

Two QSL Managers' Bermuda Mini-DXpedition to VP9GE

In early June, I got a short email from fellow QSL manager and friend Steve Wheatley, KU9C. "Bob, would you like to join me in Bermuda at Ed Kelly's (VP9GE) place for the IARU HF Championship contest?" Ed runs a very ham-friendly guest house, with two apartments specifically focused on hams, with antennas already installed and rigs available (unless you prefer to bring your own).

Well, after giving it some thought, I said "Why not? Sounds like fun!" I left most of the planning to Steve since he has been there several times and he knows the routine.

Cost

I couldn't complain about the cost at all. The airfare turned out to be about \$300 roundtrip from Newark, New Jersey. And the apartment/shack rental was \$170/day. So the per-person share was half of that. Prices in Bermuda are fairly high. Expect food costs to be higher than what you are used to. If Ed is your host, he will pick you up at the airport and take you to the local supermarket where you can purchase pretty much everything that you would need. We were surprised to see so many Shop Rite brand items on the shelves. It would be a good idea to think about what you will need in advance. We brought our own favorite coffee from home. That was a good idea, as it turned out. Since there are no easily accessible restaurants nearby for a quick breakfast, I suggest buy-

ing breakfast items when you shop on the way in. Although sometimes there can be leftover items in the cabinets from previous visitors, you shouldn't count on them being there. The apartment has a nice-sized refrigerator, so stocking up on milk, eggs, butter, cold cuts, cold drinks, etc., is a good thing to consider. There are ice trays in the freezer. Make up some ice and stash in a zipper bag? There is an electric stove, microwave, 4-cup coffee maker (with plenty of filters), a full complement of dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and dish soap. My general overview of the apartments is "basic & clean." Well worth the cost for Bermuda, where hotel rooms can cost \$400/night and don't include ham radio, of course! In any event, check with Ed for current pricing and availability. A two-night deposit will be required. All stores and restaurants accept U.S. dollars as well as Bermuda dollars. The exchange is equal.

Ed's QTH and Ham Accommodations

Ed's place sits high on a hill. You will have a nice ocean view where you can watch the occasional cruise ship pass by.

There are two apartments available. Both are on the lower level. Both are air conditioned. Apartment #7 is the one we stayed in and has the best access to the ham antennas. As such, it will be set up in advance for you. The standard setup is for one radio. Most of the antennas will be made available through a remote coax switch. Should you require two radio positions, then it would be best to discuss this with Ed since it will require bypassing the remote coax switch to one degree or another. All

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Steve Wheatley, KU9C, (L) and Bob Schenck, N200, (R) operate as VP9HQ in the IARU Contest.

bands are available from 160 through 6 meters. However, getting on the WARC bands (30-17-12) might require you to erect something at the moment, since Ed's A3WS WARC Yagi is currently in disrepair. KU9C and I left a WARC (30/17/12) wire dipole that can be erected. For 6 meters, there is a small Yagi available that will need to be erected on a fencepost. Bear in mind that Ed's place sits high on a hill with a full northerly exposure, giving a clear path to the west, north and east, so it is not necessary to get antennas very high. Currently there is also a satellite setup available that KU9C left behind. If you are interested in any of the antennas mentioned that need to be set up, or the satellite setup, please discuss in advance with Ed so he can help you plan on how

to use them. The main antennas are dipoles/inverted vees on 160, 80, 40, and an A4WS tribander on 20-15-10 (rotor control provided in the apartment #7 shack). Please be prepared to help erect or possibly repair antennas.

Apartment #7 is set up with a separate bedroom with two twin beds and a full bathroom with a tub/shower. The bedroom has a door that can be closed. The kitchen/dining area/sitting room serves as the ham shack. It also has a kitchen table and a couch.

