



# DX ITALIA

## DX NEWS

by **I2MQP**

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**RED** = Important operation

**BLUE** = Delayed or cancelled

**GREEN** = Details not yet fixed

E-QSL only operations are not included in this newsletter

**ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA OR A ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA**

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
3B8	Mauritius	Nov 21 - Dec 16	SM6JBC & SM6GOR are now on /3B8	H.C.
4S	Sri Lanka	Nov 17 - Apr 15	DX0KK will be again on as 4S7KKG maili CW & digi	Bureau
5R	Madagascar	Nov 16 - Dec 15	F6ICX will be on as 5R8IC	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Dec 8 - Dec 14	AA1AC will be on /6W	H.C. dir & bur
6Y	Jamaica	Dec 1 - Dec 31	W8YCM will be /6Y for the complete month mainly 17 m SSB	H.C.
8P	Barbados	Dec 1 - Dec 15	G0KOK is on as 8P9CC	H.C.
8P	Barbados	Dec 9 - Dec 16	8P8T will be on by KI1U N1TA K0BJ during the contest, will sign 8P9IU, 8P9TA, 8P9BJ,	KI1U

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9G	Ghana	Aug 2013 - Dec 2014	W7JVN & his wife WB7NLY will be on a missionary activity and hopes to get on the air as 9G5AC	
9L	Sierra Leone	Dec 1 - Feb 31	9A3A will be in 9L signing 9L1A mainly CW	9A2AA
9L	Sierra Leone	DEC or Jan	G7XBU plans to be active as 9L1BXU	H.C.
9X	Rwanda	Now - Mar 2014	JR1IZM has got the call 9X0ZM and will be soon on mainly 20 m	JO1CRA
A7	Qatar	Now - End 2013	G0MGX operates /A7	
CT8	Azores	Now - Dec 18	DF9WB is on /CT8	H.C. dir & bur
E6	Niue	Dec 7 - Dec 17	VK4WR as E6RQ and VK4FI as E6SG	VK4FI dir
FK	New Caledonia	Oct end - Feb	F5IRO will be /FK from OC-032	F5IRO OQRS/LoTW
FK	New Caledonia	Dec 9 - Dec 13	F5IRO will sign FK8RO from OC-033	F5IRO OQRS/LoTW
FM	Martinique	Dec 3 - Dec 21	F5MCC is /FM	H.C. bur
H40	Temotu	Dec 21 - Jan 10	DK9FN is planning to be on from OC-100 signing H40FN	H.C. dir & bur
HI	Dominican Rep.	Now - Dec 25	RO5D will be / HI7	H.C.
J7	Dominica	Oct 21 - Dec 21	HB9MFM as J79WTA, HB9BZG as J79KZ, HB9TPQ as J79DP	HB9MFM
JD	Minami Torishima	Dec 16 - Mar 18	JG8NQJ will be /JD1 during time left from his work in the weather station, maily CW	JA8CJY dir & bur
JW	Svalabard	Jun 16 - Dec 15	LA9JKA is again active as JW9JKA	H.C.
JW	Svalabard	Dec - May	LA2US will be on during time left from his job signin JW2US (EU-027	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
JY	Jordan	NOW	E78A is now active as JY9FC. He works for UN and will be there for three years	H.C dir & bur OQRS
LU	Argentina	Dec 14 - Dec 15	L73D will be in the contest	
OD	Lebanon	Nov 2013 -May 2014	EA1CYK will be /OD5	EA7LS
OX	Greenland	2013 - 2015	OZ5MD will sign OX5M for 2 years OZ5BD will sign OX5T for 2 years	OZ0J OZ0J
PJ2	Curacao	Dec 14 - Dec 15	N5OT, W6DR, N9YS, NT6X and W0CG (PJ2DX) will be in the contest as PJ2T. Will be /PJ2 outside	W3HMK

