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About the Cover
Grant Saviers, KZ1W, and Robert Fanfant, N7QT, operated as H4ØTT during their November, 2019 “suitcase” DXpedition on Pigeon Island. Their 17 m to 160 m vertical antenna had a net height of 55 feet of fiberglass poles, around which was wound a continuously loaded spiral helix of 151 feet of wire. The antenna was capacitively top loaded to improve radiation efficiency. The four loading wires also doubled as part of the top level of guy wires. All of the antenna components were transported as checked luggage without difficulty from Seattle through Lomlom, and return. Travel from the Lomlom coral airstrip to Pigeon Island included wading through a lagoon, followed by a boat ride through mangrove swamps. The DXpedition yielded nearly 14,000 contacts in 11 days. [Grant Saviers, KZ1W, photo.]