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by I2MQP

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3DA0	Swaziland	Apr 4 - Apr 11	FC DX Team will be active as 3DA0FC all bands and modes	ON4CJK
3D2R	Rotuma	Apr 13 - Apr 20	3D2R will be used by YT1AD during a short visit	H.C.
3W	Vietnam	Mar 14 - Apr 16	OH4MDY as XV2RZ	H.C. dir
4J	Azerbaijan	Now - Jun 15	4JSONG & 4KSONG will be on the air	RU3SD
5T	Mauritania	Mar 21 -	ON8RA will be on as 5T0JL	Dir only
5W	Samoa	Apr 9 - Apr 11	YT1AD will be active as 5W7A	H.C.
8Q	Maldives	Apr 12 - Apr 21	UT5UY will be on as 8Q7UY	H.C. dir & bur
8R	Guyana	Apr 5 - Apr 8	PY2TNT & PY2WAS as 8R1PY	PY2WAS dir & bur
9J	Zambia	2011 - 2012	ZS6RI is active as 9J2RI during his stay in Zambia	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9M0	Spratly	Apr 10 - Apr 24	Big group will be on as 9M0L	9M2TO and bur

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9Q	Congo	Jan 12 - May 9	UV5EVJ is active as 9Q0HQ/7	H.C.
9Q	Congo	Mar 14 - Apr 8	ZS4U will be /9Q6	K3IRV
A3	Tonga	Apr 2 - Apr 9	JA1XGI will be on as A35XG 20-6 meters	H.C. dir bur and LoTW
A5	Bhutan	Now - Sep 2013	JA2PSV is active as A52SV on 10-12-15 meters	H.C.
C6	Bahamas	Apr 26 - May 6	I2VGV plans to operate from NA-001, 048 & 054 as C6AGW	
CE	Chile	April	3G7C team from SA-018	Dir only
CN	Morocco	Apr 3 - Apr 30	F8FGU will be on the air as CN2RN	H.C. dir & bur
CY0	Sable	Apr - Jun	VE1AWW will be /CY0 active during spare time	H.C.
D2	Angola	NOW - Jun 2012	MM0SSG is in D2 signing D2SG when free from his job	FM4FDM
DL	Germany	Apr 10 - Apr 12	DL7UXG will be /p from EU-042	H.C. dir & bur
F	France	Apr 10	TM5MGY to commemorate the Titanic	F6KFW
F	France	Apr 21 - Apr 25	I2RFJ, IV3BSY, IZ2ESV and IZ2LSC will be active as TM1F	IK2DUW
FJ	S.Barthelemy	Apr 16 - Apr 30	ON4CIT & ON4BEC will be active as TO3X	
FR	Reunion	Mar 24 - Apr 14	F5UOW will be /FR (TO2R from Mar 26 to Apr 9) mostly CW	H.C. dir & bur
G	England	Apr 10 - Apr 15	GR100MGY to commemorate the Titanic mainly CW	G3SXW
HH	Haiti	Apr 7 - May 12	EA3OW is now /HH8 during spare time	
HR	Honduras	Feb 2 - May 6	F2JD will work /HR5	F6AJA
HS	Thailand	Now - April	ZB2JK is on as HS0ZIQ from AS-053	H.C. dir only
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 22 - May 4	JG7PSJ will be on as JD1BMH	H.C. dir and bur
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 29 - May 5	J11LET will be /JD1 all bands and modes	H.C.
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 29 - May 5	JP1IOF as JD1BLC	H.C. & LoTW

