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NEW COUNTRIES

Futuna island FW/G0VJG

Update from Nobby, G0VJG, to remind us that his plans are going well for his trip to 3D2 and FW for May 8, and be QRV there for 14 days. Please be aware dates may change according to local conditions.

QSL Manager M0OXO

TK – Corsica:

TK/DB4BJ, Martin, is QRV from the northern part of Corsica until May 17. He's running 50 watts from an FT-897 and a 5 meter high vertical. Listen for him on 6 mostly on FT8.

QSL via the DB4BJ

VU7 - Lakshadweep Islands:

M0KRI, Shabu, has announced his plans for a DXpedition to the Lakshadweep Islands. He will be using the callsign VU7RI from October 19, to November 3. This will be a three man team. More details are expected.

HH - Haiti

HH6/N3BNA and HH6/K3MSB, Dale and Mark, will be in Haiti on a short work trip, May 4-11. Not sure about how much they can be on the air; they do hope to do some 160 and 60M. QSL HH6/N3BNA for KA2AEV and HH6/K3MSB to his own home QTH

Western Kiribati:

This year will be T30GC activity only! I will be there together with Mitko, LZ3NY.

T30GC activity will be between 7 October 2019 and 23 October 2019.

The tickets are purchased, the accommodation is reserved and the license is obtained!

Yes, we will be QRV on 60 m during T30GC activity! I will try to operate more time on 60 m - CW and SSB.

So, for now.

73! Stan, LZ1GC

My 60 Meter Story by Marv Feldman, K4KEW

I have been a ham for over 60 years, but there is always something fresh, new and interesting with the hobby. Here is my story of new excitement at K4KEW.

In October, 2018, I replaced my 15 year old rig with a modern Kenwood TS-590SG. Amongst the new features of this rig was that of the 60 meter band. I read about this new band with its power and frequency limitations, and was intrigued by its unique attributes. Since I have had much success on 30 meters with a Bazooka antenna, I put one up for the 60 meter band. It was very easy for me to trim the antenna for a one-to-one match on 5.357 MHz.

In addition to the new Kenwood hardware, I am enjoying the advantages of two software systems - WSJT for the mode of FT8 and LOTW. Both of these software systems make DXing a whole new game!

FT8 has become the most popular mode on the bands. Often FT8 signals are the only ones to be heard on many amateur bands. Indeed, with this mode, I frequently work stations whose signals are 20 dB (or more) below zero!

LOTW not only reduces the cost of QSLing (no more IRCs, SASEs or "green stamps/\$\$\$), but it is faster! Rather than waiting weeks, months and sometimes years for confirmation, now I often receive LOTW confirmation on the same day of the QSO. Indeed, to date, 91 countries have confirmed our 60 meter DX contacts with uploads to the LOTW system (the other 10 confirmations are with traditional paper cards).

Here in Florida, 60 meters DX is a joy! While I hear nothing during the daytime, when sunset arrives, the band is full of Europeans! Additionally, in the early mornings (just before and after our sunrise), the Pacific DX abounds! It has taken me six months to work over 100 countries on 60 meters and while neither the ARRL nor *CQ Magazine* offer awards for DX accomplishments on this wonderful new band, **60METERSONLINE** does, so now I am happy to brag proudly of having 10 band DXCC!

See you on 60 meters FT8!

Upcoming DXpeditions

Western Kiribati: T30GC activity - October 7, 2019 to October 23, 2019.

HH – Haiti: HH6/N3BNA and HH6/K3MSB, May 4-11.

Recent Activity

ZL4OL HR5/F2JD HH6/N3BNA YB9Y I0SNY TK/DB4BJ

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