



DX ITALIA

DX NEWS

by I2MQP

TNX NG3K, ARRL, OPDX, DXNL, ICPO Bulletin & Six Italia

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RED = Important operation
BLUE = Delayed or cancelled
GREEN = Details not yet fixed

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
4O	Montenegro	NOW	UA4WHX is signing 4O7VB all bands and modes	H.C.
5T	Mauritania	NOW	5T0JL is often on 15 CW during evening	ON8RA
7X	Algeria	Jul 1 - Dec 31	7T50I, 7V50I, 7W50I & 7Y50I special calls will be on	See QRZ
9A	Croatia	Jul 8 - Jul 21	HA4BF will sign /9a fr0k EU-170	H.C. dir or LoTW
9J	Zambia	2011 - 2012	ZS6RI is active as 9J2RI during his several visits in Zambia	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9M2	W. Malaysia	Jul 28 - Jul 29	9M2FB will be in the contest from AS-074	H.C. dir
9Y	Trinidad	Jul 14 - Jul 15	9Y4HQ will be in the contest	

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A5	Bhutan	Now - Sep 2013	JA2PSV is active as A52SV on 10-12-15 meters	H.C.
BV	Taiwan	Jul 22 - Jul 25	DF8DX will be /BW	
BV	Taiwan	Jul 27 - Jul 30	BO0M from AS-133, Qsl via ART, box 73-326 Taipei	Dir only
BY	China	Jul 25 - Jul 31	BY2HIT/2 group will be on from AS-158	H.C.
C9	Mozambique	NOW - 2013 end	ZS1WY is active as c91IW	H.C.
CE	Chile	Jul 1 - Jul 31	Special call 3G9OAA	CE3AA
CN	Morocco	Jul 1 - Jul 27	CN stations will use the prefix 5C13	
CT	Portugal	JULY	Several European operators will be on from EU-150 signing /CT7	
CY9	St. Paul	Jul 26 - Aug 2	AB5EB EA1DR EA2TA EA3NT IZ7ATN MM0NDX SM0MDG SV2KBS VA3FM VE3EN N2WB as CY9M all bands and modes	M0URX dir, bur & LoTW
D2	Angola	NOW	UA1QV is active as D3AA	H.C.
DL	Germany	Jul 10 - Jul 20	DL4AO will be /p from EU-128	H.C.
DL	Germany	Jul 27 - Jul 29	Special call DM50IOTA from EU-047	Bur
F	France	Jul 27 - Jul 29	ON group will be on from EU-039 signing F70T9Z	OT9Z
F	France	Jul 28 - Jul 29	ON5HC will be active from EU-032 as F/005C/p	H.C.
EI	Ireland	Jul 28 - Jul 29	EI2II group will be in the contest as EJ3Z	EI6GUB
ES	Estonia	Jul 23 - Jul 30	ES0W group will be active from EU-178	SP7DPJ dir & bur
F	France	Jul 2 - Jul 8	Special call TM0TSR	F4FJH
F	France	Aug 12 - Aug 14	TM1NOI group will be active from EU-064	F4FVI bur HB9ELVdir
FJ	St. Barthelemy	Jul 22 - Aug 4	HB9EOU & HB9CVC will be on signing TO2D	HB9EOU
FM	Martinique	Jul 11 - Jul 18	K9FY will be on as T05U	H.C. dir only
FO	F. Polynesia	Now - Jul 21	F4FJH as TX0HF from OC-152	H.C. Dir only

