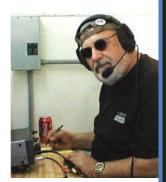
Charlie the Tuner's HF High-Lites

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Greetings DXers

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Greetings to all DXers:

Hello from Geauga County! I hope that you had a very satisfying Thanksgiving and you had your fill of turkey. I can almost bet that many of you still have leftovers. My family doesn't like turkey all that much so we opt for City Chicken. For you uninformed, that's pieces of beef and pork put on skewers and then breaded and browned and then put into a cooker. They melt in your mouth. (Remember to remove them from the skewers first.)

Well, that's a long way from DXing, but I'm never a long way from good food. We will have another chance for good food since this is December (duh) and Christmas is coming. That means Christmas trees and candy canes and mistletoe and PRESENTS under the tree. What have you asked Santa for? Did you remember to send him your letter? Are you hoping for that new rig or antenna? Maybe a new headset?? I'm sure that Tim and the many folks at DXE are waiting to hear from Santa so that they can load up his sleigh with all the things that you Hams have been wishing for. Frankly, these are the kinds of TOYS that I am waiting for.

And what better way to work that rare DX than with a brand new rig or antenna or other piece of equipment that will make your search for that rare one a lot easier. So let's see what we can expect this month and in a few that follow.

As always, big thanks to: The Daily DX, DL5ON & The DX News Letter, DXNews.com, DX-World.Net, 425 DX News, TenX DX News, DXNL for the following DX information.

This report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operation or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know, so... - "Work First, Worry Later".

Here's ClubLog's Top 10 Most wanted DXCC entities:

- 1. P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
- 2. BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF
- 3. CEOX SAN FELIX ISLANDS
- 4. BV9P PRATAS ISLAND
- 5. KH7K KURE ISLAND
- 6. KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND
- 7. 3Y/P PETER 1 ISLAND
- 8. FT5/X KERGUELEN ISLAND
- 9. YV0 AVES ISLAND
- 10. 3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND

December...

- **3D ROTUMA IS.** 3D2Y Team will be active from Rotuma Island, IOTA OC 060, 15 November 4 December 2024. Team W6IZT, W8HC, K4NHW, KD9LSV, LY7J and others. They will operate on HF Bands, including activity in CQ WW DX CW Contest, 23 24 November 2024. They will use 3D2Y call not 3D2Z as announced earlier.
- **3D2**, **FIJI**. Theo, PA3CBH is QRV as 3D2TP from Viti Levu, IOTA OC-016, until December 12. Activity is on the HF bands using QRS CW and SSB with QRP power. QSL to home call.
- **5R8, MADAGASCAR**. **Reminder** Eric, F6ICX will again be active from **Saint Marie island, AF-090** as **5R8IC** until the end of December 2024. QRV on HF bands, mainly CW with some SSB. Last two weeks of activity he will dedicate to QO-100. QSL via LoTW, H/c.
- **9L5**, **SIERRA LEONE.** 9L5A Team will be active from Sierra Leone, until 8 December 2024. Team Members of F6KOP Club. They will operate on 160 6m and QO 100 satellite. QSL via F5GSJ, LOTW, ClubLog OQRS.
- **A35**, **TONGA.** A35GC Team will be active from Tonga, until 6 December 2024. Team LZ1GC, LZ5QZ. They will operate on 160 6m, CW, SSB, FT4, FT8, RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, LOTW, ClubLog OQRS.
- AU, INDIA. AU2JCB is a special event call-sign to commemorate the birth date (30 NOV) & to pay homage & to tell about the great INDIAN scientist Acharya JAGADISH CHANDRA BOSE who is recognized as the "Father of Wireless Communication" by the scientific community of our world & IEEE. VU2DSI will be operating with this call sign for the last 17 years since 2005& operate AU2JCB from 25 NOV 2022 to 13 DEC 2022. The Details of operation ---- Period----25 NOV 2022 to 13DEC 2022 Frequencies------ 10 M-- 28545, 28510,28490. 21 M—21235, 21310, 21350. 20M—14210, 14250, 14310. 40 M---7040, 7150. 80 M --- 3710. IN FM MODE----- 6M –50800, 51500. 10 M---29700. Preferably the operation will be on higher bands according to propagation conditions. QSL--- Direct to VU2DSI
- C5, GAMBIA, Reminder Jean-Louis, F6ITS has just received his Gambian license and will be active as C5GM until December 2024. When not on his sail boat, he will QRV from Lamin Lodge (Grid: IK13qj). Jean-Louis says he has restarted CW after more than 10 years inactivity so is sorry for any mistakes and his slow speed. QSL info to follow.
- **I, ITALY**. Special event station II4RCDN is QRV until December 31 to celebrate 60 years of the Northern Cross Radio Telescope, one of the largest radio telescopes in the world. QSL to IZ4FUE.
- **J75, DOMINICA**. J75K Team will be active from <u>Dominica</u>, IOTA NA 101, 26 December 2024 4 January 2025. They will operate on 160 6m, CW, SSB, FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ direct, LOTW.
- JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island, IOTA OC-073, until the beginning of March 2025. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using CW and FT8. QSL direct to JA8CJY.
- **KH0, MARIANA IS.** Ken, JO1VRK plans to be active from Saipan, Mariana Islands as KH0/AJ6VJ during December 30, 2024 to January 3, 2025. QRV 40-20-17-15-12-10m. QSL via LoTW, eQSL email for home address for paper QSL.