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JD	Ogasawara	Apr 29 - May 5	J15RPT will be again JD1BLY	H.C.
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 29 - May 5	JD1BLC & JD1YBT will be active	JP1IOF
JX	Jan Mayen	Mar 22 - Apr 22	LA9JKA as JX9JKA will probably be on till mar 2013	H.C. dir
KH0	Mariana	Apr 29 - May 3	W2GJ will sign /KH0	H.C.
KH4	Midway	NOW - May 2012	W5FJG is /KH4 for at least one year	N7RO
KH6	Hawaii	Apr 1 - Apr 15	KL7JR & WL7MY will sign NH7DX	KL7JR dir only
KH8	Am. Samoa	Apr 7 - Apr 9	YT1AD will be active as KH9/N9YU	H.C.
KH9	Wake	Now - 2013	WA2YUN is on /KH9	K2PF dir only
KP2	Virgin Isl.	Apr 4 - Apr 11	AG1LE will be /KP2	
KP2	Virgin Isl.	Apr 18 - Apr 23	W6DXO will be /KP2	KF6JOQ
ON	Belgium	May 18 - May 20	OT7G will be the call of ON5MA from OV-032 Belgian Castle	ON5MA bur
OZ	Denmark	Apr 7 - Apr 14	DF1XC & DJ5YL will be /OZ from EU-030	H.C.
OZ	Denmark	Apr 15 - Apr 20	ON4LO will sign 5P4LO from EU-125	H.C.
P2	Papua	NOW	SQ5RGR is qrv as P29FM	SQ1K
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 30	DK5ON will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ2	Curacao	Apr 2 - Apr 9	PA7JWC & PD7DB will be /PJ2	H.C. dir & LoTW
SV5	Dodecanese	Apr 9 - Apr 16	IZ4AKS will be active /SV5	Dir & bur
SV/A	M. Athos	NOW	SV2ASP/2 has been worked on 30 RTTY and 40 SSB during night	Dir only
T8	Palau	Apr 30 - May 4	JJ2RCJ as T88RF low bands and digi	LoTW & H.C. bur
TN	Congo	NOW - 2012	TN9SN is active for one year	IZ1BZV
V3	Belize	Jul 23 - Jul 30	W5HNS, K0BCN and W5MRM will be active as V31WH, V31MX and V31MO	H.C. & LoTW

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V6	Micronesia	Mar 26 - Apr 10	SA0BAC & SA0AAZ will be on as V63BAC & V63AAZ	SA0AAZ
V6	Micronesia	Apr 30 - May 4	JH3AZC as V63AZ	H.C.
V7	Marshall	Delayed to May - June	K4FW will sign V73FW or /V7	H.C.
VK	Australia	Apr 18 - Apr 23	VK8AS will be working from OC-185 as VK8BI	H.C. dir & bur
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 working signing VK0TH from 0700 to 1200 GMT	JE1LET
VK9	Norfolk	Mar 25 - Apr 8	ZL1RS will be /VK9N mainly 50 MHz & EME	H.C. dir
VP2M	Montserrat	Apr 8 - Apr 16	W3FF, N7UN, KB9AVO, W7DGP, N7QR, K2GSJ and N2YYZ will be on all bands and modes with several stations as VP2MFF, VP2MUN, VP2MVO, VP2MLR, VP2MQR, VP2MTM and VP2MYZ	LoTW & H.C.
XV	Viet Nam	Now - Jun 12	W6NWS is active as XV2W all modes	H.C.
XV	Viet Nam	Apr 5 - Apr 8	XV2LU will be on by JA7LU	H.C. dir
XV	Vietnam	Apr 19 - Apr 24	VK6LC will be on as XV4LC	H.C.
YA	Afghanistan	2011 - 2012	K9GY as T6MO will be in the WPX W6EOD as T6SH WB8LES as T6LB	
YA	Afghanistan	Now - July	OZ2JBC will be active up to the end of July	
YA	Afghanistan	Jan 17 - Jun 13	CT1FKN is active as T6JM	H.C. dir & bur
YJ	Vanatu	Apr 21 - May 5	ODXG group will be on as YJ0VK	VK2CA & LoTW
YV	Venezuela	Apr 19 - Apr 22	YX5P by the Caracas DX Group from SA-048	DM4TI
ZA	Albania	Apr 22 - Apr 29	F4DTO & F4GFE will sign ZA10OI	F4DTO
ZB	Gibraltar	May 5 - Jun 10	ZQ3M will be on frequency	ZB3M dir

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ZK1	N. Cook	Mar 28 - Apr 10	DJ8NK DJ9HX DJ9KH DK9KX DL6JGN PA3EWP SP3DOI as E51M	DJ8NK bur dir LoTW
ZK1	S. Cook	Mar 23 - Mar 26 Apr 11 - Apr 14	The above team will also be active from S. Cook as E51MCW or E51EWP	DJ8NK dir bur & LoTW
ZK1	S. Cook	Apr 8 - Apr 27	VK4FI will be on as E51GMH VK4WR will be on as E51BKM	H.C. dir