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PJ5	St. Estatus	Dec 22 - Dec 29	JN1RVS will sign PJ5/K6NAO	JA1HGY OQRS
RI	Antartica	Dec 15 - Mar 14	RW1ANT will be on from AN-016	RW1AI
S7	Seychelles	Dec 15 - Jan 15	UA3DJY as S79ACR	H.C.
SU	Egypt	NOW	RW3AH has got his license and now is signing SU9AF	UA3DX
TZ	Mali	NOW	TZ6BB is often on in the afternoon	W3HMK
V4	St. Kitts	Jan 21 - Feb 21	N3ME will be on as V47AJ	H.C. dir & bur
V5	Namibia	Dec 14 - Jan 18	DJ2HD & DK1CE will be /V5	DJ2HD & DH3WO
V7	Marshall Islands	JUNE - DEC 2013	KJ6MZ is active as V73MZ	H.C. dir
VK0	Antartica	Now - Feb 2014	G3WIP is on as VK0GB	
VP2V	British Virgin Isl	Dec 1 - Jan 15	SP3IPB is again /VP2V	H.C.:
VP5	Turks & Caicos	Dec 19 - Dec 26	VE3OC will be /VP5 during time left from scuba dives	ONLY DIR + \$ 5
VP8/A	Antartica	Now - Jan 2014	VK6JJJ will be active as VK0JJJ from AN-016	K7CO
VP8/A	Antartica	Now - Feb 2014	ZS7V is on duty at the SANAE base	ZS1HF
VP8S	S. Shetland	Dec 17 - Dec 31	RI20ANT special station will be on from AN-010	RW3RN
XE	Mexico	Dec 7 - Dec 14	XE2I will be aired from NA-124	
XV	Vietnam	Nov 29 - Dec 14	SM6LRR will be on as XV2LRR holiday style	LoTW
XW	Laos	Dec 12 - Dec 17	E21EIC will be again active as XW0YJY	H.C. OQRS & LoTW
YA	Afghanistan	Now - End 2013	ON4JM will be on as T6JR	H.C.
YA	Afghanistan	Now - May 2014	KB2RLB will be on as T6MT	KB2RLB
YA	Afghanistan	May 15-Aug 2014	KB2OBQ will be again on as T6JP	LoTW Qrz.com
YB	Indonesia	Dec 21 - Dec 25	YF1AR, YB4IR & YB8XN will be active from OC-272 signing /8	YF1AR N200 YB8XM H.C. YB4IR H.C.

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YN	Nicaragua	Dec 11 - Dec 18	K7ZO will sign again YN5Z	H.C. & LoTW
ZA	Albania	NOW	DL4KM is now /ZA	H.C.
ZA	Albania	2013 - 2014	IZ4JMA is on /ZA	H.C.
ZS	S. Africa	Dec 2013	ZS9MADIBA to commemorate Nelson Mandela	
ZD7	Now - Dec 23	Now - Dec 23	ZS1BBT is now on signing ZD7PAS	
ZD9	Gough	Nov 2013 Aug 2014	ZS1BM will sign ZD9G	ZS1HF
ZS8	Marion Island	Apr 2013 - May 2014	ZR6CWI is active from AF-021 as ZS8C. ZS1BCE is signing ZS8Z	ZS1HF
ZS8	Marion Island	NOW	Another station is on signing ZS8Z	

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
1A	SMOM	Jan 2 - Jan 7	Operation from SMOM is planned early Jan	
3B9	Rodriguez	Feb 10 - Feb 18	OE4AAC will be /3B9	H.C.
3D2	Fiji	Mar 23 - Mar 31	K0UU will be on as 3D2FJ all bands CW only OC-016	H.C. dir & LoTW
4S	Sri Lanka	Mar 10 - Mar 23	DK1BT DH7KU DJ6TF DK1BT DK7LX DL4WK DL7DF DL7UFN DL7UFR SP3CYY SP3DOI all bands/modes	DL7DF dir & bur & LoTW
5H	Tanzania	Feb 5 - Feb 24	An Italian group will be on as 5I0DX	
5V	Togo	2014	F5MVB will be active as 5V7MP	
5X	Uganda	Feb 25 - Mar 16	G3XAQ will be on as 5X1XA	G3SWH & LoTW
6W	Senegal	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be again on as 6W7SK	H.C. dir & bur
7P	Lesotho	Dec 22 - Dec 24	DJ2HD will be on as 7P8DJ	H.C.
7P	Lesotho	Dec 22 - Dec 24	DK1CE will be on as 7P8CE	DH3WO dir & bur
A2	Botswana	Apr 2014	ZS2DL & group will be on as A22D	ZS2DL dir & LoTW