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FP	St. Pierre	Jul 9 - Jul 17	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir & LoTW
FP	St. Pierre	Jul 20 - Jul 31	VE3DZ and VA2WDQ will be /FP from NA-032. Will sign TO2U in the contest	OQRS
GJ	Jersey	Jul 13 - Jul 15	MJ0CFW by JK3GAD	LoTW & MOCFW
GJ	Jersey	Jul 28 - Jul 29	GJ2A will be in the contest	GJ3DVC dir
GJ	Jersey	Jul 20 - Jul 27	3 ON operators will be on as MJ/OT9Z	ON bur
GM	Scotland	Jul 15 - Jul 22	GMDX will activate EU-112 signing GB5SI	MM0BQI dir & bur
GM	Scotland	Jul 19 - Jul 28	MM0TFU will be /p from EU-123	H.C. dir, bur & LoTW
GM	Scotland	Jul 22 - Jul 30	M6GCS will sign MM6GCS/p from EU-008	H.C. dir
GU	Guernsey	Jul 16 - Jul 20	ON group will be on from EU-114 as MU/OT9Z	OT9Z
GU	Guernsey	Jul 28 - Jul 29	GW3SQX will be in the contest as GU70	H.C.
GW	Wales	Jul 12 - Jul 16	MC0SHL group will be on from EU-124	M0URX
H4	Solomon	Jul 10 - Jul 17	UT6UD is on as H44UD from OC-149, will try also 047 and 158	H.C. dir & bur
HC	Ecuador	Jul 14 - Jul 22	HD081QRC will be a group operation	HC1JQ
HC	Ecuador	Jul 21 - Jul 31	Rick, NE8Z/HC1MD will be: HC1MD - Cumbaya (CW + RTTY) HC1MD/HC1 - Mt. Cayambe (CW) HC1MD/HC3 - Loja (CW) HC1MD/HC5 - Cuenca (CW)	K8LJG
I	Italy	Jul 20 - Jul 22	IJ7T will be on from EU-073 all bands and modes	IK7WDS dir, bur & OQRS
I	Italy	Jul 23 - Jul 31	IB0F group will be in the contest	
I	Italy	Jul 28 - Jul 29	IC8WIC will be in the contest	
I	Italy	Jul 28 - Jul 29	IJ8/IQ8CS will be in the contest	
I	Italy	Jul 28 - Jul 29	IH9YMC will be in the contest	

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I	Italy	Jul 28 - Jul 29	IQ7HK group will be on from EU-091	IK7FPX
JA	Japan	Now - Jul 15	8J3XVI special call	JA3UJR
JW	Svalabard	Aug 10 - Aug 12	LA6VJA will be JW6VJA LA6TMA will be JW6TMA	H.C. dir & bur
KH0	Mariana	Jul 26 - Jul 29	WE8A will be /KH0	Dir only JA address
KH9	Wake	Now - 2013	WA2YUN is on /KH9	K2PF dir only
LA	Norway	Jul 18 - Jul 20	SM3DMP will be /LA from EU-056	H,C dir and bur
LA	Norway	Jul 20 - Jul 29	SP7ID & SP7VC will be /LA from EU-139	
LA	Norway	Aug 10 - Aug 13	LA8XRA & LA9VDA will sign LA6Q from EU-079	LA9VDA dir & bur
LA	Norway	Aug 13 - Aug 17	LA8XRA & LA9VDA will sign LA6Q from EU-056	LA9VDA dir & bur
LY	Lithuania	JUL	LY54SOP special call	LY5W
OD	Lebanon	Now - Oct 2012	IV3XNF is in UN duty and active /OD5 mainly CW	H.C.
OH0	Aland	Jul 14 - Jul 15	OH0HQ will be in the contest	bur
OH0	Aland	Jul 14 - Jul 15	OH0X will be in the contest	OH2TA
OH	Finland	Jul 28 - Jul 29	OH1TD will be in the contest from EU-096	H.C. bur
ON	Belgium	Apr 14 - Dec 31	Special call ON100TT	ON4WDL
ON	Belgium	NOW - Dec 31	Special call ON500MERCATOR	ON7KO
OZ	Denmark	Jul 7 - Jul 20	DL2VFR will be active as OZ0FR/p from EU-171	H.C. dir & bur
OZ	Denmark	Jul 7 - Jul 21	DO6XX, DO2XX and DL2JRM will be active /OZ from EU-171	H.C. dir & bur
OZ	Denmark	Jul 10 - Jul 19	HB9EYW will be /OZ from EU-029	H.C.
P2	Papua N. Guinea	NOW	K9QV is active as P29VAC	H.C.
PA	Netherlands	Jul 28 - Jul 29	PA6NH group will be in the contest from EU-038	PH9HB dir & bur

