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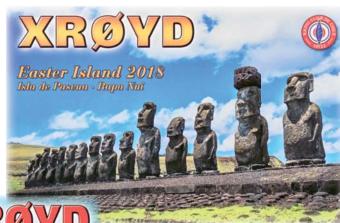
















## **EUDXF** NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

#### Dear EUDXF Members.

welcome to the July edition of our newsletter! The biggest highlight since our last newsletter in May was definately the Ham Radio hamfest held from June 1st to 3rd in Friedrichshafen, Germany, where EUDXF was well presented with a booth in hall A1. Many wellknown DXers and DX interested hams stopped by at our desk and were warmly welcomed by Jan, PA1TT, and his support team Nicoletta (XYL PAØR) and Ksenia (XYL DL5EBE) who took care about the guests with snacks, cakes, cold and warm drinks. Those who were interested in our organization, DXpedition planning or just exchanging DX related information were taken care of by the board members Achim, DF3EC, Jan, DJ8NK, Hans, PB2T, Ron, PA3EWP and Dom, DL5EBE. A big thanks to Jan, PA1TT, for stand management and organization of the DX dinner which was very well visited! We are very happy that during this year Ham Radio hamfest 11 new members could be attracted: Sarath - VU3RSB, Jan - PB2DX, Pertti - OG2M (new life member), Alex - 5B4ALX, Harry - PB5DX, Ilmo - OH2BO, Jaakko - OH1TX, Pekka -OH2TA, Douglas - CO8DM, Timo -OH5KW, Hans - DK5JI and Veijo -OH6KN (new life member). Welcome on board, gentlemen! I hope you will enjoy your EUDXF membership!

As expected for the summer season, not many DXpeditions travelled to rare destinations due to the poor propagation at this time of the year, except of the long awaited summer highlight – the KH1/KH7Z DXpedition to Baker Island! This 9 day DXpedition made 68,537 QSOs from 27<sup>th</sup> of June until 5<sup>th</sup> of July of which 17 % of the contacts were made with EU,

with 20 m and 17 m being the strongest bands, mostly on CW followed by SSB and FT8. There were no contacts with EU on 10 m / 12 m. Despite of the poor conditions, some lucky EUs managed to get into the log on the low bands. As this DXpedition was also sponsored by the EUDXF, we will publish the DXpedition report in the next newsletter. The next upcoming DXpedition sponsored by EUDXF will be Ducie Island, VP6D, which will be active from 19<sup>th</sup> of October until 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. Get your antennas ready for this event!

After the successful 30 years EUDXF anniversary celebration, the idea was born to introduce an annual EUDXF activity month which shall take place for the first time this upcoming November. We would be happy if members from different countries would apply for respective EUDXF special call signs and enrich the bands with their activities. Please let us know if you would like to participate!



#### **Silent Keys**

It is my sad duty to report the loss of the following EUDXF members:

#### Silent Key

#14 Joachim Immelnkemper;
DK2BI
#114 Wieland Köhne; DL2AAV
#119 Dr. Hans Rudolf Lauber;
HB9RG (Life Member #1)

#778 Gerd Dallmann; DK6HD #848 Anke Martens; DL4AV #897 Joseph E. Green; K2VUI

May they rest in peace.



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Embedded in the 50 years anniversary celebration of the Deutsch-Niederländische Amateurfunker Tage (DNAT), the annual general meeting of the EUDXF will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2018, Bad Bentheim, Germany, to which you are cordially invited. We are very much looking forward to seeing you!

#### ,- Annual General Meeting - .

On behalf of the European DX Foundation I would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held in Bad Bentheim during the

Deutsch-Niederländische Amateurfunker Tage (DNAT).

The meeting will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018

and will start
at 14:00 local time
as usual in
Gaststätte Berkemeyer
Gildehauser Straße 18,
48455 Bad Bentheim,
Germany
Informal lunch starts there at
13:00 - hungry DXers welcome.

#### **New Members**

Since July 2016 we welcomed the following DX-enthusiasts as new EUDXF members:

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#### New Members

#938 Wolfgang Rebling, DM2AUJ
#939 Claude van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie, ON7TK
#940 Rolf Thieme, DL7VEE
#941 Thomas Freimann, DJ6TF

Imprint

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As always a new year means that the **membership fees** are due. Please transfer your **25 Euro** or more as soon as possible, preferably to **our Bank Account**: Volksbank Kleverland: IBAN: DE65 3246 0422 0205 1830 19, BIC: GENO DE D1KL L. I trust that members living in the Euro zone will use this account only, because this implies the least costs for our foundation. Those who do not live in the Euro zone may also use PayPal to **cashier@eudxf.eu** or pay in cash at our Annual General Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Bad Bentheim).

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#### **New Members**

#942 L.P.M. Peters, PAØLPE #943 Arbo Siebesma, PHØAS #944 Tomi Helpiö, OH2ID #945 Hannu Hollmen, OH1HAQ #946 Hans van der Marel. PE1KWH #947 Tijmen De Jong, PA3GRM #948 Juan Munoz, TG9AJR #949 Sarth Babu Rayaprollu, VU3RSB #950 Jan A. Borghuis, PB2DX #951 Pertti Turunen, OG2M #952 Alessandro Gromme. 5B4ALX #953 Harry Koster, PB5DX #954 Ilmo Anttila, OH2BO #955 Jaakko Tuominen, OH1TX #956 Douglas Ruz Sobrado, CO8DM #957 Timo Törö, OH5KW #958 Veijo Kontas, OH6KN #959 Keith Greaves, VP2EKG #960 Hans-Martin Kurka, DK2HM

We thank you all for your support and we hope you will enjoy your membership.

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#### **EUDXF Life Members**

The following EUDXF Members are registered as Life Members:

For those members who want to join the above list of distinguished members, please contact the EUDXF Board. The price for Life Membership is still Euro 400 and is tax deductible in several countries. For this purpose you will be sent a receipt on request.

