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UN Makes it Official: Montenegro Now Number 336 on the Current DXCC List

A new ARRL DXCC entity came into being this week! As expected, the United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member June 28, and that action automatically makes the tiny Balkan nation the 336th current DXCC entity.

“According to the ARRL DXCC List criteria, entities on the UN list of member-states qualify as political entities,” said ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. “Therefore, effective June 28, 2006 (UTC), ARRL has added The Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. Claims for DXCC credit will be accepted immediately.”

The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com> this week quoted Ranko Boca, YT6A, that current Montenegrin radio amateurs may use their current Serbia-Montenegro call signs until the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) designates a call sign block for the new country.

In anticipation of Montenegro’s new nation status, International DX

Festival Montenegro <http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival.html> has been set for July 20 until August 12. That’s when several international operators — with Boca as DXpedition leader and well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH, as radio operations leader — will join forces with Montenegrin Amateur Radio operators from at least three different stations using a common call sign in an effort to meet the DX community’s need to work the newest DXCC Entity. Festival organizers have set the ambitious goal of 200,000 contacts for the event, which will use all HF bands.

The event also will include several basic courses on ham radio operating and CEPT license examinations aimed at new and less-experienced radio amateurs. Another goal is to establish an Amateur Radio Club of Montenegro

Montenegro declared its independence on June 3 following a national referendum May 21.

— *The Daily DX; ARRL DXCC Desk*

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Treasurer's Report

As of 6/30/06

GENERAL FUND (checking account)

Previous balance \$ 2,915.33
 Income 0.60
 Expenses 37.75
 Ending balance 2,878.18

REPEATER / PACKET FUND (savings account)

Previous balance \$ 993.09
 Income 2.51
 Expenses 0.00
 Ending balance 995.60

— Ed Fitzgerald, N7WW, Treasurer

License Exam Sessions

6:00 pm before each monthly OARS meeting
 Walk-ins allowed
 To apply contact Klaus Neubert 753-1493
oars-ve@comcast.net

OARS Net check-ins

The following stations checked in on the OARS General Information Net one or more times in the month of June, 2006:

Reporting net control stations for the month were K7TAG and WC7I. Thank you for your support!!

AA7YD	AB7PS	K7GUH	K7MBB
K7TAG	K7VRE	KA7VNE	KB7DFL
KC7FEE	KC7LA	KD7RAT	KD7TQW
KE7BBX	KE7EJJ	KE7IHC	KG6ZIE
KI7SS	N6TPT	N7IVM	N7WK
NX6W	W3OZ	WB7ROZ	WC7I

The net meets at 7:30 every Tuesday evening on the 3 linked OARS repeaters: 147.36, 224.46, and 441.40 MHz. All Hams are invited to check in.

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OARS OFFICERS FOR 2006

President	Lee Chambers	KI7SS	866-0236
Vice President	Sharon Kinder	N7SSD	943-6187
Secretary	Tom Bohon	KE7EJJ	786-4211
Treasurer	Ed Fitzgerald	N7WW	491-2289
Member at Large	Larry Watkinson	KC7CKO	943-4352

KEY CONTACTS

RFI Committee	Ghery Pettit	N6TPT	412-1340
Repeater Committee	Larry Watkinson	KC7CKO	943-4352
Club License Trustee	Duane Braford	WB7ROZ	412-1902
Information Net	Duane Braford	WB7ROZ	412-1902
ARES Net	Tom Dennis	KA4VVA	786-5500
OLY Packet Node	Larry Ikenberry	K7APT	943-7208
	Rick Taylor	K7CAH	943-6793
Packet BBS	George Lanning	KB6LE	866-2185
Newsletter	George Lanning	KB6LE	866-2185
OARS Website	George Lanning	KB6LE	866-2185
Classes	Lee Chambers	KI7SS	866-0236
License Exams	Klaus Neubert	AC7MG	753-1493
Equip. Custodian	Larry Watkinson	KC7CKO	943-4352

REPEATERS: 147.36 MHz 224.46 MHz 441.40 MHz

PACKET: 145.07 MHz OLY Node 441.40 BBS

Membership is open to all interested radio amateurs.
 Yearly dues are: \$20 for individual, \$25 for family.

My wife is pregnant

A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" the doctor queries.

"No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"

— from *Joke-of-the-Day via Internet*

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The Magic Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, "What is this Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out.

The father said quietly to his son... "Go get your mother."

— from *Joke-of-the-Day* via Internet

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"Magic Band" Does its Thing

Stations in several parts of the US took advantage of a monster opening on 6 meters — the "Magic Band" — Wednesday, July 12. The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com> Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, who also edits "How's DX?" for QST, says the band began warming up at his Maryland QTH before sunrise, but the biggest opening occurred just before 2100 UTC.

"The band stayed open to Europe until just after 0000Z today," McClenny said July 13. He credits fellow 6-meter DX chaser Marty Green, K2PLF, with tipping him off. "I ran downstairs and could not believe my ears," McClenny enthused in the July 13 edition of The Daily DX. "I have never heard conditions so good and so widespread into Europe."

McClenny said "the band was packed" from about 50.066 to well above 50.200 MHz with CW and SSB signals and even a few weak digital signals. So bountiful were the 6-meter DX spots, he recounts, "I didn't know where to begin." McClenny said conditions were so good "stations with 10-foot high antennas and 5 W were making it across the pond."

QST's "World Above 50 MHz" Editor Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, called it "probably the best 6 meter Es [sporadic E] opening of all time" into Europe. "I worked about two dozen Europeans as far east as Bulgaria but no new countries," Zimmerman said.

