	Liechtenstein	Oct 25 - Oct 31	SP7VC will be /HB0	H.C. bur % dir
HK0	San Andres	Oct 5 - Oct 13	DL5YWM will be /HK0 HF + 6 possibly also from NA-046	H.C.
JD	Minami Torishima	Now - Oct 15	JG8NQJ is now /JD1 on 30 & 17	H.C. bur JA8CJU dir

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KH0	Mariana	Oct 29 - Oct 30	JF2SKV will sign NH0S	H.C.
KH2	Guam	Oct 23 - Oct 29	JA1OZK will be KH2KY	H.C.
KH2	Guam	Oct 29 - Oct 30 Nov 26 - Nov 27	N2NL will be active as NH2T during the two contest	LoTW or W2YC
KH2	Guam	Oct 29 - Oct 30	JJ2CJB will be active as AC2AI/KH2	H.C. bur & LoTW
KH4	Midway	NOW - May 2012	W5FJG is /KH4 for at least one year	N7RO
KH6	Hawaii	Oct 29 - Oct 30	N6TJ will be in the contest as KH6LC	WA6WPG
KP2	Virgin Islands	Oct 29 - Oct 30	WP3A, KP2BH and K2DER will be active as KP2B	K2DER
KP2	Virgin Islands	Oct 29 - Oct 30	KP2MM will be the call of N2TTA	LoTW
P4	Aruba	Oct 29 - Oct 30	W5AJ will be active as P40P	H.C. dir & LoTW
P4	Aruba	Oct 29 - Oct 30	KK9A will be active as P40A	WD9DZV
P4	Aruba	Oct 29 - Oct 30	W2GD will be active as P40W	N2MM & LoTW
PJ4	Bonaire	Oct 27 - Nov 9	ON4CIT will be active as PJ4J	H.C.
PJ5	S.Eustatius	Oct 20 - Nov 3	SP6EQZ & SP6IXF will sign /PJ5 all bands and modes	H.C.
PZ	Suriname	Sep 18 - Oct 15	PA1LP will be on as PZ5LP mainly digital modes	H.C.
R1	Antartica	2011	RD1AV is on signing RI1ANC all bands SSB & CW	RN1ON
S9	Sao Tome	Oct 21 - Oct 27	K0KKO K0GUV as S92DX, S9CW and S9SX	
ST	Sudan	NOW	S53R is on as ST2AR and will be in the WAE contest	H.C. dir
SU	Egypt	Now - Nov 30	HA3JB is signing /SU on HF	H.C. dir
SV5	Dodecanese	Sep 25 - Oct 10	LA5GY will be /SV5	H.C.
T5	Somalia	Sep 3 - Nov 30	TA1AMC will be working /T5	

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T30	W.Kiribati	Oct/Nov 2011	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T30HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
T32	East Kiribati	Sep 28 - Oct 26	Big group will be on as T32C	
T33	Banaba	Oct/Nov 2011	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T33HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
TL	Central African	Oct 26 - Nov 3	DK7PE will be on as TL0CW focus on low bands CW	9A6AA
TU	Ivory Coast	Oct 27 - Nov 11	I group will be on as TU2T	I2YSB dir
V3	Belize	Dec 16 - Dec 27	5B4AIF as V31NB SSB	EB7DX
V4	St. Kitts & Nevis	Oct 10 - Nov 5	W5JON & WA5HAM will sign V47JA and V47HAM	H.C.
V6	Micronesia	Oct 3 - Oct 8	JA7HMZ as V63DX and JA7GYP as V63T	H.C.
VK0	Macquarie	Oct 31 - Mar 2012	VK0KEV is on mainly SSB & RTTY Try 20 meters from 05.30 to 08.45	JE1LET
VK0	Macquarie	NOW	VK8TH has been heard signing VK0TH	JE1LET
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Oct 19 - Nov 9	DJ7ZG & DL7AFS will be on as VK9CX	DL7AFS
VP5	Turks	Oct 29 - Oct 30	VQ5X will be in the contest	LoTW W4OK dir
VP9	Bermuda	Oct 28 - Oct 31	N1SV will be /VP9 and VP9I during the contest	N1HRA
W	USA	Oct 5 - Oct 9	W4BTI club will be on from NA-085 as K4L	
XE	Mexico	Aug 1 - Nov 14	K5ENS is active /XF1 from NA-045	H.C. dir & LoTW
XV	Viet Nam	NOW - Oct 12	JR3MVF and HL1KDW are QRV as XV2YL and XV2KDW	
YA	Afghanistan	NOW -Nov 2011	IZ8NWA is active as T6FR	
YA	Afghanistan	2011	K9GY as T6MO W6EOD as T6SH WB8LES as T6LB	