#### Life Members

Prof. Dr. Achim Rogmann, DF3EC Klaus Schlich, DF3GL Jürgen Carow, DF3OL Gerhard Richter, DJ5IW Jan B.C. Harders, DJ8NK Dr. Dieter Messer, DJ90N Dr. Andreas Söchting, DK6AS Dieter Löffler, DK9KD Timm Wangerin, DL1BKT Kurt Schips, DL1DA Robert F. Lörcks, DL1EBV Frank Rosenkranz, DL4KQ Leo Wirth, DL4NBE Dominik Weiel, DL5EBE Felix Riess, DL5XL Johannes Langner, DL7BQ Olaf Brunner, DL7CX Robin U. Go, DU9RG Iñaki Echeveria, EA2AAZ Fred C. Handscombe, G4BWP Dr. H. R. Laubler, HB9RG SK



#### -- Sponsored activities ------

3B7A Saint Brandon - by F5UFX, Sebastien Poulenard
3CØL & 3C1L Annobon and Bioko Islands - by YL2GM, Yuris Petersons
3D2EU Rotuma - by PA3EWP, Ronald Stuy
3YØZ Bouvet - by K4UEE, Robert C. Allphin
6O6O Somalia - by LA7GIA, Kenneth Opskar
E51LYC North Cook Isl. - by VE3LYC, Cezar Trifu
H4ØGC Temotu, Santa Cruz Island 2017 - by LZ1GC, Stanislav Vatev
TN4E Congo - by LA7GIA, Kenneth Opskar
VP2EKG "Fury an Destruction of Hurricane Irma" - by VP2EKG, Keith Greaves
VP2MDL Montserrat - by DL7DF, Sigi Presch
XRØYD Easter Island - by DJ9KH, Werner Hasemann
Z6ØA Kosovo - by PB2T, Hans Blondeel Timmerman





Andrea Panati, IK1PMR Yoshi (Hiko) Hirano, JA2MNB Tsutomu (Tom) Kitahara, JAØDBQ Kazuo Katsuyama, JAØEQO Noriko Nakamata, JFØJIL Dan Dankert, N6PEQ Pretti Turunen, OG2M Martti Laine, OH2BH Jukka Heikinheimo, OH2BR Jari Jussila, OH2BU Veijo Kontas, OH6KN Rob van de Kamer, PA1X Ronald Stuv. PA3EWP Maarten Bos, PA3EYC Dick Grolleman, PA3FQA Henk Hofman, PA3GCV Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T Sergey Kislov, RJ3AA (RN3AHL) Tomek Barbachowski, SP5UAF Thorvaldur Stefansson, TF4M Ingrid S. Geissler, W7ISG



For me and my family, 2018 is again a year of changes. After 7 years in Germany, I will be delegated again abroad by the end of Septem-

ber, this time to Wolgograd in southern Russia where I will stay for the next 4 years. I hope to have my station installed soon and meet you on the air as RA/DL5EBE!

Best 73s, see you in Bad Bentheim and good DX de  $\,$ 

Dominik DL5EBE EUDXF President

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To all

**EUDXF Members** 

#### Correspondence:

Date: 01.08.2018

#### Generalversammlung 2018/General Meeting 2018

Hiermit möchte ich Sie zur Jahreshauptversammlung der EUropean DX Foundation in Verbindung mit den Deutsch-Niederländischen Amateurfunker Tagen (DNAT) recht herzlich einladen für Samstag den 25. August 2018, 14 Uhr in der Gaststätte Berkemeyer, Gildehauser Straße 18, 48455 Bad Bentheim.

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#### Tagesordnung:

- 1. Begrüßung durch den Vorsitzenden
- 2. Anwesenheitsfestellung
- 3. Wahl des Protokollführers
- 4. Verabschiedung des Protokolls 2017
- 5. Bericht des Vorsitzenden
- 6. Kassenbericht
- 7. Bericht der Kassenprüfer
- 8. Anträge der Kassenprüfer
  - a. Genehmigung der Jahresrechnung
  - b. Entlastung des Vorstandes
- 9. Verschiedenes

#### Agenda:

Opening by the chairperson

Roll call

Appointment of the minute taker

Adoption of the AGM 2017 minutes

President's report

Financial report

Auditor's report

Motions of the Auditors

Approval of the annual financial statement

Discharge of the board of directors

Miscellaneous

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a total of 15,460 visitors - compared to 17,110 (2017), 17,230 (2016) and 17,080 (2015).

**Ham Radio** 

However, for our foundation it was a very successful participation in one of the biggest ham fairs in the world. Tnx to all who made the success possible.

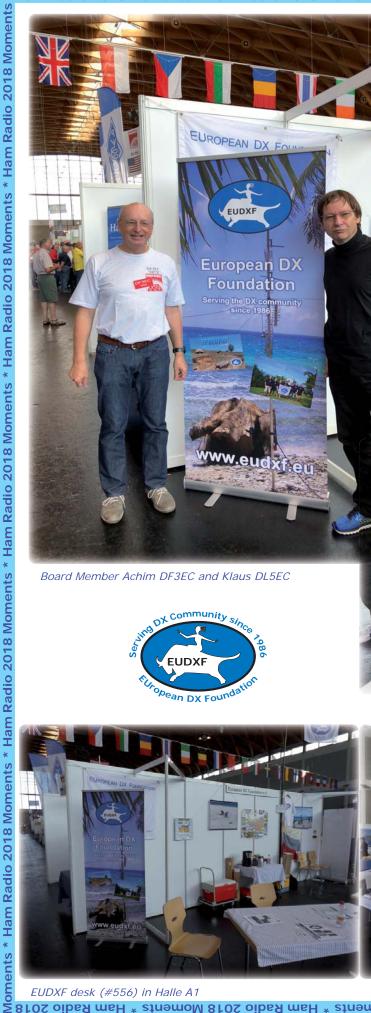
Achim, DF3EC



Board Member Achim DF3EC and Klaus DL5EC



Ilmo OH2BO, new member #954



EUDXF desk (#556) in Halle A1

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2018 Moments \* Ham Radio 2018







Ksenia, XYL DL5EBE - In the background Wolf, DL4WK and Sigi, DL7DF

Jan G., PA1TT; Ron, PA3EWP; Haary, PB5DX; Jan A.; PB4DX and in the background Dick, PA3FAQ; Martin, PA4WM

Ham Radio 2018 Moments \* Ham Radio 2018 Moments \* Ham Radio 2018 Moments \* Ham Radio 2018

Dick, PA4VHF; Dieter, DJ9ON; Gerard, F2VX; Florian, PB8DX

Dinner 2018 \* EUDXF Dinner

#### From Mike, SV1MO:

This was my first time at the Friedrichshafen hamfest. The stand of EUDXF was fine and the staff was very friendly to us. At the the DX-dinner, I had the opportunity to see and talk to many famous DXers with whom I had QSO from their DXpeditions. Special thanks to Jan (DJ8NK) who transported us from the FH to the restaurant and to Dom (DL5EBE) who returned us to the hotel in FH. I have one question though that has not been answered yet. The soup we had in the beginning was delicious but I could not understand what its contents were. Hi Hi. And a proposal: Think about selling Tshirts with EUDXF logo to the members at your stand next year! See you next year.

