



THE FIRST CLASS CW OPERATORS' CLUB NEWS SHEET 760



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"A man should keep his friendship in constant repair" - Samuel Johnson

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITY DAYS	BAND OF THE MONTH	FEBRUARY 2013 CALENDAR
1-3 Feb Fri-Sun Marathon 20-Feb Wed MKD 26-Feb Tue Activity Day	40	G4FOC by G3IZD 19 Feb Committee meeting 23 Feb Windle deadline W4PM 24 Feb News Sheet deadline V31JP 1 Mar FOCUS deadline S57WJ

CONGRATULATIONS

FROM YOUR EDITOR - V31JP

These members celebrate 40+ years unbroken FOC membership this month:

Yrs	Call	Nr	Joined
50	W6ISQ (N6IQ)	765	1963
47	G3RPB	867	1966
43	KP4L (KP4CRT)	1090	1970
41	W8ZD (W8KIT)	1157	1972
41	W1RM (W1BGD)	1159	1972
40	G3LIK	1192	1973
40	VE3BHZ	1196	1973

As normal of late, have I been super busy. Mainly, I am trying to catch up after the 6 months stay up in the US. I did agree to buy V31MD's station as Bob sold his property down here in Belize at the end of December last. There are rentals schedule until mid-April, so I will not pick up the equipment and antennas until they are finished. In the meantime, I am going to try and build back at the old QTH in Sittee River. To start, I will have run the water line and electrical mains over to the new building's location. Then put in the new foundation and build up the lower concrete walls and beams. That means I have to restore my concrete mixer. A lot of manual labour ahead for me. That will get me back in shape fast. Take a look at <http://g4foc.org/history>. A great read. Good luck and have fun in the Marathon. Thank you and 161, Joe, V31JP k8jp@arrl.net or v31jp@netzero.com

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION by N4TY

Members please observe the sponsoring procedure, as posted on <http://g4foc.org> under "About FOC > FAQs", and the sponsorship list below is explained in "Members-Only > Nominations List". Send nominations to Tyler n4ty@me.com

NOMINATION LIST by N4TY

- 6★ **GI4CFQ** (Gary): by DL4CF, N3JT, PA7RA, G3MCK, AD8P, W9RGB.
- 5★ **GU4YOX** (Bob): by G3SXW, G3IZD, MUØFAL, MDØCCE, N3AM, 5X1NH, VE1DX, W3EF.
- 5 **K1LI** (Brian): by K6ZB.
- 5 **G3SVK** (Fred): by G4BUO, G3SXW.
- 5★ **G4IHY** (Ian): by G3IZD, G4FNL, G3XTT, K9QVB, N2KW.
- 5 **9V1VV** (John): by JA1NUT, W7QC, JE1TRV.
- 5★ **F6HKA** (Bert): by V31JP, W8KJP, N3WT, W5ZR, K4LTA, OH2KI, VQ9JC, HSØOZ1HET, K4OSO, G3SWH, KR3E, VE3HX, VE1DX, N5AW.
- 5★ **OZ8SW** (Steen): by HSØ/OZ1HET, OZ4FF, G4RCG, OX3XR, LA5HE, K8MFO.
- 5 **N4BP** (Robert): by LZ2RS, G5CL.
- 4★ **G3WPH** (Mike): by G3XTT, MDØCCE, AD8P, AA3B, N2KW, VE3HX.
- 3 **DL6LBI** (Ingo): by N2KW, DK7VW, GØJWB, GØTBD, DL1VDL, G4HMC.
- 2 **SM1TDE** (Eric): by VE1DX, YO3FLR.
- 2 **W5PEH** (Pete): by V31JP, G3HGE, KT5X, K1JD.
- 1 **G4ALD** (Francis): by G3VCN.

INVITATIONS by N4TY

This nominee will be invited to membership this month: **ZS1REC** (Raoul): by ZS1EL, G3ROO, G3KOJ, N3JT, W1FJ.
Note: Raoul is member 2012 and will be formally announced next month. Raoul is eligible to participate in the Marathon.