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PA	Netherlands	JUL 2 - Jul 29	Special call PC100NOM	PA0FAW
PY	Brazil	Jul 1 - Jul 30	Special call PW7FD on SSB, PQ7FD on CW	PS7AB dir, bur & LoTW
PY	Brazil	Jul 27 - Jul 29	PR5D team will be on from SA-047	PY5DX dir only
PY	Brazil	Jul 28 - Jul 29	ZV1M from SA-029 will be in the contest	PY12MT dir only
SM	Sweden	Jul 28 - Jul 29	SB3X group will be in the contest from EU-087	SM0SHG dir & bur
SP	Poland	Jul 1 - Aug 31	SN0HAL special call	SP5ZIP
SP	Poland	Jul 28 - Jul 29	DJ0IF will be in the contest from EU-132 signing SN0RX	SP8RX dir & bur
SV	Greece	Now - Jul 31	SX135HRC special call	SV1EOS
SV5	Dodecanese	Aug 4 - Aug 11	I2RNJ & IK2IHY will be /SV5	H.C. dir and bur
SV9	Crete	Jul 9 - Jul 21	HB9CRX will be /SV9CW QRC	H.C.
SV9	Crete	Jul 1 - Dec 31	SX9S special call	SV9AUE dir & bur
TA	Turkey	Jul 24 - Aug 1	HA5OJ, HA5BWW, HA5MA, HA7PC, HA8KW, TA2RX, TA7EB and TA7EM will be /TA0 from AS-154.	H,C dir & 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	Jul 7 - Jul 21	F8BBL will be on as TK12IOTA from EU-124, EU-164	F8BBL
TN	Congo	NOW - 2012	TN9SN is active for one year	IZ1BZV
TT	Chad	JUN - Aug 6	F4EGS ia active as TT8PK	H.C. dir & bur
TY	Benin	Jun 26 - Aug 10	TY2BP by LA0HF	IK2IQD
UA	A.Russia	Jul - Aug	RRC is planning an expedition to AS-051 & AS-092	
V3	Belize	Jul 23 - Jul 30	W5HNS, K0BCN and W5MRM will sign V31WH, V31MX and V31MO	H.C. & LoTW
V4	St. Kitts	Jul 12 - Aug 2	W5JON will be again on as V47JA from NA-104	H.C. dir & LoTW

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VE	Canada	Jun 15 - Jul 15	Special call VC2L	VE2NHK
VE	Canada	Jun 15 - Jul 15	Special call VX3ROYL	VE3NOO
VE	Canada	JUL	Special call CG3B	VE3FOI
VE	Canada	Jul 28 - Jul 29	VE8EV will be /p in the contest from NA-129	H.C. dir & bur
VE	Canada	Jul 28 - Jul 29	VE9MY & VE9GLF will be in the contes	VE9MY dir & bur
VE	Canada	Jul 28 - Jul 29	K6LA will be in the contest from NA-029 signing VY2TT	K6LA
VE	Canada	Jul 13 - Jul 15	Special call XM31812	VE3ATX
VE	Canada	Jul 26 - Jul 29	VX2I from NA-128	VE2CQ dir 6 bur
VE	Canada	Aug 3 - Aug 5	Special call XL31812	VA3CSS
VK	Australia	JUNE	VK100WIQ will bw QRV	Bureau
VK	Australia	Jul 28 - Jul 29	VK4NM is a group operation from OC-142	M0OXO
VK	Australia	Jul 28 - Jul 29	VK4SWE will be in the contest from OC-227	H.C. bur
VP2M	Montserrat	Jun 7 - Aug 6	M0AEP will be on as VP2MDD HF + 6M	H.C.
VP2M	Montserrat	Jul 17 - Jul 14	W5UQ & W5SJ as VP2MUQ & VP2MSJ	W5JAY
VP8S	S.Shetland	NOW	RI1ANF is active from King George Island	RK1PWA
VQ9	Chagos	Aug 9 - Aug 25	W4XP as VQ9XP	
VU	India	JUL 14 - Jul 15	AT1HQ will be in the contest	VU2PTT
W	U.S.A.	Jun 18 - Jul 13	AC0QG will be /5 from NA-092	H.C. dir & LotW
W	U.S.A.	Jul 20 - Jul 29	WB8YFJ will be /4 from NA-067	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	Jul 26 - Jul 30	K0KOC will be /p from NA-067	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	WD5IYT will be on from NA-092	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	N4YDU will sign W4O from NA-067	H.C. dir