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A3	Tonga	Feb 24 - Mar 7	DK1ZX & DK1MA will be on as A35AX	OQRS
A3	Tonga	Aug 16 - Aug 24	AC8W K8AQM KG8CO KN8R N8LJ will be on all bands and modes	
C6	Bahamas	Jan 1 - Jan 31	9H5G will be /C6A from NA-001	NI5DX & LoTW
CE	Chile	Feb 23 - Feb 28	3G7PM group will be on from SA-018	
EA8	Canary Islands	Feb 15 - Feb 16	EA8AY will use the call EF8USA in the contest	W2GR
FG	Guadeloupe	Feb 20 - Mar 6	F6HMQ will work again as TO22C	H.C.
FH	Mayotte	Mar 21 - Apr 4	TO7BC will be used by DL7BC	H.C.
FM	Martinique	Jan 13 - Jan 19	TO3JA from NA-107	EB7DX
FM	Martinique	Jan 15 - Jan 16	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /FM	H.C.
FM	Martinique	Mar 26 - Apr 1	M5RIC will be on as TO4C	M0OXO
FO/A	Austral Isl	Mar 20 - Apr 1	G3BJ G3SVL G3TXF G3WGN G3XTT G4JKS G4TSH will be on all bands and modes	G3TXF & OQRS/LoTW
FR	Reunion	Feb 5 - Feb 17	TO7CC by F6KOP radio club ALL BANDS AND MODES	
FR/T	Tromelin	2014	F5UFX is organizing an expedition to Tromelin expected in 2014	
FS	St. Martin	Jun 8 - Jun 27	K9EL will be / FS all bands and modes	H.C. OQRS Lotw
FT5Z	Amsterdam	Jan 24 - Feb 12	14 operators will be on with 8 stations signing FT5ZM	N200
HK0	S. Andres	Apr 18 - Apr 25	LW9EOC will be /HK0	H.C.
JA	Japan	Dec 28 - Jan 3	JI3DST will be /6 from AS-049	H.C dir & bur
J3	Grenada	Mar 3 - Mar 10	G3PJT will be on as J34G	H.C.
J7	Dominica	Jan 15 - Jan 16 Jan 23 - Jan 29	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be on as J79VC & J79PB	H.C.
JD	Minami Torishima	Mid Dec	JG8NQJ will be gain /JD1 from OC-073	JA8CJY dir & bur
JW	Svalabard	Dec 24 - Dec 25	PY2SEX will be active /JW	DL1NX
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing N5E	ZL3CW & LoTW
OZ	Denmark	Dec 28 - Dec 31	DL2VFR will sign OU1RAEM CW only from EU-125	Bur