73, Mike SV1MO



Mike, SV1MO



Board Member Ronald, PA3EWP: Sabine: XYL DJ5AN: XYL PA4WM; Martin, PA4WM



Martin, PA4WM; Tom, GM4FDM and Ernö, DK2AMM





Watarzyna (Kate), SQ7OYL; Przemyslaw (Mek), SP7VC

and Jacek, SP5EAQ

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## 6060 - DXpedition to Garowe, Somalia

Somalia is a country located in the eastern part of Africa and consists of three regions: Somalia, Puntland and Somaliland, each having its separate government. For many decades Somalia has lacked a well functioning governmental system. The UN backed federal government is currently battling the Islamist militant group Al-Shabaab. Al Shabaab continues to put a string of terrorist attacks across the region, making this a dangerous country to visit for foreigners due high threat of kidnapping and terrorism caused by suicide bombers.

A federal amateur license issued by the ministry in Mogadishu is not valid neither in Somaliland nor in Puntland, they all issue their separate licenses. Initially, we tried to get a license in Somaliland because Hargeisa, the capital of Somaliland, is considered much safer as well as it has more frequent and secure flight connections. Ken, LA7GIA, was working on getting the 60 license. After discussing the license request with the Minister in Somaliland a few times he informed us that no radio license would be issued whatsoever for the time being. They really had no clue about amateur radio and they were very suspiciuos about the «broadcasting» we were going to do. Ken had a hard time to explain to them the purpose of the amateur radio transmission and agreed to eventually return later. However, during this process Ken had received an invitation to come to Puntland State of Somalia and make amateur radio transmission. Together with Adrian, KO8SCA, we decided to travel to Garowe, the administrative capital of Puntland. The Ministry in Puntland re-



Garowe city



ally put every effort into making this a successful trip. Our contact person at the Ministry did more than one could expect. The Ministry sorted out the license as well as the the Puntland visa, which is issued by invitation only. It's difficult to get hold of a visa unless you know someone in Puntland because you need to get an invitation or being sponsored. In addition, they sorted out our safe and secure hotel accomodation in Garowe, as well as the armed transport from the airport to the hotel. Garowe was chosen as it has been resonable stable the last few years, with few suicide attacks and bomb blasts. Our safety had top priority and there was no question about the armed transport from airport which cost us 800 USD. There were also armed guards at the hotel entrances making this as safe as pos-

We teamed up in Dubai on Tues-

day, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018. All gear was intact when we the headed to the airport after only 90 minutes of sleep on the following morning. We checked in all our luggage. There was a limit of 30 kg at check-in and one hand luggage, but they accepted our 30 - 50 kg excess luggage each for an expensive cash only fee.

Our flight to Garowe was through Hargeisa where we had to change to a smaller Fokker aircraft. When we arrived in Hargeisa, the flight to Garowe was waiting for us. We had to walk 100 m to the aircraft, while at the same time we tried to make sure our luggage was forwarded to the Garowe aircraft. and not left behind. The «check-in» was done at the stairwell! The flight attendant had a piece of paper with all the names, as we were the only two white persons going on that flight we just gave our name and could board the flight with no ID check. It's the first flight ever that there was no safety demonstration before take-off, it's the first flight we have been in where they used the seats, the aisle and all available space inside the aircraft to store the luggage. It didn't feel too safe, but all the other passengers were relaxed - and so were we.

Arriving in Garowe, the Ministry met us at the stairwell. We were greeted and guided through customs in a very smooth and efficient way. The Ministry had prepared all customs papers upfront and we could get our luggage directly from the aircraft at the runway to avoid any queue. We landed at a very bumpy and desert looking temporary airport 40 km outside Garowe. The «customs» where basically an improvised spacious 4 x 4 m wooden shed. Together with the Ministry we were then escorted to the hotel in Garowe by 4 armed guards waiting for us. With all the security in place we truly never felt insecure one moment during our trip.



6060 team and representative from Ministry

Upon arrving at the hotel, it was soon clear that the hotel manager was very suspicious about our acitivity, even though they upfront had ap-

proved our antenna plans. Apparently the hotel manager had not fully understood our antenna plans and when he saw his «5 star hotel» one for each floor - turned into «a communication test facility» (his words) he was not very happy. The Federal President of Somalia was unfortunately coming to visit Garowe for the first time in the following week. While the President would be staying across the street, his security staff would be staying in our hotel. The manager more than once suggested that our antennas were to

be used for interception, which the Ministry denied. This high level event delayed our ability to do a proper installation. Garowe city was blocked as they feared suicide bombers would attack the President. We were told by the Ministry to keep a low profile and pretend we were aid workers if approached by locals. The Ministry had further a hard time to negotiate with the management about our installation. One point in time when they insisted we should await any transmission until the President left 1 week later, we seriously considered to move to another location. In addition they also wanted all the antennas to be invisible to the Presidental staff and not attract unwanted attention. How easy was that? However, the Ministry advised us to stay in this safer area of Garowe, as a move to another hotel would be less secure and expose

us to a higher risk we were not willing to take. We preferred to stay in this safer hotel with armed guards at its entrances. After bypassing the management and talking directly with the hotel owner, we were allowed to complete our installation by third day after arrival before the security staff would arrive. After that,

we were not allowed to do any movements involving antenna installation until the presidential event was over.

Unfortunately our two main anten-



6060 team and representative from Ministry

nas did not arrive with the small aircraft in Garowe because of the size of the bags. Though, the Ministry managed through its contact persons to have the two bags sent by a separate

truck all the way in a 12 h drive from Somaliland, crossing the border to Garowe the following evening at no cost! We were really impressed, we couldn't believe it! Until the delayed arrived luggage two days later we had to use our simple backup wire antennas and limit our operation to 5 out of 9 bands. We managed to

setup all TX antennas and one Beverage antenna before the Presidential staff arrived. During the first days we had also been aware of several man made noise sources appearing at our sunset at 15:00 UTC and lasting until about 20:00 UTC. These noise source (various lights) impacted all bands in such a way that it was impossible to do any decent transmission, even our beverage was picking up too much noise. We identified some of these sources, but we were unable to do anything.