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YJ	New Hebrides	Sep 30 - Oct 12	YJ0VK will be a group operating all bands and modes	VK2CA
ZD9	Gough Island	Sep 2010 Sep 2011	SZ1LF will be on Gough signing ZD9GI	ZS1A dir & bur
ZF	Cayman Island	Oct 21 - Nov 2	OE2SNL, OE2WNL and OE2ATN will be active as ZF2OE	OE2WNL
ZK1	South Cook	Oct 17 - Nov 7	N7OU will sign E51NOU from OC-013	H.C.
ZK2	Niue	Oct 21 - Dec 31	GM3WOJ will sign ZK2V	N3SL
ZS	Antartica	NOW	ZS6KX is active /7 from AN-016	H.C.

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2	Fiji	Postponed	F8IJV will be in Viti Levu (OC-016) as 3D2JV and will try also a few days from Rotuma. Details will follow	
3D2	Fiji	Nov 14 - Nov 20	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as 3D2UK	
5R	Madagascar	Nov 15 - Dec 17	F6ICX will be again active as 5R8IC	H.C.
5V	Togo	Dec 19 - Jan 4	F4FOO will be active as 5V7MA	H.C.
5X	Uganda	Nov 23 - Dec 15	G3RWF will be active as 5XNH	H.C.
5Z	Kenya	Nov 20 - Dec 3	DL7DF will be active as 5Z4HW	H.C: dir & bur
6W	Senegal	Nov 23 - Nov 29	N1SNB will sign 6V7V including contest	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Feb 25 - Mar 6	F5RAV as 6V7T	H.C. Dir

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8P	Barbados	Nov 7 - Nov 21	DL8YHR as 8P9DL, DL9MS as 8P9MS and DL2NUD as 8P9HP will be on HF and VHF EME	H.C.
8Q	Maldives	Nov 2 - Nov 12	I0WDX will be on as 8Q7CC	
9L	Sierra Leone	Nov 22 - Dec 4	DJ8NK DL5CW DL9USA DL2VW DJ9RR from Banana I (AF-037);	DK2VW
9N	Nepal	NOVEMBER 2011	MDXC will be on from Nepal signing 9N0MD	
9Y	Trinidad & Tobago	Nov 26 - Nov 27	9Y4W will be in the contest by N6TJ	DL4MDO
C2	Nauru	Postponed to 2012	6 operators and 3 stations will be active as C21AA	VK4FW dir & bur
CE	Chile	Nov 20 - Nov 23	VE3LYC & CE3PG will try to activate SA-095 signing CE4A	
E4	Palestine	Dec 16 - Dec 28	HB9IQB has a license for this period and will sign /E4	H.C. dir & bur
FG	Guadeloupe	Nov 6 - Nov 25	DK9PY will be in FG all bands CW	
FG	French Guiana	Jan 2 - Jan 7	TO5G will be aired by F4ACR F4CRE F4DNU F5OQK F6AIM FY5LH	F5KDR
FH	Mayotte	Mar 21 - Apr 6	DL7BC will be signing/FH possibly with a To call in contest	
FJ	St.Barthelemy	Nov 22 - Nov 29	VE3EY & VE3TA will be /FJ and as TO3A during the contest	H.C.
FW	Wallis & Futuna	Jan 24 - Feb 23	HA group will be on as FW0R all bands and modes	
FY	French Guiana	Jan 2 - Jan 7	TO5G from SA-020	F5KDR dir & bur
GJ	Jersey	Dec 2 - Dec 7	G3ZAY, G7VJR, JA1LZR, JF1PJK and JQ2GYU as GJ6UW all bands and modes focus on low bands	MOBLF & LoTW
HK0M	Malpelo	2012	HK0NA expedition will consists of 12 operators and 3 stations working all bands and modes	
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed to Nov 2012	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing probably N5E	
KH6	Hawaii	Nov 22 - Nov 30	WJ20 will be /KH6 in the contest	H.C.