AMENDMENTS by N4TY

- G3KMQ** (1703): Resigned.
- GM3HUN** (771): Resigned.
- WK2G** (1788): Now Associate.
- OZ4FF** (1713): New email: tranberg@post12.tele.dk
- VK3XU** (1768): New email: narmeian@tpg.com.au
- I7ALE** (1305): New phone: +39 0884 275646

FOC DXpeditions

- KH2/G3ZEM** Feb 9-13 - 5B4AGN
- V63ZM** Feb 13-23 - 5B4AGN
- H44KW** Feb 18-28 - G3RTE, G3SWH
- T2GM** Mar 12-23 - GM0GAV, GM3YTS, GM3POI
- XR0YG** Mar 20-27 - G3TXF, G4IRN, G7VJR
- 9X?** Mar 3-13 G3RWF

Marathon logs need to be sent to Dennis at f5vhy@wanadoo.fr, NOT the old address, focmarathon@gmail.com this year.

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMITTEE by G3SXW

Committee met for over two hours on 22nd January and covered a lot of ground, so please forgive this long Feedback report, much is happening. Firstly Chairman Rob, GM3YTS welcomed Ed, KR3E to his first Committee meeting. We then discussed whether one more member is needed or not.

The new web-based subscription renewal system has worked extremely well, over two-thirds of members taking advantage of this efficient new tool. Less than a dozen members have still not renewed, far fewer than at this time last year, and are being contacted to determine whether they wish to remain in the Club. Our financial situation remains very healthy so we continue to develop ideas for ways of a) investing in schemes for the promotion of CW, see below and b) reduction in annual subscriptions. It is now confirmed that opt-out of printed & posted materials (quarterly FOCUS, annual Call-Book and Marathon tick-sheets) can be implemented efficiently on the web-site so it remains for our Treasurer to compute cost-savings and therefore proposals for 2014 subscriptions. This will entail the addition of only one subscription category: "Opt-Out world-wide".

Our plans for the 75th Anniversary are in place: see KR3E's Press Release. During the full month of May many FOC-suffix call-signs will be aired around the world, spear-headed by G75FOC on the air every day of that month and much aided by every FOC member being active as much as possible during the month. Those who enjoy chasing Awards will be interested to read the 75 FOC Rules. Our thanks go to KR3E, G4HZV, KZ5D and W4PM for their magnificent efforts. The objective is to spread awareness of CW and FOC, so QSOs by members with non-members are especially encouraged. In line with this Anniversary we are looking for ways to update the FOC History Book, last published by G3MXJ for the 60th Year. But a volunteer is needed.

G3RWF has discovered the whole set of News Sheet back issues, covering several decades and N4TY has very generously offered to scan them for adding to the web-site. Our new Editor, Gabor, S57WJ repeats his request for members to provide material for FOCUS, either finished articles or just ideas. Without the support of members we will have no FOCUS, so please give this some attention.

Following the highly successful Annual Dinner last November we have re-booked the same hotel in Milton Keynes, for 9th November 2013. Extra attractions will be offered including Friday evening entertainment, Bletchley Park and Woburn Abbey. Our huge thanks go to G3XTT for offering to again manage this project. We are also, on another topic, delighted to announce that G3XTT will become our new President on that date: cameras at the ready for chain-transfer!

Investing in the future of CW is considered a totally appropriate way forward for the Club. We now look for a volunteer to spear-head a new initiative with the RSGB's Morse Camp programme of some dozen years ago as the model – but with modern learning methods. That RSGB initiative taught CW to some 2,000 people, so this could be our bench-mark! We need ideas and enthusiastic commitment.

Representations were also aired from members who criticise the aggressive chasing of Windle points. Surely we must all behave considerately on the air. Discussion followed about adding a score-updating page to the web-site, rather than in the News Sheet. Members input will be welcomed. The next Committee Skype meeting will be on 19th February.