After the President left, we experimented with all different low band RX antennas. We had a beverage antenna on ground, a beverage and K9AY loop in different locations inside and outside the hotel property. But we had problems installing a proper RX antenna. The ground was very rocky,

so attempting to drive the ground rod deeply was not easy. The RX antennas we had outside the hotel property were also tampered by locals 4 out of 5 days. Our beverage was located about 60 m away from the hotel property and running into an open public area away from the noise sources. This beverage still picked up too much noise after we checked it. One day the keylar wire was cut, and two times the locals moved our antenna before they finally stole the wire. We would typically check the bever-

age just prior to sunset to make sure it was intact. But it became clair that even if we had successfully installed a beverage even further away from the hotel, this would soon have been



Beverage antenna installation

stolen as they were on public ground.

We also made a horizontally polarized 80 m TX antenna, which didn't show much difference compared to the vertical. In contrast, our 40/30 m dipole was performing very well. Due to the problems with installing a good RX antenna the low band activity was greatly reduced. We made a few hundred QSOs on 80 m, but we really didn't feel for doing 160 m without a proper RX antenna. Instead we focused on 30 and 40 m. The 500 W amplifier went QRT after 6 days, and this just added to the problems as we were left with one barefoot station, 1 kW station and poor propagation.

Due to not being able to operate in prime time to NA between 15:00 to 20:00 UTC because of severe noise, more than 120 operating hours in total, this seriously affected our NA contact rate. During the noisy hours we did some maintenance, improving our RX antennas and rested a little bit. However, we did not sleep for more than 2 - 3 hours every day. We had a very busy schedule trying to improve the RX setup, as well as doing maintenance on the antennas due to strong wind, negotiating with the management and meeting the Ministry. With so little sleep for such a long period we more than once felt unwell during the operation. Due to all the problems we had, the Ministry decided to stay with us in Garowe to support us, which we were very thankful. The Ministry daily visited us, had a chat, and to see how things were going and made sure we were safe. They did not know much about amateur radio, but they were very interested in our transmission. Without their support it would have beeen very difficult to do any transmission in Garowe. They solved many problems



Garowe runway

on our behalf. They also followed us to the stairwell on our day of departure saying goodbye! Phantastic!

Propagation wise the predicted openings to NA and Asia did not occur on several bands. Propagation to both US and Asia were harsh. This forced us to run the EU stations while we were supposed to work others. We did have some nice short openings on 12 m and 10 m, working Asia/VK. As well the 30 and 40 m bands during our nights were usually very good until 03:00 – 04:00 UTC. We had a very interesting stay in Puntland and despite of all the various problems this just added to our experience.

In conjunction with this trip we also organized a humanitarian fundraiser for «Doctors without Borders». Currently, the fundraiser is at about

10,000 USD. All donations from clubs, individuals and OQRS will be



earmarked Somalia and Puntland.

We have no connection to DWOB – we are not doctors – only engineers and ham radio operators.

We would like to thank all EUDXF for their phantastic support! Many thanks, we know it will be well received in Somalia.

## 3D2EU Rotuma IOTA OC-060

BY RONALD STUY, PA3EWP

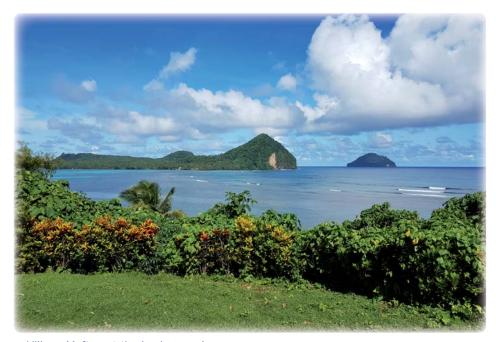
Rotuma is an island belonging to the Republic of Fiji. It is located 650 km north from the main island, therefore it is a separate DXCC country. Only a few amateurs have activated this island. Tony, 3D2AG, goes to Rotuma a few times a year for his work and family visits. In 2014, a large group of amateurs was active as 3D2R. Rotuma was on our wish list for a few years, this year we realized it, but

certainly not without setbacks. Rotuma is not a tourist island, a hotel does not exist. If you go to Rotuma you always have to stay with local people. You can go to Rotuma by boat, which sails once a month from Fiji, or by plane. The plane goes once a week from Suva (the Fiji capital). It is a small plane because the runway on Rotuma was on a lawn until last month. When in bad weather the

plane cannot land it will be postponed until the weather is improved. During our stay they worked on a paved runway so in the future it's more certain that the flight will go even during bad weather. The period we had chosen was in the winter months. This in order to make use of the propagation on the low bands. The disadvantage of this period is that it is also hurricane season in the Pacific.

In the middle of 2017, we contacted Tony, 3D2AG, with the question which the possibilities were to activating Rotuma. After many email exchanges we decided to use his offer. Tony would also go with us and we would stay with his family in Fapufa. We were not happy with this location because it is exactly behind a hill towards Europe, which leaves working Europe only via the long path. After some discussions, we decided to take a second location on the northern side of the island, in the village of Maftoa. This location had already been used by American operators. Here is a house (radio shack) at the beach with a clear view to Europe. We would stay with John and Harieta Bennet. Their house was about 400 meters from the radio shack. 2 operators would be active from Maftoa and the other 2, operators and Tony from Fapufa. The team consisted of: Hans, DL6JGN (team leader), Ernö DK2AMM, Heye, DJ9RR, Ronald, PA3EWP and Tony, 3D2AG. Tony arranged most of the things for us in Fiji; the authorization, customs documents, receiving our material boxes including locally purchased materials and shipment to Rotuma. Without Tony, it would have been even more difficult to realize our goal. A few weeks before our trip we were told by Tony that he could not come along due to work circumstances, he could not get holidays. The house in Fapufa was therefore not available. We decided to stay with 4 operators in Maftoa. In retrospect, this was much better than being active from 2 different locations.