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KH8	A.Samoa	Nov 17 - Nov 28	W4PA will be active as K8A in a big operation with maenyoperators	
KP2	Virgin Islands	Oct 29 - Oct 30	N2TTA will be KP2MM in the contest	LoTW
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 30	DK5ON will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 12 - Jan 23	PJ4C by the F6KOP team	
PJ5	S.Eustatius	Nov 15 - Dec 5	DL5VOG will be /PJ5	H.C. bur
PJ7	Saint Maarten	Nov 24 - Nov 28	K1GI as PJ7I	JG2BRI
T2	Tuvalu	Nov 1 - Nov 12	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T2HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
T2	Tuvalu	Jan 12 - Jan 26	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T2HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
T2	Tuvalu	Nov 11 - Dec 8	6 operators will be on all bands and modes	VK4FW
T32	E.Kiribati	Jan 1 - Jan 31	VO1AU as T32AU	
T8	Palau	Dec 30 - Jan 8	RA0FF as T88OW	H.C.
V2	Antigua	Nov 24 - Nov 28	AA3B will be on as V26K	H.C.
V3	Belize	Dec 16 - Dec 27	5B4AIF as V31NB SSB	EB7DX
V5	Namibia	Dec 2 - Jan 16	DJ2BQ will be /V5	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 26 - Jan 16	DH3WO & DJ2HD will be on /V5	H.C.
VK	Australia	Apr 18 - Apr 23	VK4LDX will be working from OC-185 as VK8PDX	H.C. dir & bur
VK	Australia	Nov 3 - Nov 7	VK7ZE group will be on from OC-233	
VK0	Heard Island	Feb 1 - Feb 18 2013	Big group will be on Details will follow later	
VP2V	Virgin Islands	Nov 23 - Nov 30	N3DXX will be /VP2V	AA7V
VP2V	Virgin Islands	Nov 25 - Dec 3	VE3IKV will be on frequency probably as VP2ERA	H.C.
VP6	Pitcairn	Jan 20 - Jan 29	F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZT FM5CD F4BKV as VP6T	LoTW & G3TXF

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ZF	Cayman	Nov 26 - Nov 27	ZF1A group will be on as a multi single in the contest	K6AM bur & LoTW
ZK1	South Cook	Nov 8 - Nov 22	N7OU will sign E51NOU from OC-014	H.C.
ZK2	Niue	Feb 3 - Feb 17	Big DL group will be on all bands and modes as ZK2C	DL7JAN bur

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

SARL 80m QSO Party: 1700Z-2000Z, Oct 6

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 7

YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest: 1400Z, Oct 7 to 0200Z, Oct 9

Makrothen RTTY Contest: 0000Z-0759Z, Oct 8 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 8 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 9

Oceania DX Contest, CW: 0800Z, Oct 8 to 0800Z, Oct 9

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB: 1200Z, Oct 8 to 1200Z, Oct 9

Pennsylvania QSO Party: 1600Z, Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9

EU Autumn Sprint, CW: 1600Z-1959Z, Oct 8

Arizona QSO Party: 1600Z, Oct 8 to 0600Z, Oct 9 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 9

North American Sprint, RTTY: 0000Z-0400Z, Oct 9

SKCC Weekend Sprint: 0000Z-2400Z, Oct 9

UBA ON Contest, CW: 0600Z-1000Z, Oct 9

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint: 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint: 0030Z-0230Z, Oct 12

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 13

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint: 1800Z-2000Z, Oct 12

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW: 1900Z-2030Z, Oct 12

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ARLP040 Propagation de K7RA

Sunspot excitement continues, with daily images of our Sun peppered with spots. Average daily sunspot numbers for the week were about the same as the previous week, increasing from 96.1 to 96.7. The average daily solar flux dropped from 155.5 to 132.6. Our three month moving average of sunspot numbers puts us into activity levels last seen in mid-2004.

September is over, so now let us look at our 3-month moving average of sunspot numbers. The 3-month moving averages for this year - centered on January through August (August would include numbers from July, August and September) - were 35.3, 55.7, 72.3, 74.4, 65.9, 61.5, 63 and 79.6. The jump to 79.6 is a big increase. The 3-month moving average centered on June 2004 was 80.8, which was the last time the average was near 80.

The latest NOAA/USAF forecast shows solar flux at 125 on October 7, 130 on October 8-13, 110 on October 14-16, 115 and 120 on October 17-18, and 125 on October 19-29.

The Planetary A index prediction shows 10 on October 7, 8 on October 8 and 5 on October 9-27 followed by 8 on October 28-30.

Geophysical Institute Prague predicts quiet to unsettled conditions on October 7-8, unsettled October 9-10, and quiet on October 11-13.

The monthly sunspot maximum prediction from NASA has the next sunspot maximum moving forward a month from May to April 2013, with the sunspot maximum 7 points higher. Last month, the peak was predicted to be a smoothed sunspot number of 70 in May 2013, and now the number is 77 in April 2013.