Apartment #5 is next door and is a studio apartment with an all-in-one room (beds, kitchen, sitting, and dining areas). There is a pass through into Apartment #5 for the three dipoles (160-80-40). However, the tribander (20-15-10)

The WPX Program

CW

3817 SV7CUD 3819 AD3Y
3818 K4OY

Mixed

3429 HI8SMX 3433 I0NUM
3430 N0RQV 3434 TI8/AA8HH
3431 SV7CUD 3435 W3RGA
3432 K4OY 3436 KH6G

Digital

632 HI8SMX 635 W3RGA
633 JA1PWK 636 AA8DC
634 SV7CUD

CW: 350 K4OY. 400 SV7CUD. 600 AD3Y. 800 F5PBL. 900 DL4HBF. 1100 WS9V. 2800 PY5EG. 3250 W900. 3350 I0NNY. 7100 K2VV.

SSB: 550 AA8DC. WA3QWA. 950 SV7CUD. 1100 WS9V. 2150 K9UQN. 3100 W900. 6150 K2VV.

Mixed: 450 K4OY. KH6G. 550 N4YCI. 600 TI8/AA8HH. W3RGA. 700 AA8DC. 900 I0NUM. 1450 JR3UIC. 1550 K8YQH. 1600 TA1L. 1700 SV7CUD. AD3Y. 1750 WS9V. 3350 PY5EG. 3850 K9UQN. 4150 W900. 8200 K2VV

Digital: 350 HI8SMX. WS9V. JF20HQ. 400 JA1PWK. 500 W3RGA. 600 G8GHD. 1000 SV1XV. K8YAH. 1100 WA5VGI. 1450 SV7CUD

160 Meters: SV7CUD
80 Meters: SV7CUD
40 Meters: N0RQV, SV7CUD, W3RGA, AA8DC
30 Meters: SV7CUD
20 Meters: SV7CUD, W3RGA, AA8DC
17 Meters: SV7CUD
15 Meters: SV7CUD
12 Meters: SV7CUD
10 Meters: SV7CUD, N6PEQ
6 Meters: HA9PP

Africa: F5PBL
Asia: SV7CUD, KH6G
Europe: SV7CUD, W3RGA, AA8DC
Oceania: DH5MM
North America: HI8SMX, N0RQV, SV7CUD, K4OY, W3RGA, G8GHD, AA8DC, KH6G
South America: SV7CUD

Award of Excellence: DH5MM
6M Bar: HA9PP

Complete rules and application forms may be obtained by sending a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope (foreign stations send extra postage for airmail) to "CQ WPX Awards," P.O. Box 355, New Carlisle, OH 45344 USA. Note: WPX will now accept prefixes/calls which have been confirmed by eQSL.cc and the ARRL Logbook of The World (LoTW).

* Please Note: The price of the 160, 30, 17, 12, 6, and Digital bars for the Award of Excellence are \$6.50 each.

The CQ DX Field Award Program

New Awards SSB

K7YMA 82

Endorsements – SSB

K7YMA 156, 28 MHz

Endorsements – Digital

W1CU 190

Endorsements – Mixed

W1CU 258 VE7IG 252

The basic award fee for subscribers to CQ is \$6. For non-subscribers, it is \$12. In order to qualify for the reduced subscriber rate, please enclose your latest CQ mailing label with your application. Endorsement stickers are \$1.00 each plus SASE. Updates not involving the issuance of a sticker are free. All updates and correspondence must include an SASE. Rules and application forms for the CQ DX Awards may be found on the <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> website, or may be obtained by sending a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to CQ DX Awards Manager, Keith Gilbertson, K0KG, 21688 Sandy Beach Lane, Rochert, MN 56578-9604 USA. Please make all checks payable to the award manager.

CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll

The CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmation with 175 or more grid fields. Honor Roll listing is automatic upon approval of an application for 175 or more grid fields. To remain on the CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll, annual updates are required. Updates must be accompanied by an SASE if confirmation is desired. The fee for endorsement stickers is \$1.00 each plus SASE. Please make all checks payable to the Award Manager, Keith Gilbertson. Mail all updates to Keith Gilbertson, K0KG, 21688 Sandy Beach Lane, Rochert, MN 56578-9604.