Because we were very limited with our luggage on the flight to Rotuma, we had to send materials on forehand from Fiji by boat to Rotuma. Two crates were packed with different materials such as: fiberglass masts, coax cables, guy materials, bandpass filters, RX antennas, tools, 220 V junction boxes and extension cords, homemade amplifier, power supplies and so on. In total it was about 150 kg of materials. At that time, taking into account 2 different locations on the island. So many materials were double packed. The crates arrived in Fiji in the first week of January. There is very limited electric power on the island, each village has its own facilities. In Fapufa they have no power at all, they use solar energy. In the village Maftoa they have a main generator which is only active from 18:00



Village Maftoa at the background



Ronald, PA3EWP; Hans, DL6JGN (team leader); Ernö, DK2AMM and Heye, DJ9RR



Sleeping area



Daily ritual, pumping fuel to jerry can



Our 5-star radio shack



Inside shack

to 21:00 h. For us this was not an option. We therefore bought a generator on Fiji for our time on Rotuma. We also took 2 barrels (400 liters) with diesel on the ship. In this way we had our own power supply and were independent from the village generator.

There was a tropical storm around Fiji a week before our departure for Rotuma, all flights and also the boat were postponed indefinitely. This was quite exciting, but fortunately it worked all out well. The Friday that we arrived by plane on Rotuma, the boat had arrived on Thursday afternoon. We were already a bit prepared for an emergency. A few dipoles and coax cables were additionally packed into our luggage in the last moment to ensure that we could operate in case we had to stay a few days longer on Fiji or that the boat with our materials had not yet arrived at Rotuma. Harieta also flew with us from Suva to Rotuma. Harieta was our hostess on the island. When it was time to check in we were told that our flight to Rotuma had been cancelled for an indefinite period of time. They were busy with the pavement of the runway and lots of debris prevented the plane from landing. At that time, we had a serious discussion with the airline company. We had to wait an hour because they were going to call Rotuma. After an hour we were told that the flight would be 1 hour later. This was quite a relief.

More than 2 ½ hours late we arrived at Rotuma. We knew there would only be a few hours of daylight and the chance that we would be active that evening was almost none. After a visit to the guesthouse we went to the radio shack. This was a big disappointment. A building that had not been inhabited for 10 years, no windows and doors, the roof was as leaky as a sieve. The mold stood on all walls of the moisture. They had only cleared the building for us, nothing else. There was one room that was reasonably dry, so we used it. The roof was sealed by a local resident with a piece of sail. We started to make this space a little habitable. The table had to be raised at least 25 cm because it was much too low. The window had to be closed with a piece of sail because during rain and wind the equipment would get wet. We had also arranged an extra table and 4 chairs. We searched for a suitable place for the generator, which was placed

about 10 meters from the house. We also quickly looked at the beach where to put the antennas the other day. After all these preparations it was dark and we went back to the questhouse for dinner. That evening we unfortunately could not do much more. Early next morning at sunrise we started right away. Unfortunately, we could not place the antennas on the beach because it was high tide which left no more beach available for antennas. Preparations were made to place the antennas 2 hours later. This was a lot of work and we knew that we couldn't finish all the antenna work on that day. We focused on the antennas up to 40 meters. The low band antennas were planned for the next day. We knew by now that this would be a challenge because we could not be able to place the 18 m fiber masts on the beach. We asked John if there was someone in the village who wanted to climb into the palm trees for us to hang a pulley for 80 m and 160 m. This was not a problem and John arranged it for the next day. The 40 m antenna was perfectly positioned, on some rocks about 1 meter above sea level during high and low tide. It was only very difficult to fix the guy-wires, but it survived the whole period. The other 2 multiband antennas were placed in a way that they were free of the trees. The biggest challenge were the guy-wires which had to be put into the sea. Fortunately, there were some rocks available during low tide which we could use. The first day we were able to make QSOs on all bands up to 40 m.

On the next day, a local boy from the village climbed into the selected palm trees to fix pullies as high as possible. Heye and I focused on the 80 and 160 meters antennas.



Assistance for the 160 m vertical



160 m base during high tide

installed the 80 m inverted-L, we had to hurry because at the end of the afternoon it would be high tide again. This palm tree was a little smaller than the 160 m palm tree. The last 3 meters were horizontal pointing towards the north. Because of a lack of space, we also had just a single elevated radial, which was pointed such that it hung free from the trees and could not affect the other antennas. Almost the entire beach was used, we could

We first installed the 160 m inverted-L. We moved the horizontal part more than 50 m away. Unfortunately, this was not entirely towards the north (Europe) but we did not have other options. We only had room to install a single elevated radial. This had also certain corners in it. There was simply no space to put up a second radial. After some minor adjustments in length, the resonant frequency and SWR were good. In the afternoon we



40m verticale, 160 meter and WARC verticale



10/15/20 meter vertical

During high tide all antennas were in the sea



Measuring SWR on 160 m

Ronald, building RF choke

not do much more with the available space. Fortunately, we had enough coax cables with us because some antennas needed more than 60 m of cable to get into the shack. Except that we have been working on the antennas, we also had to find another place for the generator. The neighbors complained about the noise. We were not surprised about this, it was indeed a terrible sound. We placed the generator under our house, which allowed the neighbors to sleep normally again. The disadvantage for us was that when it was calm weather the exhaust gases immediately entered into the shack. We regularly had to have a break to breathe some fresh air for 5 to 10 minutes, hi.

The next day I put up the K9AY reception antenna, which was about 15 meters away from our house. This K9AY could be used on multiple radios thanks to a splitter and bandpass filters from Stockcorner (thank You Casper!). In most situations the reception on 80 and 160 m was better on the verticals than with the K9AY. The noise level on the vertical was extremely low. Our station consisted of 2x Elecraft K3 and 1x Elecraft K2. All stations had an amplifier: Expert 1.3 K, Tokyo High Power 1.1 and a homemade amplifier 600 W. We logged the QSO's with Win-test (CW/ SSB and RTTY) and WSJT-X (FT8). We used bandpass filters between the sets and the amplifiers. During the day it was often difficult to be active with 3 stations at the same time because we only had 2 multiband verticals. Regularly we used the 40 m vertical on 15 meters. This worked reasonably well. Later we assembled an additional vertical dipole for 17 m. This allowed us to combine multiple bands. The propagation was certainly not optimal in the first days, during the night there were at least two hours that all bands were dead. Nothing to do. Fortunately, later that week the propagation improved a bit, otherwise the long night shifts were terrible.