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W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	AD5WB will be on from NA-143	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	W6UX/p will be in the contest from NA-144	
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	N2US will be /3 from NA-139	H.C. bur, dir & LoTW
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	W1ASB will be /p from NA-136	H.C.
XV	Vietnam	Now - Aug	P29CS as XV3C during spare time	MoURS
YS	El Salvador	Jul 14 - Jul 15	YS1YS will be in the contest	
YV	Venezuela	Jul 11 - Jul 16	Grupo DX Caracas will be on as YW5B from SA-037	DM4TI
ZK1	South Cook	NOW	ZL1MGA is on 20 meters SSB	H.C.
ZK1	South Cook	Jul 20 - Aug 25	AB7FS will be on as E51AND	H.C.
ZK1	South Cook	Jul 10 - Jul 20	N6NB & W6TAI will be on as E51YNB & E51TAI	N6NB
Z2	Zimbabwe	Jul 8 - Jul 18	N4XZV will sign Z21Ly	
ZS8	Marion	Jun ???	ZS6RGV will be on the island and in a few weeks should get a call and start operations	ZS1HF

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3B9	Rodriguez Island	Oct 16 - Oct 23	Members of the HB9FR group will be on as 3B9SP	HB9ACA dir & OQRS
3D2C	Conway reef	Sep 25 - Oct 6	Several operators will be on signing 3D2C with 4/5 stations	YT1AD
5H	Tanzania	Aug 14 - Sept 3	DL4ME as 5H3ME will be on all bands CW	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Oct 17 - Oct 18	F5VHJ will be on as 6W1RY	H.C.dir bur LoTW

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6W	Senegal	Aug 15 - Aug 22	M1KTA will be /6W	
7P8	Lesotho	Nov 22 - Dec 3	ZS2DL and other operators will be on all bands and modes probably as 7P8D	Dir only
9A	Croatia	Sep 29 - Oct 6	9A8OK group will be on from several islands in the EU-098 group	OK1HWS dir & bur
9H	Malta	Oct 27 - Oct 28 Nov 24 - Nov 25	HA5PP will sign 9H3PP in the contest	H.C.
9Y	Tobago	Nov 24 - Nov 25	N6TJ will be active as 9Y4W	DL4MDO dir & bur
C2	Nauru	Postponed from 2011 to 2012	6 operators and 3 stations will be active as C21AA	VK4FW dir & bur
CY0	Sable	Sep - Oct	WA4DAN & AAVK will try again to activate Sable	
D4	Comoros	Aug 2012	D64K will be aired by an Italian team all bands and modes	IV3DSH
FO0	Clipperton	Mar 1 - Mar 10	KK6EK, N7CQQ, AD6E, W6OP, N7XG and N7CQQ will be on as TX5Q	
FP	St.Pierre & Miquelon	Aug 10 - Aug 20	VE2XB will be on	H.C. dir & bur
FR	Reunion	Sep 2 - Sep 10	DF8AN will be /FR CW	H.C.
GD	Isle of Man	Oct 27 - Oct 28	G3RXQ will sign GD3RXQ during the contest	H.C.
H40	Temotu	Dec 22 - Jan 7	DK9FN will be again on as H40FN	HA8DD
J3	Grenada	Oct 27 - Oct 28	KS5Z plans to be in the contest /J3	
JW	Svalabard	Sep 12 - Sep 19	LA8DW as JW8DW and LA9HH will be on from JW5E	
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed from 2011 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	Postponed to Jul 2013	K6VVA will be /KL7 activating a new island	
OH	Aland	Sep 29 - Sep 30	OH3BHL as OG0Z, OH9MM as OH0Z OH8KVY as OH0I	W0MM OH3BHL