Mixed

K2TQC 287	N8PR 226	N4MM 205	HB9DDZ 188
W1CU 258	VE3ZZ 223	OK1AOV 205	NI0C 188
HA0DU 253	K8OOK 222	VE7SMP 204	K1NU 187
VE7IG 252	K0DEQ 221	RW4NH 203	K2AU 186
IK1GPG 245	HA1AG 218	K9YC 203	K8YTO 186
HA1RW 239	WI8A 218	IV3GOW 201	W3LL 185
VE3XN 239	HA9PP 213	N5KE 200	K2SHZ 182
W6OAT 237	JN3SAC 211	ON4CAS 194	KJ6P 180
K8SIX 236	WA5VGI 209	OM2VL 192	W5ODD 177
OM3JW 235	W4UM 209	N4NX 192	N0FW 176
NI6T 230	HA5WA 206	W3LL 191	WA9PIE 176
HA5AGS 228	F6HMJ 206	HA1ZH 190	HB9BOS 175
9A5CY 227	KF8UN 205	BA4DW 188	

SSB

W1CU 236	K0DEQ 198	N4MM 187	N0FW 176
W4ABW 202	W4UM 194	WA5VGI 185	DL3DXX 175
VE7SMP 201	JN3SAC 188	W3LL 182	

CW

W1CU 243	JN3SAC 208	WA5VGI 192	N4MM 181
DL6KVA 233	DL3DXX 203	HB9DZ 186	N4NX 177
K0DEQ 214	W4UM 199	NI0C 186	N7WO 175
DL2DXA 209	OK1AOV 196	OK2PO 184	

Digital

N4MM 205	W1CU 190
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CQ DX Awards Program

Endorsements SSB

IK5ZUK 307

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The A4S at VP9GE in the sunrise.

needs to stay in Apartment #7 since the rotor and remote antenna switch controllers are there. I suggest only using Apartment #5 for overflow sleeping quarters if your group exceeds two people and use the “ham shack” in Apartment #7.

But you do have other options. There are a couple of other possibilities in Ed’s “aluminum pile.” I am sure special arrangements can be made if you discuss them in advance with Ed and see if he is able to accommodate.

Radios: Ed has radios; however, you should discuss in advance what is available. For sure you will want to bring your own headsets, appropriate adapters, foot switch, telegraph key/keyer, laptop for logging, interface cables, etc. If you have a compact radio that you like, and you can pack it in your suitcase, that might be a good alternative for you. We brought two Yaesu FT-450s and they worked fabulously. Ed has a couple of 45-amp 12-volt power supplies so you won’t need to pack yours. Check in advance to make sure that you can bring radios into Bermuda. I strongly suggest bringing in a copy of your Bermuda license, which Ed will assist you with acquiring. You may want to consider asking Ed if there are any supplies that he needs. Leaving a length of coax, coax connectors, etc., would be a nice gesture and will help Ed keep things functioning for future visitors.

Getting a License, Getting Around, and Getting a Meal

License: Assistance in obtaining a /VP9 license is given on a no-cost basis (and the reciprocal license costs nothing too) — Ed, VP9GE, only needs a copy of

The WAZ Program

ALL BAND WAZ

Mixed

9379.....KA8G 9381.....LU1XS
9380.....AB2DP 9382.....AC6BW

SSB

5357.....SP8FB

CW

837.....AC6BW 838.....UT5EDU

Digital

14.....JA1PWK

SINGLE BAND WAZ

6 Meter

126.....YT1Q, 25 Zones

17 Meter CW

117.....DK8MCT

20 Meter SSB

1236.....PA2TMS

30 Meter CW

145.....DK8MCT

80 Meter CW

100.....K9KU

160 Meter

486.....LU2DKT, 34 Zones 488.....K9KU, 34 Zones
487.....JA1PPW, 30 Zones

Rules and applications for the WAZ program may be obtained by sending a large SAE with two units of postage or an address label and \$1.00 to: WAZ Award Manager, John Bergman, KC5LK, 125 Deer Trail, Brandon, MS 39042-9409. The processing fee for all CQ awards is \$6.00 for subscribers (please include your most recent CQ mailing label or a copy) and \$12.00 for nonsubscribers. Please make all checks payable to John Bergman. Applicants sending QSL cards to a CQ checkpoint or the Award Manager must include return postage. KC5LK may also be reached via e-mail: <kc5lk@cq-amateur-radio.com>.