Almost every day during the European Sunrise and Sunset we were active on the low bands. However, the propagation was poor on the low bands. On 160 m, only a few Europeans made it into the log, certainly not the Western Europeans. On 80 m there were only 3 or 4 reasonable openings into western Europe. 40 m was much better, around SR / SS in



WARC verticale during high tide



If you have no umbrella you have to improvise



Ronald, PA3EWP



Operators in action

Western Europe the signals peaked above S9. The higher bands 10, 12 and 15 m were not good for Western Europe, even on 17 m we logged less than 100 QSOs with zone 14. 10 and 12 m could be used for Asia and North America. Almost 1,000 QSOs have been logged here. These bands were often no longer open than 1 hour, so you had to be there, other-

wise you missed the small openings. On average, we made between 1,500 and 2,000 QSOs per day. However, at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week Ernö became seriously ill, so the QSO num-

ber dropped. We went twice to the local hospital, trying to find out what was wrong with Ernö. Fortunately, after some medicine and enough rest, he felt much better during the third day. All four of us had health issues. Because the temperature was far above 30 degrees with a humidity of around 90 %, every wound on your body was infected within a day. This in combination with a lot of flies and generally poor hygiene it was particularly unhealthy. I had to wear a pair of long pants with socks after the third day. This to keep all flies away from the infected wounds. With such temperatures that was certainly no fun. Due to the high humidity everything was clammy. We slept outside in a cabin above the water. Here we laid on thin mattresses under a mosquito net. However, after a few days these mattresses were wet due to the high humidity. I can ensure you it is not comfortable. Also, all clothing was just clammy, if you hang a Tshirt on a line before sleeping, a few hours later it was wetter than when you hung it. There was regularly no running water from the tap. If you had rinsed your clothes, it would take 2-3 days before it was a little dry to put them on again.

We drank all the beer on the island. There was nothing left for sale. We



Ernö, DK2AMM and Heye, DJ9RR

es in a shop on the other side of the island. There was nothing more in the shops. We practically only drunk water, coffee or tea, there was nothing else to buy on the island. About 2,000 people live on the island. They speak their own language, Rotuman. Children from 6 years old start learning English at school. Rotuman is always

spoken at home. Until about 17 years they can go to school on Rotuma, then they have to go to Fiji or beyond to continue studying. All houses on Rotuma are owned by families, they are not allowed to sell these houses. It always stays in the family. On average, 1 out of 3 houses are empty for many years (including our radio shack). All residents on the island are very friendly and hospitable. The island's export products are mainly fruit, coconuts, wicker mats and baskets. John and Harieta have a company producing a special natural healing oil. The Hefau trees produce nuts that contain this oil. Many Rotumans work for them. John gave us a very educational tour into the interior of Rotuma. Since years he had a great interest is Botanic, and then he got specially focused on plants for medical health. The last week we drove around the island to see more than just the Itu'muta district. Fortunately, it was dry and sunny that morning.

I was the only SSB operator of our team. That was very unfortunate because my favorite mode is CW. But on the other hand, I can also speak with happiness that I could change a lot of modes. Especially the last week the pile-ups decreased, and of course the propagation was not optimal. I noticed after about 20 minutes of making QSOs in a certain mode the pileup was as good as gone. I then went to another mode and got the same offer again. So, I changed from CW, SSB to RTTY. Strangely enough there were always signals in FT8. It seems that more and more hams are active in this mode. Here the pile-up was huge. Unfortunately, the DXpedition mode of the WSJT-X software was not yet available. We still had to do it the traditional way. If the signals were fine we could make 1 QSO per minute. I have worked a few Europeans in this mode. When I noticed that the band

was open to Europe, I immediately went to CW or SSB. It was in any case a nice experience, the FT8 mode. In total, we logged 1,212 QSOs in FT8. We were very focused on working Europe. This is also apparent from the statistics, 32.6 % of our QSOs were with Europe. We tried to upload our log every day to Clublog. This was not always possible. Our internet was very slow, it was a 3G connection but too busy. From 06:00 h in the morning to the late evening it was impossible to use the internet at all. We uploaded the log overnight. And even that was not always possible. When I was on the low bands, most of the time I was also active on the ON4KST chat side. This gave many advantages. What is also very clear to notice is that more and more amateurs are no longer searching on the bands for DX, they are waiting for a DX-spot on the DX cluster. We often gave a CQ for 10 minutes and did not receive any response, we spotted ourselves in the DX cluster and less than a minute later the pile-up started. For the children in our village we had brought several small things. For the boy's matchbox cars, baseball caps and for the girl's hair bands and bracelets. We

First QSO: 2018-02-25 03:48:0	0
Last QSO: 2018-03-15 09:56:0	0

#### Band/Mode breakdown

Band	CW	FT8	SSB	RTTY	Total	Total %
160	330	1	0	0	331	1.1 %
80	1,786	118	2	7	1,913	6.3 %
40	5,994	48	766	595	7,403	24.6 %
30	5,793	341	0	644	6,778	22.5 %
20	3,557	144	1,594	622	5,917	19.6 %
17	2,958	331	706	604	4,599	15.3 %
15	1,091	214	645	327	2,277	7.6 %
12	515	3	62	0	580	1.9 %
10	251	12	1	77	341	1.1 %
Totals	22,275	1,212	3,776	2,876	30,139	100.0 %

### **Breakdown by Continent**

Band	Total QSOs	%
Africa	64	0.2 %
Asia	8,846	29.4 %
Europe	9,823	32.6 %
North America	10,387	34.5 %
Oceania	723	2.4 %
South America	296	1.0 %
Totals	30,139	100.0 %

#### **Continent by Band**

Band	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	Total	Total %
AF	0	1	22	16	15	6	4	0	0	64	0.2 %
AN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
AS	97	634	1,968	1,641	963	2,003	751	485	304	8,846	29.4 %
EU	32	410	3,346	3,239	2,431	360	5	0	0	9,823	32.6 %
NA	177	771	1,824	1,707	2,330	2,088	1,388	70	32	10,387	34.5 %
OC	24	72	139	124	137	114	90	19	4	723	2.4 %
SA	1	25	104	51	41	28	39	6	1	296	1.0 %
Totals	331	1,913	7,403	6,778	5,917	4,599	2,277	580	341	30,139	100.0 %

also took many T-shirts to hand out. This was greatly appreciated. At the end we had more than half a barrel of diesel left, we gave it to the people in the village. They could use it for the village generator. We have given our generator to our host and made an appointment with him that if Tony 3D2AG is active again from Faputa he could borrow a small generator from John. Tony does not have to use solar energy and batteries anymore and he can also use a small amplifier. For Tony, 3D2AG, I left 2 pieces of 10 m glass fiber masts, Jan. DJ8NK, had given us an 18 m Spiderbeam mast which we also donated to Tony. We also left our wire antennas for 80 m and 160 m for him. Now Tony can also become active on the low bands. We also left over 100 m of coax cable and hundreds of ty-raps.