The FOC Marathon and DXpeditions

In mid January, I sent an all-members email to inquire about "special" calls to be used in the Marathon. The responders were: K2RSK, KF2AT, IK6BAK, KH6LC, NO5W, W9KNI, N4AF, W0UCE, W6IJ, K5DQ, K1ZM, W0SA, W6CYX, AD8P, LU5OM, K5TF, OX3XR, PJ4LS, W9VNE, W4PM, VK4CT, W6SJ, K4LTA, 6Y5WJ, N2ATB, ZL1MH, K3TW, N5XZ, K9QVB, VE3USP, K3ZO, K6RB, N3RS, VE3HX, OK1TN, K4LQ, N5AW, N5CW, K5RC, N3BB, W4CK, W4IR, VE3LYC, VK4TT, K4UEE, K1ZZ, F5IN, G3MRC, 7Z1HL, ZL2IFB, SM6CPY, US9PA, WL7E, G4BUE, YO3FRI, LZ1AF, 5T0JL, GM4SID, ZL2AZ, OK1KT, ZS1AAX, G3ROO, GM3WUX, DF4BV, CT3AS, I7ALE, G3PJT, G3PQC, G2JL, HB9QO, ZB2CW, G3PDH, M0IKE, G8VG, AK4Z, K2LE, DJ4KW, G4FON, W4QM, K2ZR, EI5DI, N5AN, W0ZR, N6NT, K5NA, W1HL, WK2G, KR5V, VE6BF, KZ5D, N8NA, VE3NE, N2KW, 9J2BO, G3KOJ, K1SA, MD0CCE, K6VVA, DJ3KR, N9RD, G3JKB, S53R, PA0ABM, OK1WF, VE3DZZ

Here are some interesting member comments: **NO5W**: I hope to be active with my own call sign from my own QTH if I can get some wires up. **K1ZM**: I will be **VY2ZM** this year. **W8KJP**: Bonnie, **WB4FSF** and I will be operating **W4FOC** this Marathon. **W6CYX**: Will be **W6FOC**. **OX3XR**: Judith and I will be on vacation from on Monday January 21 to February 15 — going to Copenhagen and Tenerife, Canary Islands (EA8). If QRV then it will be **EA8/OX3XR**. Will meet with Andy/EA8 and Andrea/IK1PMR during our stay in Tenerife. **K4LTA**: I plan to operate the Marathon from here at home and then we travel to Grenada on Feb 6th where I plan to be J38A for 4 weeks. **ZL1MH**: Will only have 100W to a Hustler vertical - so pse dig deep for me! **K3TW**: I will be using **K3TW** again, Restricted Class with dipole antennas. **VE3USP**: I talked to Dave, VE3BHZ who holds VA3FOC as well. Due to his health, he said he would not operate VA3FOC and offered me a chance to do so. So, I will be operating **VA3FOC** in the Marathon, as well as in May. **W4CK**: **K4LTA**, **AK4Z**, and I are planning to activate **N4FOC** during the month of May to promote the big 75th anniversary celebration. **VE3LYC**: During the recent expedition to the last IOTA group of South America (LU6W, SA-096) I lost at sea not only two ICOM IC-7000 rigs (one brand new, the other like new), but also my only set of headphones (Heil 4), as well as my only electronic rig - a gift made to me by a friend long time ago...I am looking forward to getting back in the saddle so to say, but it will take a little while. **G4BUE**: At the moment I am shown as N4CJ, which is still the plan. However, as June's health problems are taking longer to deal with than what we hoped, we may not get back to Florida before the Marathon, and I will therefore be **G4BUE**., not **N4CJ**. **5T0JL**: I am not very active at the moment because the Carpal canal of my right hand makes me suffer terribly. The left hand was operated successfully four months ago. Besides my multi-GAP vertical dipole was attacked by the salt and the damages are such as only the 14 Mhz band is workable. I have a folded dipole for 10 Mhz in perfect condition. Saddened for these bad news but FOC members can count on me as I shall make a maximum to use my key! I have a special call request with FOC suffix pending for the FOC 75th anniversary next May. **G3ROO**: I will not be a serious operator in the Marathon but I intend to show my face as **GB2SPY** using one of my spy sets. **ZB2CW**: I will be in the Marathon 20 thru 10m only. **K2LE**: I will be on as **P4ØLE** again this year. For Windle purposes, please note I'll be active in the ARRL DX CW contest, but using the call **P49V**. **W0ZR**: Unfortunately I will not be able to participate in the Marathon this year due to the fact that we will be vacationing in Florida the month of February. Wish I could take a rig but that is not possible. **VE6BF**: I will be using **VE6FOC** in the Marathon and looking forward to better conditions that I have endured in past few years hi! **KZ5D**: He will be QRV as **KP2/KZ5D**. **K1SA**: I'll run our alter ego, **WA1FOC**, for the Marathon. As usual, that should create untold confusion and chaos, but it hopefully will keep the minds of us aging members a little sharper. **S53R**: If no last minutes changes I will be **IØ/S53R** from Rome. But as my schedule always changes I may even be in W4 or C6... one never knows :) **VK8AV**: I will be making a token effort in the Marathon. My amp is u/s; my LPA is broken; I will be QRV with 80W. 20M antenna is an inverted vee. 40M antenna is the HF2V on the roof of the QTH. 80M antenna is a quarterwave sloper. **PAØABM**: Wino will use the call **PI4HQ** during the Marathon.