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PJ2	Curacao	Jan 17 - Jan 29	K8ND will be again on /PJ2	W3HMK
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 29	DK5ON will be /PJ2 from SA-099	DK5ON
PJ4	Bonaire	May 24 - May 25	WJ2O will be in the contest as PJ4G	N2ZN
PJ7	S. Maarten	Feb 22 - Mar 16	AA9A will be again active signing PJ7AA	H.C. & LoTW
PY	Brazil	Dec 26 - Dec 30	PT7CG will be on from SA-025	H.C. & LoTW
PZ	Suriname	Mar 1 - Mar 28	ON4AVT will sign PZ5VC mainly PSK	H.C.
S9	Sao Tome	Feb 1 - Feb 13	Three IK5 operators will be on as S9TF from AF-044	IK5CRH
V2	Antigua	Jan 21	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /V26	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 24 - Jan 08	DJ2HD will be /V5	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 31 - Jan 06	DH3WO will be /V5	H.C.
VK0	Heard Island	Between Jan 1 - Jan 31 2015 Rescheduled	Big group will be on Details will follow	
VK9M	Mellish Reef	Mar 28 - Apr 9	Large team will be on	MOURZ
VP2M	Montserrat	Jan 18 - Jan 22	SP7VC, SP3IPB will be on signing VP2MPG & VP2MTK	H.C.
VP9	Bermuda	Feb 19 - Feb 27	G7JVR will be /VP9	M0OXO
VU	India	Jul 23 - Jul 31	VU3ARF & VU2GMT will be active as VU3ARF/p from AS-153	VU3ARF dir/bur
XE	Mexico	Mar 14 - Mar 17	XF1T group will be on from NA-189	IT9EJW and OQRS
XU	Cambodia	Jan 9 - Jan 14	M6CFW as XU7AEU	
XU	Cambodia	Feb 25 - Mar 21	KF0RQ will go to XU to visit family and will sign XU7ACQ	H.C.
YJ	Vanuatu	Feb 11 - Feb 25	N7OU will be on	LoTW and H.C.
YW0	Aves Island	Jan - Feb	Operations is planned during this period. As YW0A	
ZF	Cayman	Jan 11 - Jan 19	K8PGJ will sign ZF2PG	H.C. LoTW
ZF	Cayman	Feb 15 - Feb 16	WJ2O will be in the contest	N2ZN

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**SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES**

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3A	Monaco	Dec 1 - Dec 31	3A60ARM	Bureau
A9	Now	Now - Dec end	A91MCAT	IZ8CLM
BV	Taiwan	Now - Dec 31	BV60V	Dir & bur
CE	Chile	Now - Dec end	XR150CBS	XQ7UO
DL	Germany	All 2013	DB50FIRAC	Bureau & LotW
E7	Bosnia	Now - End 2013	E720SRRS special call	Bureau
EA	Spain	Now - Dec 20	EG5MM	EA5FL
G	England	Now - Jan end Dec 1 - Dec 31	GB100L GB4SC	G4SJX M0DOL
G	England	Dec 1 - Dec 31	GX4BJC/A MX1SWL/A	G6XOU
G	England	Dec 16 - Dec 31	GB2W	M0DOL
HA	Hungary	Dec 1 - Dec 31	HA40QRP	HA6NL
I	Italy	Jun - Dec 2013	II0GMC special call	M00XO
JA	Japan	Aug 24 - Dec 31 Dec 8 - Mar 2	8J1FARC 8J6HAM	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Now - Mar 2014 All 2014	8J7JE400 8J1T from new JCC 0316	Bureau
JA	Japan	Jul 28 - Mar 14 Nov 20 - Mar 31	8N1FUJI special call 8J1TS50A	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Oct 1 - Mar 31 Oct 1 - Mar 31	8J130MUT 8J7JE400	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Aug 24 - Dec 31 Nov 20 - Apr 30	8J120TAM 8J5SSS	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Mar 1 - Jun 16	8N2HHH	
LY	Lithuania	Now - Dec 24	LY2013SAT	LY3BY
LZ	Bulgaria	2013 Dec 2013	LZ20TRC special call LZ125VZ special call	LZ1YE Lotw