Thursday, March 15 we started to take down most of the antennas as Friday was the day that we would fly back to the civilized world. Except for the 10/15/20 m, 40 m vertical and 1 complete station everything was

cleared at the beginning of the evening. That way we could remain active until the last moment. We wanted to be sure that we would a little loa more bit than 30,000 OSOs. the morning at 05:00 h I had the last shift and had planned make some QSOs

we were completely ready for our return journey. Around 15:00 h we left for Fiji and by 07:00 PM we were in our hotel in Suva. This was a paradise for us. Almost no flies, hot water while showering, a normal dry bed, no mold on the walls, no cockroaches, no exhaust from the generator, normal windows, air conditioner, a menu card in the restaurant, again plenty of beer etc. At that moment you realize what you have missed in the previous 3 weeks. From that moment on you will appreciate the smaller things that were otherwise considered as normal. After a good night's sleep, we went to a medical clinic to have a look at the wounds on our legs again. In Fiji they

be transported to Fiji. Around noon

After a good night's sleep, we went to a medical clinic to have a look at the wounds on our legs again. In Fiji they have more experience with this than in Europe. After a check we all got antibiotics and ointment. The doctor suggested that we should have another look at the wounds again in Europe when they were not any better. But after 3 days we all noticed some improvements. We also received antiworm tablets as a precaution. This is

on Sunday afternoon by boat from Rotuma. Tony and John will arrange further transport to the Netherlands. After a few hours we went back to our hotel after a pleasant and unforgettable meeting with Tony.

On Sunday morning, we had a farewell breakfast with John and Harieta. They also flew back with us from Rotuma. That day we walked around for a few hours in Suva as regular tourists. In the evening we flew by plane to Nadi on the other side of the island. In Nadi we stayed for another two days before we flew back to Europe. These additional days we had specially calculated as a buffer to minimize risk when the small plane could not fly from Rotuma to Suva. We have been active from Nadi only on 17 m with a simple dipole from the balcony. More than 300 QSO's were made in CW and FT8 as 3D2EU/P. We returned home on Tuesday evening via Singapore to Frankfurt. I had to stay for an additional night in Frankfurt because there were no more flights to Amsterdam. A big thanks to all the club and

> individual sponsors. The realization of this **DXpedition** has become easier hv this financial and material support. We want to thank our regular sponand especially **EUDXF** and Jan DJ8NK. Check website for an overview for some additional in-



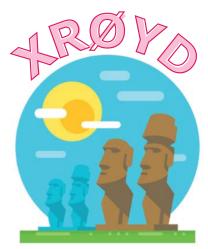
on 40 m during our last sunrise. First, I started to upload the complete log on Clublog. This took a little more time than expected. While doing this I noticed that there were already more than 30 K QSOs in the log and decided not to make any more QSOs. I started to take down the last radio setup and packed it for transport. When daylight came the shack was as good as empty. After breakfast we packed the last 2 antennas and cleared everything. The crates were closed and ready to

because the drinking water may not have been completely clean. In the afternoon we visited Tony, 3D2AG, who lives on the other side of Suva. He lives in a beautifully location near the sea. You can hardly have a better location for our hobby. We gave him several advices to improve his antenna situation. Now he uses many dipoles whilst verticals would function much better (less than 10 meters away from the salt water). The crates with our materials would arrive

formation: http://www.rotuma2018. de. All QSO's have been uploaded to LoTW and all QSL's will be sent out in May direct or via the buro. In the meantime, we are already busy with the preparations for our next DXpedition. 3D2EU Rotuma - a DXpedition never to forget!

On behalf of the entire team, Ronald PA3EWP.

# XRØYD - Easter Island DXpedition 2018



Easter Island 2018

After having been to Macau 2017 as XX9D, it took a while finding an answer to the always difficult question: Where do we go next? This time we decided to go to Easter Island which is the remotest island in the pacific triangle, about 2,000 km from Pitcairn and 4,000 km from the Chilean mainland. The island is filled with mysteries and theories about how the more than 700 huge stone statues might have been transported and erected and how it could happen, that a developed society as it was could decline and fall. Our main interest was to activate the Easter Island and not to add our speculations to those already existing for more than two and a half centuries. Collecting and packing the equipment is a routine after more than ten years of regular DXpeditions. We relied on the material and the experiences of the past. The only new companions were a Pentaplexer and the newly designed high-power bandpass-filters.

The new crew was almost the old crew, supplemented by the XYLs of DJ9KH and DL2AWG. In the very early stage of planning we were in contact with the Radio Club de Chile. They helped us in a great manner with the licenses and obtaining the special call sign XRØYD. DK7ZB and others led us to Miguel, the owner of the Cabanas Honu Nui, a very ham-friendly location with lots of antenna space behind the self-catering bungalows which were located a few hundred meters from the Pacific Ocean. There was power enough for at least 4 full-legalpower-stations without any line- or

other man-made noise. We found good conditions in terms of power, accomodation and understanding people around. It was a good decision to have Andreas, DH8WR, as an almost native spanish-speaker in the crew. Travelleling to the Easter Island was easy from Frankfurt via Madrid to Santiago de Chile, where the group picked up the licenses and met with DJ9KH with his wife, who made some Chile excursions before.

Unpacking the luggage, installing the 4 stations (K3 + amplifiers + filtercascades) and bringing up the antennas (5 band Spiderbeam, verticals for 160, 80, 40 and 30 m) was completed within 5 hours, and the first 4 hour shift could begin. We came with lowered expectations with respect to the conditions on the higher bands. Boring day shifts with white noise from 10 to 17 meters? Nothing like this, conditions improved significantly and we found ourselves in tremendous CW- and SSB-pileups on those bands, even with Europe and Japan. The US stations were just next door. It was not surprising that we reached our first goal of 30,000 QSOs 5 days earlier than planned. We ended up with a good score of 46,000 QSOs of which almost 50 % were made with North America and remarkable 30 % with

This was the first time we operated FT8 besides RTTY as digital mode. We did not use the contest-mode, nevertheless we made about 5,000 contacts on FT8. The numbers of FT8 users is growing rapidly and it seems that FT8 will become a must for DXpeditions in the future. Being an active ham for more than 50 years, my attitude seems to be a little bit old fashioned and I am still thinking strange about FT8 and other digital modes compared to the standard modes SSB and CW. Anyway, we had a successful DXpedition with the inevitable faults and technical problems, we have learned our lessons and we will try to do much better next time. By the way: we were not able to unravel the mystery why 17 m was not working on our Spiderbeam - Easter Island is full of mysteries!