Rich Lawrence, KB1DMX, in Connecticut reported hearing stations in Italy, France, Spain, England, the Canary Islands, Serbia, Belgium and the Azores.

Rick Tharrington, KD4JRX, in North Carolina was among those posting exclamatory reports to the SixClub reflector. "I could not believe the European stations on the band," he said. "It sounded like 20 meters for while!" He worked EH8BPX and ON4IQ, among others, with 59 reports. "The magic band is working its magic today!" he added.

On the same reflector, Paul Lenharr, KB3NDS, reported working 18 stations in just under 45 minutes from his modest station — 100 W to a dipole at 35 feet — in Maryland. "This was one of the best openings for me since I started using 6 meters," he said.

In another SixClub posting, Jack Shutt, W9GT, said the band "was hopping" at his QTH in Indiana the evening of July 12, but he couldn't hear any DX. "Six meters, however, was open coast to coast," he reported, noting that he worked several stations to his west, including a couple in Nevada and one in California.

"I hope we can enjoy these conditions for a while yet," Shutt said. "Sure is fun when 6 is open!"

McClenny said Jose DaSilva, N4IS, in Southern Florida, may have been the first US station to work Montenegro on 6 meters when he snagged YU6DZ at 1559 UTC. "After four seasons on the band," McClenny concluded, "I would have to say that overall this has been the best — and we are just about at the bottom of the sunspot cycle! Are you on 6?"

— from the ARRL Letter

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Brain Teasers

Below are four questions. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately. OK? Let's find out just how clever you really are.

First Question: You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer: If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

Try not to screw up in the next question. To answer the second question, don't take as much time as you took for the first question.

Second Question: If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

Answer: If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST person?! You're not very good at this are you?

Third Question: Very tricky math! Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it. Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000.. Now add 10. What is the total? Scroll down for answer..

Did you get 5000? The correct answer is actually 4100. Don't believe it? Check with your calculator! Today is definitely not your day. Maybe you will get the last question right?

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer: Nunu? NO! Of course not. Her name is Mary. Read the question again.

— from *Joke-of-the-Day* via Internet

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Thanks to Elmers

Subject: Elmers

Date: Tue, 20 Jun 2006 12:45:32 -0700

From: Michael B Baxter
<biteme3322@comcast.net>

To: <nt7h@arrl.net>

I wish to recognize the help Chuck K7VRE and Steve WC7I have given me with the Elmer's program. I have gotten on the air with HF and VHF/UHF and am enjoying Amateur Radio thanks to them.

I hope to get more active with OARS in the future depending on work hours.

73

Michael Baxter K7MBB

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Upcoming OARS Meetings

According to a message from President Lee Chambers, the program for the July meeting will be one of three things:

- (1) Digital Ham Radio, presented by Duane Braford WB7ROZ
- (2) DVD on the FT5XO DXpedition.
- (3) DVD on the WRTC Finland 2002 Competition.

The August meeting will be a picnic at Burfoot Park.

The September meeting is scheduled to be a presentation on how fireworks displays are managed and powered, by a local Ham who runs a fireworks company.

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OARS Directory

Name	Call	Address	City	ST	ZIP	Phone
Larry Alvar	KD7TQW	3412 Beth Ct NE	Lacey	WA	98516-9248	360-413-7539
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Jon Bennett	W7LWB	7132 Hawks Prairie Rd NE	Lacey	WA	98516	360-459-0697
Thomas Bohon	KE7EJJ	PO Box 8834	Lacey	WA	98509	360-786-4211
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Tiffany Braford	KD7KHE	204 Shadow Ln NE	Olympia	WA	98506	360-412-1902
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Lee Chambers	KI7SS	908 Narnia Lane NW	Olympia	WA	98502	360-866-0800
Marie Chambers	KC7MNM	908 Narnia Lane NW	Olympia	WA	98502	360-866-0800
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Sarah Coats		2020 Mare Ct SE	Olympia	WA	98501	360-357-3249
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Dick McNamara	KE7ASF	7526 127th Ave SW	Olympia	WA	98512	
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David Palmer	AC7PT	2413 Woodfield Lp SE	Olympia	WA	98501	360-491-3749
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Don Prine	KD7AVI	7213 Lovely Ln NE	Olympia	WA	98516	360-459-2014
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Jim Ryan	KD7HTG	10505 Ryan Ln SE	Olympia	WA	98513	
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Kenneth Smith	W7HRY	7627 Cooper Point Rd. NW	Olympia	WA	98502	360-866-2507
Leroy Smith	N7EIE	8525 Mahonia Ct SE	Yelm	WA	98597-9794	360-458-8286
Thom Solberg	N7KJG	3067 60th Ave SE	Olympia	WA	98501	360-456-3297
Keith Solveson	N5MUR	5506 42nd Ct NE	Olympia	WA	98516	360-491-4278
Kip Stilz	K7KIP	4625 Norcross Ct SE	Olympia	WA	98501	360-456-4949
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Brett Taylor	KC7OQJ	1111 Archwood Dr #371	Olympia	WA	98502	360-866-0683
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August 2006

OARS Calendar

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Annual Dues: \$20 (\$25 family) — first year prorated by number of months.

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Send to: OARS
PO Box 2861
Olympia, WA 98507

O A R S Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 7 p.m.

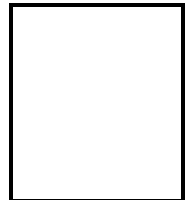
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South Bay Fire Station
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An Invitation

If you are a Ham who has received this newsletter, but are not yet a member of OARS, you are cordially invited to join us. Submit the membership application at the left to OARS at PO Box 2861, Olympia WA 98507, or bring it to an OARS meeting and see Treasurer Ed Fitzgerald.

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