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- **ON, BELGIUM.** Special event station OO80BB will be QRV from November 16 to December 15 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. QSL via operators' instructions.
- **RI4, ARTIC TOUR.** Reminder Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and will be active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 from October 5th for approx one year. QSL via Club Log OQRS.
- **TL8, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**. Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as TL8ES from M'Baiki, Central African Republic, 22 November 9 December 2024. She will be active on HF Bands, SSB, Digital Modes. QSL via IK2DUW.
- **TO9, SAINT MARTIN.** TO9W Team will be active again from <u>Saint Martin Island</u>, IOTA NA 105, 30 November 13 December 2024. They will operate on 160 10m, with focus on 40, 80, 160m. QSL via W9ILY, LOTW, ClubLog OQRS.
- **UR, UKRAINE**. **Reminder-** Special event station EM100WJZ will be QRV now until December 31 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio activity from the ancient city of Lwow, now known as Lviv. QSL via UR4WWE.
- V73, MAJURO ATOLL. Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as V73WE from Majuro Atoll, IOTA OC 029, Marshall Islands, until 13 December 2024. He will operate on 40 10m. QSL via home call, ClubLog OQRS.
- VU, INDIA. Datta, VU2DSI is QRV as AU2JCB until December 16 to commemorate the birthdate of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB, and FM on 10 and 6 meters. QSL direct to home call.
- **VU4, PORT BLAIR ANDAMAN and NICOBAR IS**. Krish, W4VKU will be active from Andaman Islands, until 11 December 2024. Plans are for SSB and FT8. Please no paper cards via Bureau. I will open up ClubLog OQRS for Bureau requests later on, once the direct OQRS requests are done with.
- **ZL**, **NEW ZEALAND**. Special event station ZM100DX will be QRV until December 26 to celebrate the very first trans-world QSO between Z4AA and G2SZ. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using all modes. In addition, special event station ZL4AA will also be active for this event. QSL via operators' instructions.
- **ZS7**, **ANTARCTICA**. Oleg, ZS1ANF is QRV as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, IOTA AN-016, until late February 2025. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. OSL via DL5EBE.

Look Ahead & Reminders...

- **5N9**, **NIGERIA**. 5N9DTG Team will be active from Abuja, Nigeria in January 2025. Team Members of the Rebel DX Group. They will operate on 160 6m, CW, FT8 and possible SSB. QSL via ClubLog OQRS.
- **DU, PHILIPPINES**. Christian, F4EBK is QRV as DU3/F4EBK from Luzon Island, IOTA OC-042, until January 2025. Activity is on 20, 15 and 10 meters typically around 0900 and then after 2100z. QSL via F4EUO.
- **TR, GABON**. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR until the end of January 2025. Activity is on the HF bands using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

My usual disclaimer: These DX events can change due to various reasons that sometimes are out of the control of those who are doing the planning. Don't get too upset if a planned DXpedition to some part of the world that