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LZ	Bulgaria	NOW Dec 2013	LZ1534GWS special call LZ867MWB	LZ1KCP LZ1KCP
LZ	Bulgaria	Now - Dec 31 Now - DEC 31 Now - DEC 31	LZ2013IPA LZ10ANT LZ110RAEM	LZ3HI LZ3SM LZ3SM
OM	Slovakia	May - Dec 2013 May - Dec 2013	OOM20TUSR OM60DAT Special call	OM3RP OM4CI
OZ	Denmark	2013	OU1RAEM will be on all through 2013	
OZ	Denmark	Jan 1 - Jan 31	5P14EHC	See below
S5	Slovenia	Now - Jan 5	S506PMC S506SLG	Bureau Bureau
SM	Sweden	Now - Dec 31	SG30RM	SK6RM
SP	Poland	Now - Dec end Now - Dec end	HF450NS special call HF715BRO	SP3KEY SQ2OMB
SP	Poland	Now - Dec end Now - Dec end	SN640OKA 3Z20SOT SP20SOT SN20SOT HF20SOT	Bureau SP1RKT
TA	Turkey	Dec 20 - Dec 25	TC9SAM	Bureau
UA	Russia	Oct - Dec 2013	R350FV special call	
UA	Russia	Now - Dec 31 Dec 1 - Mar 31	R350FV R00000	UA10JL
UA	Russia	Dec 2013	RA110RAEM RB110RAEM . RC110RAEM RD110RAEM RG110RAEM RJ110RAEM RK110RAEM RL110RAEM RM110RAEM RN110RAEM RO110RAEM RQ110RAEM RR110RAEM RS110RAEM RT110RAEM RU110RAEM RV110RAEM RW110RAEM RY110RAEM RZ110RAEM	
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Feb 7	R1980M R1980L R2014HQ	R5AX RX1CQ dir RO6L
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Mar 1	R2014CC	
UR	Ukraine	All 2013 Now - Dec 31	EM7UT & EO0UD EN70GH	UR7UT UR3GJ
UR	Ukraine	Dec 2013	EM110RAEM EN110RAEM EO110RAEM	
VE	Canada	Dec 2013	VX3X	VE3JO
VK	Australia	Oct - Dec Now - Dec 31	VI6WA100 VK2013TDF	VK6IR
YO	Romania	Dec 1 - Dec 31	YP95GU	Bureau
YU	Serbia	Jul - Dec 2013	YU88BPQ special call	YU7BPQ

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## **Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM**

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

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

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 13

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 13

**ARRL 10-Meter Contest: 0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 14**

International Naval Contest: 1600Z, Dec 14 to 1559Z, Dec 15

QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint: 2000Z-2359Z, Dec 15

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 16

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint: 1800Z-2000Z, Dec 16

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint: 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 18

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 18

## **DXCC DESK**

**The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:**

**VU7AG – Lakshadweep Islands**

**November 20, 2013 through December 10, 2013**

**9XØXA - Rwanda**

**2013 Operation**

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**Bill Moore NC1L**

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## **FT5Z, AMSTERDAM ISLAND**

(Update/Press Release - (November 26th))

**Our sea container loaded with our pallets of equipment has arrived in New Zealand. The container had been unloaded and its contents placed in a bonded customs warehouse. It is ready for transportation by truck to the port of Tauranga.**

**The Braveheart will return from a mission to Raoul Island on December 6th, and be prepared to load our cargo shortly thereafter. Between December 9th and 14th the ship will be provisioned, undergo routine maintenance, and a main engine oil change. The Braveheart staff will fill our shopping list and put all dry provisions aboard the vessel.**

**The ship's crew will have been at sea or working for a long time, so they will take a vacation during the week of the 15th to the 21st. On December 23rd the Braveheart will take on fuel. On the 24th fresh produce (eggs, milk, fruits, vegetables) will be put aboard. The crew will spend Christmas day with their families.**

**On December 26th, at 1400 the Braveheart will depart Tauranga via New Zealand's North Cape, cross the Tasman Sea south of Tasmania, cross the Great Australian Bight past Albany, and then sail north up the western coast of Australia to Fremantle. This is a 3440 nautical mile voyage that will take 17 days.**

**The Braveheart is scheduled to enter the port of Fremantle on Monday, January 13th. The vessel will take on fuel and provisions on January 14th. She will clear customs and depart for Amsterdam Island on January 15<sup>th</sup> with our 14 team members and lots of radio equipment aboard."**

## **VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update From Press Release #4).**

**Team Mellish 2014 sent out a press release (#4) on November 30th. Excerpts from the release state, "Many activities are underway as planning continues for the Mellish Reef DXpedition scheduled for March 28, 2014, to April 9, 2014."**