Marabella: I am pleased to advise that Marabella version 2.13 for the 2013 Marathon is now available for download. There are very few changes this year. I have improved the entry section selection process so it maps to the 2013 rules and, of course, there is an updated DXCC entity database (which is only needed to determine the number of entities worked). I have also updated the adjudicator's e-mail address for those of you that use the SMTP e-mailing facility. <http://marabella.g3wgv.com/> 73, John G3WGV, N3GV

AC5K – Wes has a new Elecraft KAT500 tuner and KPA500 amp that he very recently built and got on the air. He hopes they will add a couple of dB to his signal.

J88DR & BERU - Non - UK Members may be mystified by hearing the calls “CQ BERU” in March. This of course is activity in the RSGB's Commonwealth Contest. As well as the individual contest there has been for some years a Team Event. Recently (last 5 years!) this has been won by the Team representing the Caribbean and Atlantic Islands. We have one US Operator, Allen, N2KW who enters from 6Y. I am wondering if anyone else from stateside fancies making a trip to the Caribbean to join in the fun as we have one vacancy in the squad at present? Other travellers to the Carib include **G3TXF**, **G3PJT** and myself, **G3TBK/J88DR**...Other Teams represent VE, ZL, VK, Africa, Asia, and the Mediterranean Islands. On behalf of all the entrants I apologise in advance for us not working the US of A for 24 hours, but Dave pleads forgiveness as he will, as usual, be entering both ARRL DX Contests from J8! Dave can be contacted at daveg3tbk@gmail.com should anyone feel like combining a holiday in C6, VP2, 8P or wherever with some good operating. (ed note: I try to be active too –V31JP)

C6AVA - Rick, K6VVA was QRV from Bimini Island, IOTA NA-048, until January 14. Rick had neck surgery just before going to Bimini. He discovered after returning from C6 this week that his 3rd A3S up at the remote site on a Swedish military crank up mast used for A/B tests to determine the optimum height for Domestic Contesting had bit the dust. It had temporary 5/16 Dacron guy lines wrapped around trees that apparently a squirrel chewed through and, wham... down it went <http://www.k6vva.com/a3sdown.jpg>. On the way back from C6 while QRX for several hours at the Ft. Lauderdale airport, he had a nice cellphone to landline QSO with Dale, W4QM. It was 5x9 plus copy, and no QRM - hi :^). Dale is perpetually in his memory banks as W4DQS, along with his expeditionary travels to Baja Nuevo & Malpelo back in the good-old-days. How time flies. It was also really great to get so many on-air calls from FOC members during his C6AVA IOTA NA-048 trip. QSL via N6AWD.

G2HKU - Colin, G3VTT and Ted shared a cup of tea and some cake after putting Ted's 5RV antenna back up. Strong winds had torn the feeder and Ted said how much he was looking forward to the Marathon. Ted looks great and is on the bands daily so put him on the WAFOC list!

GM3HUN: Bill wishes to resign from FOC — age is catching up with him at nearly 87 and he is hardly on the air now. (thanks G3LIK)

G3RWF – Nick says things have moved on well and he has booked a ticket and happy for it to be public. He is travelling to arrive on 3 Mar and will leave on 13 Mar - having taken part in the Commonwealth Contest (Rwanda joined the Commonwealth in 2009 so this is a first). No call sign yet but seems to be getting close! Many thanks to Carl SM6CPY who is there at present.

G3VCN: Paul has been having RFI, tuner, and antenna problems, but hopes to have them sorted by the Marathon if the weather improves, but his 160m doublet is looking iffy.

