



P5 / K6VVA

IOTA AS-197 Expedition

(Pending "CW ONLY" Activation Proposal)



INFO UPDATE #2

This is a new supplement to my initial P5 "CW ONLY" and IOTA AS-197 Activation Project Proposal general information prior to INFO UPDATE #1. If you have not read the general information page and/or INFO UPDATE #1, please do so before continuing.

Unfortunately due to Net Criminal activities, the *p5changeme* and *p5deleteme* email addresses provided in INFO UPDATE #1 have been disabled. There are also several Psychopathic Deviants who are attempting to thwart this P5 Project in various ways.

Now into a year #7 of seeking permission from the D.P.R.K. authorities, one thing I have learned is "patience". A "No" today does not necessarily mean "No" forever !!!

The new very creative and unique win-win proposal was submitted last July to D.P.R.K. officials (my NGO has ongoing communications with), shortly after the survey results reached 90% of the "Threshold" amount which I personally set. While continuing to assemble various supplemental materials, we anticipated a possible initial "QRX" response. My NGO contact was scheduled to go to the D.P.R.K. in September to monitor the distribution of medicines to various rural hospitals. The plan was for him to also hand-carry the full proposal supplements and to discuss things in-person with his longstanding official contact in Pyongyang before returning to the U.S.

Due to various delays, his trip did not take place until late November, and the official was unfortunately out of the country at the time (an opportunity to learn even more patience). The materials have been routed by other means, and we were hoping for the previously anticipated discussions to take place after the first of the year. Due to the uniqueness of the proposal, there will be multiple D.P.R.K. Governmental approvals required. But the scope of the extremely win-win nature of the proposal to all parties justifies the additional administrative burden and work which my NGO contact is fortunately willing to do.

The proposal is for multiple operators and stations for a longer time frame than the "worst case scenario" previously outlined (which would be just myself for a period of 4 days). I am fully prepared and always packed ready-to-go if the latter is all that can be approved. As previously set forth, I am also aware of several groups seeking approval from D.P.R.K. authorities for a P5 DX-Pedition. But it could also take 3 to 5 years (or maybe another 7 years) for any of us to obtain approval, due to all of the factors involved. It is what it is.

Recent "circumstances" in P5 during the last several months have made this Project even more challenging, for obvious reasons. Yet a new alternative route to potential success has also materialized, and I decided to unleash the full "long term" plan, which has been to activate ALL of the four P5 IOTA Designators (AS-195, AS-196, AS-197 and AS-198).

Regardless of what operating venue might result when approval is obtained, I think we all realize any P5 QRV – especially on CW ONLY - will result in “The Mother of all Pileups”.

Reiterating that Amateur Radio is (supposed to be) about “International Goodwill and Friendship”, over the past several years I have been appalled at the pileup operating behaviors by many which are completely the opposite of “International Goodwill and Friendship”. And this “Anti-Social Behavior” continues even today worse than ever. Especially, all the profanity being spewed forth on a DXpedition’s operating QRG.

IMHO, a good Doctoral Thesis Project for a major University Psychiatric Department student would be: *A Pyschiatric Anatomy of DX Pileup Participants*.

Fortunately, over the past 18 months, I have been privileged to be part of a very small discussion group with N7NG and G3SXW, (Founders of DX UNIVERSITY), ON4UN and ON4WW (Authors of *Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur*), W6SJ (Action Promoter of both *The DX CODE of CONDUCT for DX Chasers*, and *The DX CODE of CONDUCT for DXpeditioners*), ST2AR (S53R) and several others – all with considerable DXpedition and/or DX QTH operating experience.

We have spent considerable time in analyzing and discussing the observed *cause and effect* relationship between the operating “styles” (and errors) of many Major DXpedition operators, which always result in the same predictable anti-social behaviors and chaos occurring in all pileups. We also utilized on-air recordings as the basis of our many discussions, to include formulating more effective DXpedition operating techniques to substantially mitigate much of the resulting pileup caller “Anti-Social” behavior.

Each of my last two IOTA Expedition trips have been to also “test” some of the theories and new strategies, which after review, have undergone a few additional refinements. I plan to produce a web viewable video soon, summarizing my perspective of the reality of things, which will also be the basis for any P5 operations and “Pileup Management”.

For DX Chasers *AND* DXpeditioners not familiar with DX UNIVERSITY, I encourage you to visit: <http://www.dxuniversity.com> . You can find the DX CODE of CONDUCT (For DX Chasers) and DX CODE of Conduct (For DXpeditioners) at: <http://www.dx-code.org> .

Regarding any future P5 operations, I have not yet made a final decision about whether or not to implement my growing “Blacklist” of the repeat offender “Anti-Social Pileup Bullies” I continually observe in every pileup on the bands these days. They are easy to spot if one listens to the DXpedition operator *and* inside the Pileup at the same time.

An additional INFO UPDATE may be forthcoming when and if deemed appropriate.

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