5 Band WAZ

As of July 15, 2017

1959 stations have attained at least the 150 Zone level, and
965 stations have attained the 200 Zone level.

As of July 15, 2017

The top contenders for 5 Band WAZ (Zones needed on 80 or other if indicated):

CHANGES shown in BOLD

Callsign	Zones	Zones Needed	Callsign	Zones	Zones Needed
EA7GF	199	1	W9XY	199	22
H44MS	199	34	VE2TZT	199	23
HA5AGS	199	1	9A5I	198	1, 16
I5REA	199	31	AK8A	198	17, 22
IKØFVC	199	1	DK2LO	198	2, 19
IK1AOD	199	1	DM5EE	198	1, 31
IK8BQE	199	31	EA5BCX	198	27, 39
IZ3ZNR	199	1	F5NBU	198	19, 31
JA1CMD	199	2	G3KDG	198	1, 12
JA5IU	199	2	G3KMQ	198	1, 27
JA7XBG	199	2	JA1DM	198	2, 40
JH7CFX	199	2	JA3GN	198	2 on 80 & 40
JK1BSM	199	2	K2EP	198	23, 24
K1LI	199	24	K2TK	198	23, 24
K4XP	199	23	K3JGJ	198	24, 26
K7UR	199	34	K4HB	198	24, 26
K9KU	199	22	K4JLD	198	18, 24
KZ4V	199	26	K5FUV	198	18, 23
N3UN	199	18	K6FG	198	17, 18
N4NX	199	26	KBØEO	198	22, 23
N4WW	199	26	KZ2I	198	24, 26
N4XR	199	27	N2QT	198	23, 24
N8AA	199	23	N4GG	198	18, 24
RA6AX	199	6 on 10M	NS6C	198	17, 22
RU3DX	199	6	OK1DWC	198	6, 31
RW0LT	199	2 on 40M	UA4LY	198	6 & 2 on 10
RX4HZ	199	13	U57MM	198	2, 6
RZ3EC	199	1 on 40M	W4UM	198	18, 23
S58Q	199	31	W5CWQ	198	17, 18
SM7BIP	199	31	W6OUL	198	37, 40
VO1FB	199	19	W9RN	198	26, 19 on 40
W1FJ	199	24	WA2BCK	198	23, 24
W1FZ	199	26	WC5N	198	22, 26
W2LK	199	23	WL7E	198	34, 37
W3NO	199	26	WO7R	198	21, 22
W4DC	199	24	ZL2AL	198	36, 37
W4LI	199	26			
W6DN	199	17			

The following have qualified for the basic 5 Band WAZ Award:

5BWAZ #	Callsign	Date	# Zones
1957	SP2BMX	2017-06-30	200
1958	RU4HD	2017-07-03	150
1959	K9KU	2017-07-10	199

Updates to the 5BWAZ list of stations:

5BWAZ #	Callsign	# Zones
34	PA2TMS	183
1838	NS6C	200
1858	EB3CW	180
1908	IK5ZUK	170
1940	K4XP	199

New recipients of 5 Band WAZ with all 200 Zones confirmed:

5BWAZ #	Callsign	Date	All 200 #
1957	SP2BMX	2017-06-30	965

*Please note: Cost of the 5 Band WAZ Plaque is \$100 shipped within the U.S.; \$120 all foreign (sent airmail).

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WARC Dipole used by N200/VP9. Not very high but it worked.

your operating permit (home license) and the dates and (Ed - VP9GE's) place of operation. U.S. hams: You can only get a VP9 license for a General Class and above U.S. license. Check with Ed about other countries' license requirements. Also note that the power limit for your license is strictly set at no more than 150 watts.

Getting around Bermuda: You cannot rent a car on Bermuda. Scooters might be available to rent if desired. It is possible to rent a two-seat electric car. They are available in



Our host, Ed Kelly, VP9GE.



The VP9GE QTH.