G3ZGC – Richard is pleased to report that the severe S9+10 QRM he had suffered on 80m and 160m vanished exactly 365 days after it started. It was a real mystery. Either a yearly maintenance routine or someone who had exactly a one year rental on a flat with some device or other moved. He is currently back on 80m and 160m though his antenna is very poor on 160m.

G4BUE - Three hours before the end of 2012 at 2107z on 31 December, W1FJ answered Chris's CQ on 60m to complete 11 bands during the year. Chris had already given Al his first 6m QSO with Europe back in July. Al joins W1RM as being the only North American members Chris has worked on 11 bands, but the first time he has done that in one year. Unfortunately the 60m QSO did not count for a Windle point as they had already QSO'd in December on another band. June and Chris have been delayed returning to Florida and so Chris will be G4BUE in the Marathon. The tick-sheet on the web-site has been amended but will those members planning to use the tick-sheet that was mailed with the January News Sheet and FOCUS, please change Chris from N4CJ to G4BUE.

G4RCG – January 14th, John was in Tortola on board Ventura, but not QRV. No radio gear when he flew out to Barbados to pick up the ship with only 23kg luggage allowance. The XYL wanted all of that for her evening dresses! Off to Dominica January 15th

G6PZ – Paul gives a big ‘thank you’ to all members that worked him /mm. It was great to chat as Azura crossed the Atlantic and island hopped in the Caribbean. He made QSO's on all bands except 160m and the fishing pole antenna worked well. Unfortunately the Azura was not a quiet ship electrically and some contacts were difficult. Aurora last year was radio heaven in comparison. He went QRT the morning of 24th of January and left the ship. He was in Barbados waiting for the flight home to snowy G land that evening.

H44KW - Phil, **G3SWH** and Jim, **G3RTE** will be active from Honiara, Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands from the 18th to the 28th February 2013. The Solomon Islands are located in CQ zone 28, ITU zone 51. Guadalcanal counts as OC-047 for IOTA purposes. The “most wanted” data provided by Clublog currently shows the Solomon Islands at #81 in Europe and #77 in North America. Their activity will be on CW only on all bands 80-10 meters. There will be no 160, 60, 6 metres or EME activity. Propagation permitting, they plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. Their main objective is to work as many European, North American and ROTW stations on as many different bands as possible and plan to make at least 15,000 QSOs. QSL via G3SWH, either via the OQRS facility on Phil's web site <http://www.g3swh.org.uk> (recommended), direct with SAE and adequate return postage or via the traditional bureau route. There is more information at www.g3swh.org.uk/h44kw.html which will be updated from time to time. (Thanks, G3SWH)

HB9QO - Since the end of October, Bruno has been plagued by a broadband noise that covers the 10.1, 14, 18 and 21 MHz. It's about -90dBm (about S5). Attempts by the federal Comm. Authority to localise it failed. His own search work failed too. It appears that the noise is present in several locations all over HB-Land. It could be that the newly introduced TV over the ‘phone lines by Swisscom is the cause. So please don't get angry in case he cannot hear you during the Marathon.

K1LWI - Wen, ex-FOC 1020 passed away in December. He was a prolific operator, and enjoyed DX contesting. He is well known for being part of the K1JGD multi-multi New England contest operation in the mid-1960s where our small group contended to move into the top-5 contest groups. Al, W1FJ, also an operator who liked all the hi-jinx our group did! Who had time to be serious when we all had fun! Wen always liked to reminisce about those days where keyboards weren't used and the DX had 50 HZ notes. (Thanks, W1UU)

K2TT – Bill has gotten an EDZ “stealthy” antenna (center-fed; 44-ft, No 26 wire) up over the Christmas holiday, and now can get on 30 and 40 meters. He has not tried 80 as yet, but will do so when he gets back to NY from Denver the second week in January.

K4BAI: After Dayton, John will spend a week in Bonaire for the CQ WPX CW contest. AND LATER: “I was the only FOC member at the M/S station NQ4I in CQ WW 160 CW Contest this weekend...Thanks to all who worked us. 161, John, K4BAI.”