HK0, MALPELO ISLAND

(Press Release). FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - "Malpelo DXpedition 2012 (August 5, 2011) Contact: bob@k4uee.com

The Malpelo 2012 DXpedition is pleased to announce that the HK0NA operating team is now complete with 16 operators. This is an international team of excellent operators, representing 8 different countries, and includes 3 members of the CQ DX Hall of Fame. The team will depart from Buenaventura, Colombia on January 22, 2012, for the 235 mile

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trip to Malpelo. Depending on sea and landing conditions, we expect to be QRV within 36 hours after landing for about 10-12 days. The team will return to Buenaventura on Feb. 6, 2012. Operations are planned on 160 through 6 meters on CW, SSB and Digital.

We wish to thank Elecraft for the loan of seven K3 transceivers and five of the new KPA 500 amplifiers. RF Concepts (Alpha) has agreed to loan the team three Alpha 8410 amplifiers for use on the low bands and DX Engineering will supply most of the DXpedition antennas.

Thanks to N2OO and the SJDXA who have graciously agreed to handle QSL duties. You may recall the expert job they did for 3Y0X and K5D recently.

Contributions are being sought from DX Foundations, DX Clubs and individual DXers. Your financial assistance is kindly requested. You may contribute directly to DXARC (Colombia) or to K4UEE (North America), DJ9ZB (Europe), or JA1ELY (Asia/JA). See our website: www.hk0na.com for further details on how you can help.

We plan periodic press releases with information of interest. Also, watch the website for breaking news.

Thanks,

Jorge Prieto, HK1R DXpedition Leader"

T32C Bulletin 7

We have now been operating for four days and have passed the 50,000 QSO milestone. There is still almost 3 weeks to go, so those who are still needing us on various bands and modes have many opportunities still to come. This bulletin is by way of a summary of what has been done and what is planned.

Bear in mind that this has turned out to be something of an unplanned Field Day style operation, and we now have no expectations of our container of equipment arriving while we are here on Christmas Island. Instead, the team hand carried just over one metric tonne of equipment (poles, cables, radio gear, computers, etc) to the island. We are extremely grateful to all those who loaned equipment at short notice to help enable the expedition to take place and be successful. Inevitably we have had teething problems, as we have a variety of amplifiers, Microham routers, etc. where we would, ideally, like to have standard equipment and interfaces. Fortunately the transceivers are consistent as Yaesu came to our rescue with the loan of ten FT-450D radios at very short notice.

Antenna-wise, we have two-element vertical dipole arrays by the sea for 20 through 10, quarter-wave verticals with elevated radials for 30 and 40, a quarter wave vertical with ground radials for 80 and a 15m high T antenna with ground radials for 160. We also have two Beverage receive antennas for 160 and now have additional vertical dipoles for 10, 15 and 20 to allow us to retask the low band stations as second stations on those bands when LF

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is closed. We are continually refining our antenna systems within the limits of the wire, poles and coax that we have here, though the second tranche of operators who arrive in a week's time will bring more.

We started our SSB operations at the weekend with an entry in the Oceania SSB contest in which we believe we have comprehensively beaten the previous contest records. We will not, however, be entering the CW leg as this would undoubtedly lead to a lot of unnecessary duplicate contacts as we will by then have been very active on CW on all bands.

There has been high demand for Christmas Island, especially on LF and also on 10 and 12 where, for many years, there has been little or no propagation. So far the sunspots have been helping those bands along, with 10m being our QSO leader to date. We have pretty much been working all comers to clear the decks so that we can begin to focus more on Europe where band openings are much more limited than to the US and Japan. We would appreciate cooperation from those two areas - US and Japanese stations should find plenty of opportunity to work us on all bands. We did have to delay starting our RTTY operations - our original plans would have allowed us to be on RTTY right from the start. The good news is that RTTY is now well under way on several bands. If 10m continues to play well, we may even show up on FM!

On 160, we made our first European contacts last night, Italy and Germany and at our sunset and Russia, Ukraine and Finland at our sunrise. Hopefully these openings will improve over the next week or two. 80m shows a similar pattern but with longer openings, but right now only our topband station has access to the Beverages.

We will continue to make regular updates on our website and Michael G7VJR will no doubt update Twitter while he is here (he leaves with the first group next week). The online log on ClubLog is getting a very high hit rate, as expected - we are uploading logs twice a day, at 7am and 7pm local time here. The Internet connectivity from the hotel is turning out to be better than we had anticipated (since our site visit a year ago the hotel has installed a satellite Internet), and not only does this make log uploading easier but has meant that we have been able to follow everyone's feedback better than expected - we are grateful for that and it feeds into our daily team meetings. There is a feedback facility on the t32c.com website, which is the best way to reach us.

Finally, for that small but enthusiastic group of 6m EMEers, we are still hoping to give this mode a go in the second two weeks of the expedition, but cannot at this time make any guarantees.

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