**The team is happy to announce that Mike Shapiro, WA6O, joined the team. Mike, originally from Moscow, Russia, has lived in the USA for the past 22 years. First licensed as UA3AIW, he operated mostly from UK3ABF, UK3ACL, and other club stations in Moscow. In 1998, he received AD6GY and WA6O in 1999. He's a member of Northern California Contest Club, and 40m captain in N6RO contest team.**

**Also, joining the Pilot Team as the South American pilot Luciano Sampaio De Souza, PT7WA. Luciano entered ham radio in 1966, his first call was PY7VNY, and in 1977 he received PT7WA. He operates CW/SSB and has worked all but one DXCC entity on CW, the elusive P5. Luciano is also an IOTA enthusiast having over 975 islands confirmed. He is also the QSL Manager for several DXpeditions.**

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Many have asked, including the ARRL and most all major sponsors: "Do you have landing permission?" They have written approval to land on Mellish Reef from the Australian government. In July, they contacted the appropriate agency and asked for permission to use the reef. After about 5 weeks, and a few rounds of "Questions and Answers", the agency concluded (in writing) that they do not need a permit.

Signing on as a corporate sponsor is <FoldingAntennas.Com> whose "folding (hex) beam antenna" will join their antenna lineup. They are also happy to have both Elecraft and SteppIR as corporate sponsors. They mention that they began actively raising funds in October. The team is honored to have received significant recognition from: The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF), Oceania DX Group - Australia (ODXG), International DX Association (INDEXA), The Mediterraneo DX Association (MDXA), The Carolina DX Association (CDXA), Chiltern DX Association (CDXA), The German DX Foundation (GDXF), The European DX Foundation (EUDXF), The Lone Star DX Association (LSDXA), Southwest Ohio DX Association (SODXA), Northern California DX Club (NCDXC), and other organizations. They also began receiving assistance from individual DXers. With a total budget of 127,000(USDs), they certainly appreciate the recognition and look forward to hear from interested DXers, especially those that need Mellish Reef for an "All Time New One". Donations are welcomed through the Web site <vk9mt.com> or by check / money order in US dollars to: Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition, Gene Spinelli, Treasurer, PO Box 189, Divide, CO, USA 80814.

For their friends outside the USA please use PayPal or E-mail for wire transfer instructions at: [info@vk9mt.com](mailto:info@vk9mt.com) Also, for additional information about the DXpedition, please send E-mail to the above address.

The complete text of press release #4 will not be on their Web page until on or about December 8th, because their Webmaster is on holiday and does not have Internet access.

## **ARRL Granted Use of W100AW for League's Centennial**

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From ARRL Headquarters

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To all radio amateurs

The FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W1ØØAW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year. Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate. The "W1AW WAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W1ØØAW.

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Bulletins and code practice transmissions during 2014 also will still use W1AW. Contacts with W100AW will be worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. To help kick off the ARRL Centennial, special W100AW activity will begin at 0500 UTC on January 1, 2014 (midnight in Newington), and will include participation in ARRL's Straight Key Night; one CW station will use Hiram Percy Maxim's straight key. Activity will continue throughout New Year's Day.

## **FO/A, AUSTRAL ISLANDS DXPEDITION**

A group of six operators from the UK will operate from the island of Raivavae (OC-114, DIFO FO-122, WLOTA 2581), in the Australs, from 20th March until 1<sup>st</sup> April, all bands CW, SSB and RTTY. The operators are Don G3BJ, Chris G3SVL, Nigel G3TXF, David G3WGN, Don G3XTT, Hilary G4JKS and Justin G4TSH. They plan to run up to three stations, each consisting of a K3 plus amplifier. Antennas will consist of various vertical systems on the beach. The team will upload logs to Clublog and, bandwidth permitting, will also be uploading to LoTW as the expedition progresses. QSLs will be handled by G3TXF and requests can be made directly or via the Clublog OQRS facility. After the DXpedition most members of the team will be attending the International DX Convention at Visalia. A website will be launched with further details once the callsign and other details are confirmed.