K9QVB – John will be one of the operators from PJ2T for the ARRL CW Test in February. Outside the contest. He will be signing PJ2/K9QVB.

KZ5D - Art will be operating as **KP2/KZ5D** from Wednesday, Jan. 28 through Monday, Feb. 4, including the Marathon. Before and after the Marathon, he will be very active on the WARC bands and 160/80.

Members' Database – Tyler is wrapping up an analysis of his “other calls” database and he found a lot of missing names of ex-members. He found some other calls associated with those members, too. You can find this PDF listing on the Callbook and Downloads page. Below are the last ex-members that he is missing. If you could reach way back, or know someone who might remember them, he would be appreciate the information. **ZS5AM** (374): First name is “Allan”, cannot find last name and **W2JDR** (565): names unknown, was friends with Al Hicks, W8AH and Larry, W9IOP. His call has been since taken vanity-hostage by another ham. Contact Tyler via: [<n4ty@me.com>](mailto:n4ty@me.com)

MEMBERS' NEWS by V31JP (Cont.)

MKD/SKE – The last SKE (Straight Key Event) was January 16th, all day using your pump key, bug key or sideswiper. If possible, try to work members and non-members alike. Colin has had one or two comments about the term 'SKE' where the 'SK' sounds a bit gloomy to some, so he intends to call it the 'Mechanical Key Day' and hopefully put a brighter perspective on the day! (Thanks, G3VTT)

N2KW – Allen is returning to Jamaica, March 3-13, including the Commonwealth Contest. Call sign requested, 6Y6T. QSL via WA4WTG or LOTW.

OK1TN - Slavek will be OK7FOC in the Marathon.

OX3XR – Peter reports that Greenland has now got the following frequency band for 5 MHz: 5250-5450 kHz. He will soon be active using a dipole on 5 MHz. (Thanks, OPDXB)

RSGB Centenary - In January's issue, the RSGB Centenary celebration URL was very long and got messed up. G3LZQ, John, says try <http://www.rsgb.org/centenary> for the full details "including the schedules for the Centenary Station" and regular updates. John reminds us this is a year-long activity with daily activity expected from Gx100RSGB stations. Plans are to update Club Log and application of certificate for LoTW has been made. They will not be flooding the QSL bureau with 100% QSLing of all QSOs. If you want one "then use specified route ideally OQRS on Club Log for both Bureau Free or Direct small charge." They "do not want your QSL's but any Bureau Cards received will be replied same route".

SM6CPY - Carl, says his trip to Kigali, Rwanda, January 15th through the 30th should be, hopefully, like last year as **9XØPY**. He'll try to be on 80 and 160 also, if he has the antenna possibilities. He is running 100 watts, as he can't take his amplifier because of weight limit restrictions. Listen for him 25 KHz up from the bottom of the "old bands" and on 10.108, 18075 and 24895 on the WARC-79 bands +/- QRM. Plans are to be using inverted dipoles. He'll be operating from a new QTH and is not sure what the possibilities are for antennas. Carl prefers QSL go via the SM QSL bureau. Direct requests need at least two US \$, which is barely enough.

T2GM - will be from the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel "on the lagoon side of the island," with four Scots operating March 13-23. The ops are **GMØGAV**, **GM3POI**, **GM3YTS** and **GM4FDM**. They will have a pair of K3 rigs and verticals near the water and 500 watts output. www.t2gm.org will have QSL info and the log update. Back at home, **MMØNDX** will keep their blog updated.

VK4EMM/VK4CT – John would like to remind all that he operates under two call signs, **VK4EMM** and **VK4CT**. Members can count both call signs for Windle points.

VQ9JC – Jim will be back on Diego Garcia starting in mid-March for another four-month tour; my current **VQ9JC** license is still valid. The boys in the DGar licensing office have always been very cooperative and accommodating when Jim has asked for special short-term licenses (six of them so far). That said, when I get back to the island in a couple months, I'll request them to issue me **VQ975FOC** for a two-week period, probably the latter half of the month so that I can use it in the WPX test. (By ITU reg, the prefix must start with **VQ9**, and unless I'm wrong, it can include up to four numbers in a string.) My request has to be made in person, so I'll of course have to wait until I get there to ask. I can't guarantee anything of course, but I'm optimistic. I'll certainly let you know when the time comes. (Thanks, Jim, **ND9M / VQ9JC**)

W1FJ – Ruth and Al took a 14 day cruise to KH6 round trip from San Diego. Before he left, he worked **G4BUE** on 5 MHz for band number 11.

