



FSDXA Christmas Island DXpedition Bulletin No.2



Quite a lot has happened since we first announced our DXpedition last October. This bulletin covers some of those developments, so that everyone can continue to follow our preparations for Christmas Island 2011.

T32C

Firstly, we can confirm that the callsign T32C has been issued, in line with our previous callsigns (9M0C, D68C, 3B9C, 3B7C), the "C" recalling our origins in the UK's CDXC (The Chiltern DX Club). The call took a little time to arrange, as single letter suffixes are not normally issued by the Kiribati Government.

WEBSITE

Secondly, our website (www.t32c.com) goes from strength to strength, with all the latest news. For example, you can look at predicted propagation, make a donation via PayPal and other means, read about the island, and much more. At this time, though, we would particularly urge everyone to complete the survey of wanted bands and modes, which will help us in planning our operating schedule.

YOUNG AMATEUR

Our team is now almost complete, and we are especially delighted to welcome young amateur Michael Zürich DG1CMZ, whose participation is possible thanks to an anonymous sponsor. Michael is a 25-year old from Thuringia, Germany. He was first licensed at the age of 14 and is a keen contester and DXer. He has operated from GJ but T32C will be his first major DXpedition. Michael is currently working on his PhD thesis in strong-field laser physics at the University of Jena in the Quantum Electronics group and enjoys academic teaching. He operates all bands and modes, so will be a valuable addition to the T32C team. We now need just two multi-mode operators to complete our team.

EQUIPMENT AND SHIPPING

UK-based members of T32C have had several preparatory sessions to clean up and refurbish kit from our previous operations as well as building and testing equipment which we will be using for the first time (for example, new 4-square antennas for both 40 and 30m, and vertical arrays for the high bands, to complement our existing Yagis). Some photos of these activities appear on the website. We have also been getting to know the FT-5000 radios, of which

we will have 16 with us on T32, along with Quadra linear amplifiers. Several pallets of gear are now ready to be transferred to the shipping container, which we expect to leave the UK in late February from where it will travel via Singapore to Fiji, arriving in Suva in April or early May, for onward shipping to T32.

A novel development will be the inclusion of a GPS tracker in the container so that we can follow the progress of our kit as it makes its way to the island!

BROCHURE

A PDF brochure is now available, giving much more information about the DXpedition and the island. A copy is included with this bulletin and can be downloaded from the website. While designed primarily to give potential sponsors more information about T32C, we are also mailing to existing sponsors, DX bulletins and others, as we believe it gives everyone some fascinating insights into this major project.

As always, more information will follow in due course. We thank you for your interest in T32C.

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