Hamilton and soon other outlets as well. However, the main bus line runs past Ed's driveway which gives you access to the entire island. We recommend using the bus for all travel around the island. During the daytime they run about every 15 minutes, and every hour in the evening. But the buses stop running, so be careful not to miss your return bus. Please check in advance to get the exact schedule. They are full-sized air-conditioned buses that were designed and built in the UK especially for Bermuda. There are several "bus pass"

options available, depending on how much and for how long you will use the bus service. Contact Ed for more information. Also, a great site to use to check out everything Bermuda including bus schedules is: <www.gov.bm>.

Restaurants: There is a very nice restaurant just two stops down on the bus called the Swizzle Inn! It is a very cool local pub with great food and drink! We highly recommend it. There is also a pizza delivery available from a pizza place. Be prepared to pay around \$35 for one 14-inch pizza though! There

The WPX Honor Roll

The WPX Honor Roll is based on the current confirmed prefixes which are submitted by separate application in strict conformance with the CQ Master Prefix list. Scores are based on the current prefix total, regardless of an operator's all-time count. Honor Roll must be updated annually by addition to, or confirmation of, present total. If no up-date, files will be made inactive.

MIXED

8450.....9A2AA	4303.....IK2ILH	3099.....N6FX	1995.....HK3W	1447.....K3XA	1246.....W9RPM	1003.....PT2AP	723.....K0DAN	644.....KW0H
7454.....K2VV	4298.....VE3XN	3073.....IK2DZN	1906.....HA8QC	1446.....DF3JO	1219.....K6HRT	1002.....IK8YFU	716.....NA1DX	636.....ZS2DL
7053.....W1CU	4290.....I2PJA	3007.....W2WC	1828.....K7LV	1422.....I2VGW	1217.....AB1QB	976.....KM6HB	712.....IS0EBO	634UA3LMR/QRP
6814.....9A2NA	4236.....WB2YQH	2866.....AG4W	1821.....PY5FB	1408.....NH6T	1201.....IT9ABN	964.....K8ZEE	711.....AG1T	629.....WB4SON
6371.....EA2IA	4201.....YO9HP	2678.....NX0I	1803.....NK0S	1400.....N7ZO	1167.....WA9PIE	924.....IW9HII	710.....WS5J	620.....PI4DHV
5975.....KF2O	4129.....S58MU	2673.....N3RC	1737.....K6UXO	1394.....K4CN	1137.....YO5BRZ	919.....KC1UX	707.....W1/E740F	616.....AC6BW
5440.....N4NO	4114.....W900	2634.....VE6BF	1711.....NS3L	1383.....IW0HOU	1136.....K09V	912.....SP8HKT	706.....OE8TLK	616.....DL5JH
5404.....I5RFD	3855.....KC9ARR	2575.....W6OUL	1667.....AD3Y	1368.....LU5OM	1116.....YU7FW	908.....K4JC	700.....N4FNB	615.....K0BAM
5320.....VE1YX	3827.....JN3SAC	2562.....DG7RO	1667.....SQ7B	1366.....AC7JM	1107.....PY2MC	907.....N6PM	696.....KG4JSZ	606.....JP1KHY
5296.....S53EO	3821.....N6QQ	2550.....K6ND	1666.....K3CWF	1361.....VA3VF	1100.....WA3GOS	889.....WU1U	694.....KG4HUF	605.....IW2FLB
5284.....W9OP	3814.....N1RR	2476.....K5UR	1650.....K4HB	1329.....DK8MCT	1075.....N6OU	867.....G3YFE	682.....AI8P	604.....K4ZGV
5134.....ON4CAS	3809.....SM6DHU	2423.....AK7O	1647.....9A2GA	1322.....AA4FU	1074.....WU9D	836.....N6MM	682.....N8HM	604.....WH7DX
5098.....YU1AB	3698.....K9UQN	2355.....AB1OC	1643.....SV1DPI	1314.....K0KL	1069.....IZ4MJP	825.....KD4W	680.....JA6JYM	602.....N4JJS
5039.....K0DEQ	3658.....W3LL	2274.....AE5B	1626.....N5KAE	1301.....K1DX	1066.....9A3ST	815.....KL7FAP	670.....WW3QB	602.....K4MLD
4889.....I2MQP	3611.....W200	2210.....NE6I	1617.....YB1AR	1301.....KB9OWD	1066.....JA1CKE	808.....W6PN	662.....JA7OXR	601.....W8LMG
4778.....YU7BCD	3538.....9A4W	2133.....K0KG	1570.....PY5VC	1297.....TA1L	1049.....NH6T/W4	761.....F1MQJ	662.....KJ4BIX	601.....K9OHI
4728.....WA5VGI	3432.....W9IL	2109.....W2FKF	1568.....N3AIU	1295.....N1QC	1046.....YB1TJ	759.....W1FNB	661.....W4KK	600.....WA3QWA
4723.....N8BJQ	3425.....N3XX	2101.....K1U	1500.....N6PEQ	1280.....WF1H	1032.....DG5LAC	757.....WB3D	653.....KK3Q	
4681.....JH8BOE	3395.....WD9DZV	2016.....N2WK	1487.....N7QU	1276.....XQ7UP	1016.....W9QL	751.....YB2TJV	650.....N3YZ	
4561.....NN1N	3265.....OZ1ACB	2005.....V51YJ	1484.....F64NO	1272.....KA5EYH	1012.....N0VVV	741.....K6KZM	649.....RA900	
4532.....N6JV	3250.....4L1MA	2003.....VE6BMX	1480.....K4JKB	1269.....K5WAF	1010.....VE3RZ	726.....K5IC	647.....PA0QRB	
4323.....K1BV	3244.....AB1J	2003.....W7CB	1462.....DL4CW	1259.....IZ0FUW	1007.....AA4QE	725.....WK3N	647.....NY4G	