XRØYG - British DXpeditioners **G7VJR**, Michael; **G3TXF**, Nigel; **G4IRN**, John; and **G3ZAY**, Martin; have announced plans to put **XRØYG** on the air from Easter Island (**CEØY**) from March 20th to 27th, 2013. Plans are to be mostly on CW on 1.8 through 28 MHz with a focus on the low bands and Europe. Plans are to use Elecraft K3s, small amplifiers and verticals. On the low bands they will use either a beverage or flag receiving antenna, depending on "space available". They expect to upload to both Club Log and LoTW daily. For Club Log go to <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=XRØYG>, which will also have OQRS. QSL via **G3TXF** and LoTW.

WK2G: Merrill is moving to Associate status because of antenna restrictions at his QTH, but will be **QRV** from time to time from a club station.

DAYTON FOC BREAKFAST - The Dayton FOC Breakfast will take place as usual on Sunday morning, May 19th of Hamvention 2013 in the **ORRVILLE ROOM**, which is located on the 12th Floor of The Crowne Plaza starting at 7:30 A.M. We generally eat breakfast around 8:30 from a buffet right outside our meeting room. Many like to come early and stay late. Inevitably you run into friends who you have missed during the course of Hamvention and you will have a chance to visit in a relaxed atmosphere. The breakfast is a great way to top off an already super weekend. Other than everyone introducing themselves and an announcement or two, the proceedings are informal. No reservations are necessary. Plan to join us if you can. We will truly miss seeing Mike, **K8NW**, who graciously organized this event for many years. Please contact me directly if you have any questions. 161 Don **K8MFO** K8MFO@aol.com

The FOC 75th Anniversary link is: <http://g4foc.org/news?mode=MessageList&eid=1194998>

THE 2012 WINDLE AWARD by W4PM

Even though there are still a few days left until the deadline for 2012 final scores I can announce with a high degree of certainty that the **TROPHY** winners based on point totals were: **EU** and overall **G4BUE** 1,803 - New points record for **EU** and overall! **NA** - **W9RGB** 1,562 **AF** - **EA8CN** 1,135, **NA west** - **N9RV** 632, **SA** - **ZP6CW** 443, **OC** - **ZL2IFB** 517 - New points record for **OC**, **AS** - **7Z1HL** 430

We had 158 members submit scores for 2012. While not up to the numbers of 1999 through 2000 in which over 200 reports were received the 158 is the highest since 2008. We have an upward trend going so let's see what we can do in 2013. In addition I sent out or have prepared for mailing 64 certificates for 2012 versus 58 in 2011.

Scores to **W4PM** only. An asterisk against the call indicates the score has been updated this month. The scores are the total points/total number of different members worked. Puck, hmmjr@comcast.net

NORTH AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA	EUROPE	EUROPE	EUROPE
W8FJ 180/180	W1FJ 75/75	K1SA 27/27	G3KTZ 167/167	G3ZRJ 53/53	SV1AOW 27/27
W9RGB 161/161	K2SX 65/65	W4PM 27/27	G3LIK 160/160	HA7AP 51/51	DL1VDL 25/25
AA3B 124/124	N2ATB 41/41	VE3USP 18/18	G4HZV 102/102	GØGKH 51/51	MØPIE 24/24
K9FN 91/91	W1EBM 35/35	V31JP 7/7	SM5CCE 98/98	DL8PG 51/51	IKØYGJ 18/18
W5ZR 85/85	K4JJW 32/32	N/A - WEST	DK2GZ 85/85	G3LHJ 48/48	LZ1AF 17/17
KZ5D 80/80	K2ZR 28/28	KF7E 44/44	LY2PX 74/74	PAØLOU 42/42	G5CL 7/7
N5AW 77/77	VE1DX 28/28	AC2K 43/43	GØORH 60/60	G3VTT 40/40	US9PA 4/4
		K6RB 28/28	G2JL 56/56	PA7RA 39/39	ASIA
					4X1FC 30/30