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2C	Conway reef	Sep 25 - Oct 6	Several operators will be on signing 3D2C	YT1AD
5H	Tanzania	Jun 11 - Jun 22	5H9CP will be used by NK80	H.C.
60	Somaliland	Nov 2012	The Intrepid DX Team will put on a big expedition with several stations all bands and modes	W3HMK
7P8	Lesotho	Nov 22 - Dec 3	ZS2DL and other operators will be on all bands and modes probably as 7P8D	Dir only
7X	Algeria	May 20 - May 26	7U50ND will be on by the 7X2VFK members	
C2	Nauru	Postponed to 2012	6 operators and 3 stations will be active as C21AA	VK4FW dir & bur
CY9	St. Paul	Jul 26 - Aug 2	AB5EB EA1DR EA2TA EA3NT IZ7ATN MM0NDX SM0MDG SV2KBS VA3FM VE3EN	M0URX
DL	Germany	May 20 - May 25	DL1AXX will be /p from EU-047	H.C. bur
D4	Comoros	Aug 2012	D64K will be aired by an Italian team all bands and modes	IV3DSH
FP	St. Pierre	Jul 9 - Jul 17	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir & LoTW
FR	Reunion	Sep 2 - Sep 10	DF8AN will be /FR CW	H.C.
FO0	Clipperton	Postponed to 2013	KK6EK, N7CQQ, AD6E, W6OP, N7XG and N7CQQ will be on as TX5Q	
GU	Guernsey	May 12 - May 19	PA0VHA, PA3BAG, PA2A and PA2AM will be /MU	H.C. bur

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H40	Temotu	Dec 22 - Jan 7	DK9FN will be again on as H40FN	HA8DD
JW	Svalabard	Aug 10 - Aug 12	LA6VJA will be JW6VJA LA6TMA will be JW6TMA	H.C. dir & bur
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed to Nov 2012	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing probably N5E	
KH8S	Swain's Island	Sep 4 - Sep 14	Big multinational team will sign NH8S	AA4NN
KL7	Alaska	Jun 28 - Jun 30	K6VVA will be /KL7 activating a new island	
KL7	Alaska	May 9 - May 16	The RRC will activate NA-240 signing KL7RRC/p	UA9OBA & N7RO
ON	Belgium	May 18 - May 20	OT7G will be the call of ON5MA from OV-032 Belgian Castle	ON5MA bur
P4	Aruba	May 8 - May 14	JA3DFM & JA3OPB as P40FM & P40PB	H.C.
P4	Aruba	May 9 - May 13	P40X by JA3AVO, P40U by JH3PBL	JA3AVO
SV	Greece	May 11 - May 15	PA1FJ will be active from EU-049	H.C. bur
T30	W.Kiribati	Oct 16 - Oct 25	9 PY operators will be on as T30PY & T30SIX	PY2PT dir & bur
T33	Banaba	Oct/Nov 2011 Delayed to 2012	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T33HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
TA	Turkey	Jul 24 - Aug 1	HA5OJ, HA5BWW, HA5MA, HA7PC, HA8KW, TA2RX, TA7EB and TA7EM will be /TA0 from AS-154.	H,C die & bur
TA	Turkey	Jul 28 - JUL 29	The above group will sign TC0HA durino the contest	HA5KHC
TI	Costa Rica	Aug 1 - Aug 8	N6OPR N0TW as TI5/K6MQ	N0TW
TK	Corsica	July 7 - Jul 21	F8BBl will be on as TK12IOTA from EU-124, EU-164	
UA	A.Russia	Jul - Aug	RRC is planning an expedition to AS-051 & AS-092	
V3	Belize	May 23 - May 29	KU5B as V31UB	H.C. dir & LoTW
V3	Belize	JUL 23 - Jul 31	W5HNS will be V31WH	H.C. dir & LoTW
V6	Micronesia	May 25 - May 29	JA7HMZ as V63DX, JA7ZP as V63ZP Will sign V6A during the contest	H.C. dir

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VK9	Lord Howe	May 26 - Jun 4	VK3FY will be VK9LHI	VK3HF
VK9	Lord Howe	May 23 - May 30	VK2PN, OK1NG and VK3FY will be in the contest as VK9PN	
VK0	Heard Island	Feb 1 - Feb 18 2013	Big group will be on Details will follow later	
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	WD5IYT will be on from NA-092	H.C. dir & bur
XX	Macao	May 17 - May 23	Activity by a big EA team	LoTW & EB7DX
ZK2	Niue	Sep 7 - Sep 21	W7GJ as ZK2JG VHF EME	H.C.
ZK2	Niue	Sep 8 - Nov 15	ZL1RS will be active VHF	H.C.
ZL9	Auckland	Nov 17 - Nov 30	VK2IR & VK3YP will be on as ZL9HR Heading a group of nine	

ARRL Announces New DXCC Fee Structure!