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P2	Papua New Guinea	Oct 27 - Oct 31	G3KHZ, SM6CVX, HB9BXE, K5WQG, DL6KVA will be on as P29NI from OC-099	G3KHZ
P2	Papua New Guinea	Nov 2 - Nov 4	SM6CVX, HB9BXE, K5WQG, DL6KVA will be on from OC-069	
P2	Papua New Guinea	Nov 6 - Nov 9	SM6CVX, will be on from OC-135 signing P29CVX	H.C.
P2	Papua New Guinea	Nov 9 - Nov 12	SM6CVX, will be on from OC-205 signing P29CVX	H.C.
PY0S	St. Peter & Paul	Nov - Dec	PT0S is planned for this period	
SV9	Crete	Aug 27 - Sep 3	ON6DSL will be /SV9	H.C. dir & 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
V8	Brunei	Nov 13 - Nov 22	MDX Club will be on as V84SMD all bands and modes with 4 stations	IK2VUC
VK	Australia	Aug 18 - Aug 19	VK4ILH is a group operation from OC-137	VK4MIA dir Bur & Lotw
VK	Australia	Aug 17 - Aug 20	VI5CW group operations will be active from OC-139	VK5PAS
VK9L	Lord Howe	Nov 17 - Nov 27	OH1VR & OH3JR will be /VK9 all bands and modes	H.C.
VK0	Heard Island	EARLY 2014	Big group will be on Details will follow	
YN	Nicaragua	Oct 23 - Oct 29	N6GQ will sign YN2AA	NN3W dir & LotW
YN	Nicaragua	Nov 20 - Nov 28	AJ9C will be on as YN2CC also during the contest	H.C.
ZK1	South Cook	Dec 10 - Jan 5	5B4AIF will be on as E51E	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	

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1A0C Team



The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

9XØPY – Rwanda

Operation for:

December 24, 2011 through January 7, 2012

S21YD – Bangladesh

Operations for:

1994 and 1995

1998 and 1999

If you've had any of these operations rejected in a recent submission please send an e-mail to bmoore@arrl.org to be put on the list for an update.

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3D2C, CONWAY REEF (Press Release)

Paul Ewing, N6PSE, sent out the following press release #1 on July 3rd: "The World-Wide DX Group, led by Hrane Milosevic-YT1AD, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition, as 3D2C from the remote South-Pacific atoll of Conway Reef. This Dxpediton will take place from September 24th to October 5th, 2012. The World-Wide DX Group is the same group which brought you the recent 3D2C Rotuma Island Dxpediton in September, 2011.

Our primary objective is to activate Conway Reef with a goal of providing as many DXers as possible a "new one" with this rare DXCC entity and, as a secondary objective, to give as many band-slots as possible. We will target European contacts during those periods when propagation is possible and we will ask JA and North America to stand by during those brief periods when the bands are open to EU.

The team consists of sixteen operators including: Leader-Hrane Milosevic- YT1AD, Co-Leader Alex Romanov-UA4HOX, Co-Leader Paul Ewing-N6PSE, Dave Flack-AH6HY, David Jorgensen-WD5COV, Vasily Kozerodov-RW4NW, Dr. Alan Eshelman-K6SRZ-Team Physician, Alan Maenchen-AD6E, Sergej Yanovsky-RZ3FW, Craig Thompson-K9CT, Stanislav Vatev-LZ1CG, George Williams-N6NKT, Alexander Kuznetsov-RW3RN, Peter Sprengel-PY5CC and Mike Flowers-K6MKF. Our QSL Manager is Hrane Milosevic-YT1AD. We will have OQRS, we will accept direct and bureau QSL cards. We plan to upload our logs to Club Log on a daily basis.

At this time, we are seeking Foundation, Club and individual support for this Dxpediton. You can find out more about our plans at our website:

<http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html>

Thank you, The World-Wide-DX Group"

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

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

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

QRP Fox Hunt: 0100Z-0230Z, Jul 13

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0130Z-0200Z, Jul 13

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 13

FISTS Summer Sprint: 0000Z-0400Z, Jul 14

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IARU HF World Championship: 1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush: 2000Z-2159Z, Jul 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 16

P5, NORTH KOREA

(P5/K6VVA Pending "CW ONLY" & IOTA AS-197 Activation Proposal Project). Rick, K6VVA, released the following on July 9th: We Have copied from the OHIO/Penn Bulletin

"IMPORTANT INFO UPDATE #1 which should address some of the assumptions, speculations and inaccurate guessing I've seen posted various places.