SSB

6127.....OZ5EV	3199.....W3LL	2623.....W200	2098.....K5UR	1646.....VE7SMP	1230.....N5KAE	1042.....IZ0BNR	854.....K6HRT	684.....K09V
5679.....K2VV	3172.....YO9HP	2613.....PT7ZT	2094.....I8LEL	1641.....AE9DX	1222.....YF1AR	1032.....DG5LAC	833.....DK8MCT	681.....N6MM
5499.....9A2NA	3108.....I4CSP	2595.....EA1JG	2093.....W2WC	1623.....VE9FX	1187.....IZ1JLG	1031.....IK8OZP	802.....N6OU	675.....F1MQJ
5297.....I0ZV	3090.....WA5VGI	2568.....SM6DHU	2076.....K2XF	1622.....K5CX	1171.....HK3W	1031.....K4CN	801.....K3XA	655.....VA3VF
5198.....VE1YX	3084.....W900	2508.....W9IL	2050.....AE5B	1611.....W2ME	1150.....VE6BMX	1022.....NW3H	766.....I2VGW	640.....UA9YF
4771.....KF2O	2986.....I3ZSX	2497.....S58MU	2002.....AB1OC	1587.....N3XX	1148.....K1U	1012.....KU4BP	763.....K4KJB	637.....K5WAF
4700.....EA2IA	2985.....KF7RU	2451.....EA3GHZ	1984.....N3RC	1550.....IK2RPE	1146.....SQ7B	1004.....K4HB	758.....IV3GOW	630.....W6US
4513.....I2MQP	2984.....K17AO	2362.....AG4W	1973.....NX0I	1463.....I2EAY	1145.....EA3EQT	1004.....WA5UA	724.....WF1H	625.....4L1MA
4208.....I2PJA	2936.....N6QQ	2335.....KG1E	1955.....EA3NP	1434.....DG7RO	1112.....NH6T	978.....EA7HY	724.....W3TZ	624.....K6KZM
3704.....K0DEQ	2929.....N8BJQ	2326.....CX6BZ	1935.....SV1EOS	1410.....S5SSL	1099.....N6PEQ	957.....W9QL	717.....K0DAN	606.....KJ4BIX
3690.....N4NO	2903.....IN3QCI	2209.....IK2QPR	1879.....K3IXD	1386.....IK4HPU	1098.....K4CN	931.....YB1AR	717.....N3JON	604.....G0BPK
3555.....SV3AQR	2890.....DL8AAV	2201.....NQ3A	1848.....AB5C	1375.....NK0S	1096.....JA7HYS	929.....NS3L	714.....YB2TJV	600.....WA3PZO
3433.....NN1N	2857.....4X6DK	2200.....N6FX	1825.....K08D	1371.....VE6BF	1089.....IZ8FFA	919.....KA5EYH	710.....WA9PIE	600.....WU1U
3323.....CT1AHU	2811.....N1RR	2134.....JN3SAC	1812.....K6ND	1299.....NE6I	1089.....IT9ABN	893.....W9RPM	700.....N4FNB	
3322.....I8KCI	2711.....LU8ESU	2109.....W2FKF	1800.....W6OUL	1262.....K7LV	1083.....KX1A	889.....N3AIU	694.....KG4HUF	
3274.....YU7BCD	2650.....IK2DZN	2107.....K9UQN	1747.....WD9DZV	1258.....N1KC	1043.....K3CWF	875.....K7SAM	690.....W6PN	