Thanks to our sponsors, clubs and individuals, and the helping heads and hands which made this DXpedition possible. Paper QSLs are on their way, LoTW and OQRS are activated. Further info can be found on "xr0yd. mvdx.de".

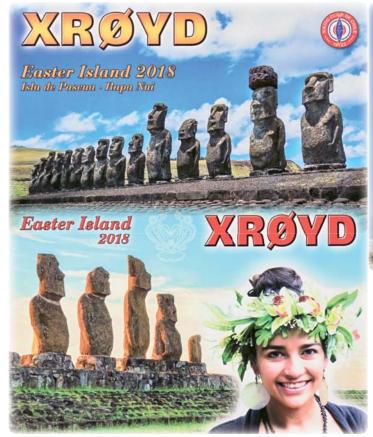
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The XRØYD team on Air



XRØYD group (from left to tight): DL7VEE, DJ9KH, DM3BJ, DL4SVA, DL7JOM, DH8WR, DL2RNS, DL5CW, DM2AUJ and DL2AWG













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A big thanks to all EUDXF members who already paid their annual dues in the first week of January. We really appreciate your cooperation!





## The EUDXF supported the WRTC 2018

BY JAN G. STADMAN, DJ5AN

#### **EUDXF Support to the WRTC 2018 as tent sponsor**

Marcel PA9M, Jan DJ5AN and his wife Sabine made a site visit to the WRTC 2018. We were hoping to show the EUDXF banner at the tent sponsored by the EUDXF. As the site teams were chosen by lottery, Jan was informed not earlier than one week before the start of the WRTC that we were allowed to bring some delegates to the tent of the Brazilian/Dutch team and present the EUDXF banner. After the contest Jan had the possibility to get the EUDXF tent sponsor banner.

We had a very nice time with our competitors and the referee. One of our competitors was John, VE3EJ, the winner of the WRTC in Brazil and furthermore we had Fred, NP2X/K9VV, from Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands. The referee was Tom, ES5RY. The competitors allowed us to look into the tent and treated us like members of their team, which was sometimes not easy because we had information from outside which we were not allowed to share with them.

To give you an idea about the tasks of the site team:

The site manager organized the site team and was responsible for building, maintaining, guarding and dismantling the site. In addition to the definition of the concrete construction sites of the tent, generator, antennas (together with the antenna chief) and the camping structure of the helpers, this also included the coordination of the deployment plan of the site team (for example, for the nightly guarding of the site). The tasks of the site team included the weatherproof con-



Site team ZAE-2: Jan G., PA1TT; Mitch, W1SJ; Marcel, PA9M and Sabine xyl, DJ5AN

struction of the tent (including tables, chairs, lighting, fans), the construction of the generator, the installation of the power supply to the tent and the establishment of the restricted area around the competition area.

The site team has been responsible for:

- timely refueling of the generator
- taking care of the competitors
- retightening of tent stays etc. in case of bad weather
- eventual tent repairs in case of bad weather
- support of the audience appearing to the site
- answering of questions related to the WRTC
- ensuring compliance with the exclusion zone around the competition area and an undisturbed competition.
   the correct condition of the site, antennas and generator at the time of arrival of the competitors
- the immediate notification and repair as well as, if necessary, the tracking of appropriate replacement materials for the repair of the site and antennas (in consultation with the antenna chief)
- full refueling of the generator

- and spare tank before the arrival of the competitors until Friday noon
- the coordination with the antenna chief for the prescribed repeated electrical measurement of the antenna system before the arrival of the competitors on Friday noon
- preventing further use of the antenna system and generator after the electrical measurement
- transport of the two competitors and the referee to the site and back. This applied to Friday (construction of the stations by the competitors), Saturday (arrival to the competition) and Sunday (departure after the competition) in total 4 trips.

When dismantling the site, a list of any defects or defects identified had to be prepared and handed over to the organization team. Likewise, during the dismantling of the site, any garbage that might be left on the site had to be collected and transported away in the garbage bags provided. It should not matter who has left the garbage there.

Jan G., DJ5AN / PA1TT



WRTC 2018 Alex, PY2SEX; Soni, PY2NX and Refferee Kaspars, YL1ZF



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19th September 2016 Wolmirstedt Michael Höding, DL6MHW
Vice President Fundraising

Welcome to Germany





# The New Member Story BY ALESSANDRO GROMME, 5B4ALX (EUDXF # 952)

I'm actually 40 years old, born in Italy and I lived for some years in Ireland. Since 2012 I am a permanent resident of Cyprus with the call sign 5B4ALX and the special contest call

My main interests are DX, Contest and making DXpeditions. I have one radio station in Italy where I can use the call IZ4AMS and my main radio station in Cyprus which I can use remotely when travelling on the job. All the information about me, my job, my company, contest results and planned DXpeditions are available on my website www.5b4alx.cloud which has more than 5,000 visitors per month.

My next DXpedition planned for 2019 will be E6ET, Niue Island. All information on my website will be shared with EUDXF for sure.

Best 73s, Alex, 5B4ALX



Alex, 5B4ALX

# The New Life Member # 46 BY INGRID S. GEISSLER, W71SG (EUDXF # 921)



Many greetings from the Ham Fest 2018 in Phoenix AZ: Ingrid, W7ISG and Reinhard, K7RGG (DL1UF)



change of address I would like to remind you that members who change their address or e-mail address inform our treasurer at

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(Members)

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Only board members and other members who perform a special function in the association, which requires the knowledge of certain member data, receive a list of members with the required membership data.

#### Section 4

The association informs the amateur radio related media about special events. Such information is also published on the website of the association. The individual member may at any time object to the publication of his personal data or revoke his consent to publication on the Internet. In the case of an objection or revocation, further publications regarding his person are omitted. Personal data of the withdrawing member will be removed from the homepage of the association.

#### Section 5

Upon resignation, the data of the member named under section 1 will be deleted from the member list. Personal data of the withdrawing member concerning the cash management will be kept for up to ten years from the written confirmation of departure by the Board in accordance with the tax regulations.



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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