INFO UPDATE #1

This is a supplement to my initial P5 'CW ONLY' and IOTA AS-197 Activation Project Proposal general information.

First of all, Tnx very much to each of you who have responded thus far via the P5 Interest webform. I am extremely encouraged by the level of generosity already expressed for the Humanitarian part of this Project in such a short time.

A longstanding hallmark of Amateur Radio is 'International Goodwill & Friendship. As a member of Rotary International for 25 years, I have a bona fide, genuine interest and commitment to the Humanitarian aspects of this unique P5 Project proposal. The U.S.A. NGO involved has an extremely high ranking on Charity Navigator. In fact, higher than many prominent and well respected other U.S.A. based Humanitarian Organizations.

Let me make it very clear - this is NOT a cash-into-the-pockets-of- officials endeavor as has been the case with some other expeditions. As I initially indicated, representatives of the NGO involved personally supervise the final delivery and distribution of agricultural, food and medical related items in the D.P.R.K. which have been purchased from any contributions to ensure the integrity of the donation programs. As a valid 501(c)(3) organization, at least the USA contributors will have the potential opportunity for their charitable contributions to be tax deductions. Regarding the donations level 'threshold' term used in the original information, this was established by me and not the D.P.R.K..

Over the past 15 years, when North Korea has been struck by famines and floods, the NGO participating in this project proposal has provided lifesaving assistance to help 2 million people survive. Current work focuses on delivering safe, clean and reliable water supplies to three major hospitals serving cities outside of the capital; and on providing emergency food relief through hospitals to children dying of severe malnutrition. If you saw the photos I've seen of some of these young children, it would break your heart. By providing some of the most fundamental of human needs, the NGO works to alleviate suffering and build hope in North Korea. It's called 'Humanitarianism' & 'Goodwill'.

The U.S.A. NGO Humanitarian activities in the D.P.R.K. as a part of this combined P5 Project proposal must be approved by D.P.R.K. Officials. That's the way things work over there, but any future donations associated with bringing this P5 Project Proposal to fruition will be subject to written approval by all requisite D.P.R.K. entities for a P5 license, and an element of mutual trust required to operate first, with donations to follow AFTER the expedition is done. Sound impossible? It is highly 'challenging', but to paraphrase an old saying: 'I would rather attempt to do the seemingly impossible and fail, than to do nothing and succeed.' How many of you had attempted something like this lately???

Under no circumstances is anyone obligated to do any of the following:

1. No one is obligated to make a voluntary donation of any amount at any time.
2. No one is obligated to make a donation in order to receive a QSL for a P5 QSO.
3. No one is obligated to join in an on-air pileup and attempt to make a P5 QSO.

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Since Amateur Radio Operators Worldwide are known to be people of integrity, we will be asking the D.P.R.K. Authorities to trust us that the stated donation interest level amounts which have been made in advance will be honored by each individual, and directed to the U.S.A. NGO at the conclusion of the expedition. In a venue of mutual understanding, we will need to trust the D.P.R.K. Authorities to honor the terms and conditions in the P5 License and Expedition related documents agreed to in advance. This would only be possible based upon the D.P.R.K.'s longstanding relationship and respect of the NGO for all of the Humanitarian work it has done in the D.P.R.K. for over 20 years. Another option if necessary might be some type of Escrow account scenario.

For those who have already indicated a donation interest level amount on the P5 Project webform, please note the following (be sure and include your callsign and name):

1. To CHANGE the amount, send an email to: p5changeme@k6vva.com
2. To DELETE your interest, send an email to: p5deleteme@k6vva.com

I will reiterate that under NO circumstances should any donations be sent to me directly at any time, either now or in the future. Any donations which may be made on behalf of this project MUST go directly to the U.S.A. based NGO for the Humanitarian purposes. At the appropriate time, the NGO name will be provided along with specific instructions for the donation processes (as well as the QSL route). As previously indicated, pursuant to this specific P5 Project Proposal, I will be paying ALL of my own expedition expenses. The only exception to this not considered may possibly be the printing of QSL cards which has just been offered, and would be a form of non-cash expedition-specific support.