Effective Monday, April 2nd, the way DXCC fees are assessed will change. These changes will include both rate increases and rate decreases. There are several reasons for the fee change:

- Promoting more frequent applications
- Removing the "hybrid application" problem
- Simplifying the price structure for DXCC
- Raising the rates slightly to help offset ARRL's increased costs
- Improving customer service

Here are "some" of the interesting changes to take place:

- There are no limits on the number of applications that can be submitted. There will be no more surcharges added to the second or subsequent applications.
- A DXCC application submitted using LoTW will have an application fee of 5 USDs for ARRL members and 10 USDs for non-members. There are no limits on the number of QSOs that can be included as part of a LoTW application. Each QSO used in LoTW for an award will cost 12 cents, down from a minimum of 15 cents in 2011. They will no longer sell LoTW "credits" in bulk. If you have credits stored, you will still be able to use them.
- The free DXCC Yearbook that was sent to ARRL members will now be

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made available electronically, and it will appear in an edition of Digital QST. For those who want a League-printed Yearbook, it will still be available at a modest cost.

To read the complete press release and details of all the changes, go to: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-announces-new-dxcc-fee-structure>

DXCC ONLINE (Web Tool!).

Over the past several years, the DXCC has been working on a system where applicants would enter QSO data from their QSLs into a digital DXCC application. With DXCC staff's data entry time reduced, they could charge less than a traditional application, process more applications in the same time, and provide better customer service. Well word has come out that their programmers are near completion and are currently beta-testing the system which will be called "Online DXCC". The following is a brief description of this system and the Card Checker's role: "For the most part, the DXCC Card Checker's job hasn't changed much. After the applicant has typed-in the QSO data from the QSLs (or loaded-in an ADIF file that comes from a logging program), he/she will print the application and either bring it to a DXCC Card Checker or mail it and the cards to HQ, like normal. They will still heavily rely on a DXCC Card Checker's expertise and knowledge to inspect the QSL cards and ensure that the data that has been entered and printed by the applicant is correct. The DXCC Card Checker will still need to carefully mark changes on the printout. When all is done, the DXCC Card Checker will sign-off on the application and mail it to HQ, as before."

What is different is that the applicant will not have to organize cards by band and mode, but instead can simply enter the data from each card in any order they are found. The applicant must leave the cards in the same order in which they are entered, as it obviously that makes it easy for the DXCC Card Checker to work through the cards and compare against the record sheet. If a QSL has two or more QSOs listed, and the applicant needs them all, he/she no longer must put these cards at the back of the application.

Also new is that there is an option for the applicant to pay for the application with a credit card inside "Online DXCC". Unfortunately, there is no easy way to have the applicant pay electronically for the DXCC Card Checker's mailing expense, so they will still have to collect cash for mailing in the same manner as they do now. The "Online DXCC" forms themselves are representations of the paper forms to which everyone is currently accustomed too. The "Online DXCC" is expected to possibly be

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available in less than a month. Be looking for more details to be forthcoming.

ARLP014 Propagation de K7RA

Over the past week the average daily sunspot number and solar flux values rose slightly, even though for both daily values, as the week progressed each day had a lower number than the day before. The daily sunspot number began the week at a high of 100 and ended at 60. Likewise, the daily solar flux started at 111.5 and the week ended with 102.1.

The mild geomagnetic conditions made for a quiet week, with the only unsettled conditions on April 1-2 in very high latitude regions, with Alaska's College A index at 11 and 17.

From the April 4 USAF forecast, they see solar flux for April 5 at 105, April 6-7 at 110, 115 on April 8-10, followed by 110 on April 11, then 100 on April 12-22. The next predicted short-term peak for solar flux is 130 on May 2-5.

This is a lower peak appearing sooner - when compared to the same forecast six days ago - which had a peak of 140 over May 1-2. But you can follow it yourself on a daily basis at <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpmenu/forecasts/45DF.html>.

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0130Z-0200Z, Apr 6

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 6

LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest: 0400Z-0800Z, Apr 7

PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest: 1200-1800 local, Apr 7

QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party: 1200Z, Apr 7 to 2359Z, Apr 8

SP DX Contest: 1500Z, Apr 7 to 1500Z, Apr 8

EA RTTY Contest: 1600Z, Apr 7 to 1600Z, Apr 8

144 MHz Spring Sprint: 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 9

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint: 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 11

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 11 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 12

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint: 1800Z-2000Z, Apr 11

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB: 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 11

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