CW

7536.....K9QVB	4067.....WA5VGI	3094.....N1RR	2424.....W2WC	1717.....K6UXO	1342.....VE6BMX	962.....K7LV	783.....YB1AR	629.....IV3GOW
6731.....WA2HZR	3702.....I7PXV	3041.....YO9HP	2357.....W9HR	1680.....N3RC	1295.....N1QC	908.....NH6T	782.....F5PBL	620.....AF5DM
6541.....K2VV	3680.....I23ETU	2948.....IK3GER	2295.....EA7AAW	1658.....NE6I	1295.....AG4W	905.....AE5B	780.....N6PEQ	615.....JH6JM
5117.....9A2NA	3676.....S58MU	2895.....KA7T	2291.....N3XX	1638.....K1U	1223.....KX1A	891.....DK8MCT	752.....K6HRT	608.....W9RPM
4989.....N4NO	3584.....NN1N	2811.....OZ5UR	2212.....AC5K	1600.....DG7RO	1220.....AA4FU	890.....NS3L	743.....JA5NSR	605.....NH6T/W4
4949.....EA2IA	3504.....YU7BCD	2685.....W200	2029.....W6OUL	1595.....PY5FB	1210.....DL4CW	889.....N3AIU	732.....SQ7B	600.....IK2SGV
4734.....KF2O	3308.....K9UQN	2661.....W9IL	2022.....AF5CC	1505.....R3IS	1196.....N3AIU	864.....YO5BRZ	722.....WA9PIE	600.....NY4G
4634.....YU7LS	3234.....4L1MA	2615.....N6QQ	2010.....K5UR	1480.....W03Z	1125.....I0WOK	846.....AB1OC	720.....K4CN	
4532.....N6JV	3317.....JN3SAC	2575.....WD9DZV	1915.....W3LL	1447.....EA2CIN	1104.....KN1CBR	829.....K3CWF	695.....S5SL	
4429.....W8IQ	3236.....W900	2531.....I2MQP	1900.....NX0I	1443.....WA2VQV	1098.....LU5OM	821.....HB9DAX	673.....HK3W	
4206.....K0DEQ	3214.....SM6DHU	2490.....N6FX	1848.....I2EAY	1389.....IT9ELD	1062.....K3XA	813.....VE9FX	652.....IK2DZN	
4106.....N8BJQ	3185.....I0NNY	2477.....VE6BF	1762.....K6ND	1348.....VE1YX	1049.....K5WAF	794.....LA5MDA	631.....N5KAE	