Most of us in the HF DXing and Contesting arena are 'Old Codgers' now, and the 'SK' factor has been sadly accelerating amongst our ranks at an alarming rate. For many, there may not be another 5 or 10 years to wait for a P5 expedition. A reality check is that this *could* still end up the case. Others have likely been pursuing P5 license approval. Their efforts might succeed and mine fail. Because of the need to ascertain a realistic idea of donation possibilities for the Humanitarian aspect of my proposal, as I indicated months ago in the IOTA realm, there would be exceptions to my new policy of not making far-in-advance notice of my future IOTA expeditions. This was a planned for exception. The previously stated intention of 4 days QRV with 200 watt radios and Verticals near salt water was being very conservative. I indicated I also have two KPA500 amps, but that approval for use in P5 is questionable (for a number of reasons). I have a short-list of other experienced expedition operators who have been on stand-by for years now with an expressed interest in joining me on a P5 expedition. Of course a more than one operator venue is on the table, but I chose to be conservative at this time in seeking interest levels.

As to why a CW ONLY proposal, there are some very good reasons.

P5 is the most needed DXCC entity on CW. I also happen to prefer CW, which in times of challenging solar conditions, still provides the best opportunity for Little Pistol station operators with weak signals to make a desired QSO - especially over a long haul path. I can assure you I have a specific on-air operating plan to implement for maximizing QSOs and minimizing pileup chaos if I am fortunate to find myself on-the-air from P5 and IOTA AS-197.

My understanding is that the primary past P5 operation resulted in a bit over 16,000 QSOs with about 12,000 unique callsigns, and the majority of QSOs were on SSB. Let's face reality here. With so many still needing at least one contact with P5 (especially on CW), I'd be willing to bet that at least 75% of those who already have a P5 SSB QSL in hand would jump into ANY new P5 SSB pileup again (even on the same band already worked and confirmed) just because they can, or have nothing better to do. Sorry, but I have no interest in spending a lot of my own money to go work dupes on SSB who already have a P5 QSL card, and see so many Little Pistol station operators (many of whom only operate CW) miss out on a needed first P5, P5 'CW' and/or IOTA AS-197 QSO.

Should approval end up for only a 4 day, single op venue in P5 as I initially conveyed, my goal is a net 15 to 18 hours per day of operating. Since the CW SPRINT is my favorite CW contest, I can assure you things will move along very fast, but not so fast in WPM that the majority of DX'ers won't be able to copy. My minimum goal as a 4 day, single op is 7,000 to 9,000 QSOs (unless a major solar flare occurs). I will send 'UP' after each 'TU', and also I.D. frequently enough unlike too many major expeditions this past year. There will be no valuable time wasted having to call CQ-CQ-CQ from P5 as has been the case with most of the not-so-rare IOTA Expeditions or even DX Contests. I believe my QSO goal is quite attainable,

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considering that I made 4,467 QSOs in 2 days as KP2CW in the 2004 ARRL CW DX Contest (Top Ten Single Operator All Band), and was First Place World, Single Operator 20 Meters CW, in the 2009 ARRL CW DX Contest as VP2VVA.

People can make assumptions and speculate all they want about aspects of this unique P5 Project Proposal which is understandable. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, however some of the comments I've read by various 'Armchair Quarterbacks' are very inaccurate guessing. Please leave Political rhetoric out of your comments which serve no useful purpose. During the 'Cold War', many of us in the U.S. worked a lot of fellow Russian ham friends on the air regardless of what was happening in the Political World. Amateur Radio transcends Political Borders. Hopefully this INFO UPDATE has clarified a few things, however I am not at liberty to share all of the details of the P5 Project Proposal at this time. An additional INFO UPDATE will be made when deemed appropriate.

Tnx very much again to everyone including many of my ham friends who know me for their extremely encouraging generous level of Humanitarian interest provided thus far.

73...

Rick, K6VVA * The Locust"

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