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2413.....W3LL	1734.....AG4W	1240.....JN3SAC	1047.....RW4WZ	963.....AC7JM	898.....K9UQN	800.....WA3GOS	665.....NE6I
2361.....N6QQ	1704.....IK2DZN	1121.....NX0I	1043.....K3CWF	957.....K1U	866.....SQ7B	798.....KC1UX	636.....W9RPM
2234.....YO9HP	1352.....K0DEQ	1112.....AB1QB	1021.....NN1N	947.....I2VGW	858.....WU9D	783.....YB1AR	627.....N6PM
2204.....N8BJQ	1326.....N3RC	1110.....WA5VGI	1016.....KH6SAT	941.....NK0S	811.....WF1H	672.....K9AAN	611.....K09V
2174.....KF2O	1325.....W200	1091.....VA3VF	1009.....GU0SUP	918.....W9IL	810.....HK3W	670.....IV3GOW	602.....N4JJS
1898.....WD9DZV	1250W2/JR1AQN	1074.....AB1OC	966.....NS3L	917.....K7LV	807.....EA2IA	668.....KA5EYH	600.....AD0FL



The sunset view from the shack is awesome.

are plenty of other restaurants scattered all around the island. But as far as I could tell, the pizza place is the only one that delivers.

Overall, Steve and I had a most enjoyable five days at Ed's place! We traveled to Hamilton on the bus one day and got a quick view of the small city where many of the cruise ships dock. It is worth the ride to wander around the shops and restaurants. Our radio activity was focused on three things. First was participating in the IARU HF Radio Championship contest. We put in about 22

hours each with Steve doing SSB and me doing CW as VP9HQ. Second, Steve did a lot of satellite activity as KU9C/VP9. Third, I did most of my HF activity outside the contest on the WARC bands (especially 30 meters) as N200/VP9.

A Little About Ed...

Ed was a wonderful host and we enjoyed his company as well as our radio activity immensely. Ed's paternal family arrived in Bermuda from GM (Scotland) around 1750. His maternal grandfather arrived

from D4 (Cape Verde) in the late 1800s. Ed arrived in 1931, the same year the Bermuda Railway started in VP9. Ed was first licensed in 1948. He got his VP9GE license in 1968. His other calls are HBØTXD, G4BHW, GW4BHW, VP9I. Ed graduated from Webster University in 1982 with an MA (Business Administration & Business Management). In 1983, Ed started chasing total solar eclipses — chased 16 — saw 14 and 2 not visible though clouds. In December 2005, Ed was awarded the Medal of Honour by Queen Elizabeth II for community service. He is also a retired lieutenant in the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Brigade. In addition to ham radio, Ed is an avid photographer whose work has been featured on a Bermuda postage stamp. He especially enjoys photographing sunrises and sunsets. Ed currently serves on the Bermuda Stamp Design Committee.

We highly recommend anyone interested to consider a visit. Be aware that most of the big contests get taken quickly. But as I discovered, a lot of fun can be had operating outside of the contests.

Contact Info: For more information and photos about the VP9GE shack rental, please visit <www.vp9ge.com> or send email to Ed Kelly, VP9GE, at <ed@vp9ge.com> or call him at (441) 293-2525. You may also drop Steve, KU9C, an email with any questions since he is quite familiar with Ed's setup <ku9c@yahoo.com>.

Oops...

Milli-Micro Micro-Milli...

In the "RF Filters for Field Day" article in the June issue, the caption on Table 1 erroneously stated that inductance values were in millihenries (mH), rather than the correct microhenries (µH). We apologize for any confusion and promise to re-read that section of the license manual on metric units.

Mystery Photo in July 2017 Table of Contents

The photo, which was labeled 17 in the Table of Contents, was not properly identified. They were the team of MØA, who came in second in the Multi-Single Low Power category in the WPX RTTY Contest. The team was comprised of (from l. to r.): Roger, GØBSU, and Chris, G8APB, who are proudly showing off their Caterham 7 homebrew sports car, which is their second hobby.

Corrections to 2016 DX Marathon Results

The following corrections are noted for the 2016 DX Marathon results: Correct score for K7ZV is 119 countries and 30 zones for a total score of 149. Correct score for PY2MC is 202 countries and 39 zones for a total score of 241. Correct score for JA2NDQ is 282 countries and 37 zones for a total score of 319. With his 319 score, JA2NDQ is tied with A65CA for top score in Asia. Both participants received a plaque for their top Asia scores. The DX Marathon manager regrets that errors occurred.