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- 3W Toshi, JA8BMK will be active from Vietnam [425DXN 1184] between mid-February and late March. He will be QRV as 3W2DX from Ho Chi Minh City on 14-17 February, and as XV7BM from Nha Trang from 18 February to 28 March. QSL both calls via JA8BMK. [TNX DX World]
- 5X Alan, G3XAQ will operate CW only as 5X1XA from Uganda from 25 February to 16 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). QSL via G3SWH. [TNX NG3K]
- A3 Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI will be active as A35V and A35X from Tongatapu (OC-049) on 4-18 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL both callsigns via N3SL and LoTW (daily uploads are planned). A website is under construction at http://a35va35x.com/ [TNX DX World]
- C5 Dom, M1TKA will be active holiday style as C5/M1KTA from The Gambia from 27 February to 10 March. He will operate QRP on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX DX World]
- C6 After being active from Stocking Island (NA-001), John, 9H5G (<u>http://kk4oyj.wordpress.com/</u>) is now sailing to Acklins Island (NA-113), Bahamas. He hopes to be QRV as 9H5G/C6A starting on 15 February. Look for him on 10 and 17 metres. QSL via NI5DX and LoTW.
 CE Members of Radio Club Provincial Llanguihue (CE7LL) plan to be
- active as 3G7PM from Guafo Island (SA-018) on 23-28 February. [TNX DX World]
- CT8 The team of OH2BE, OH2BH, OH2PM, OH8NC and OH8NJ will join forces with the locals CU2CE and CU2DX to hit the airwaves from the Azores with a variety of callsigns such as CR2A and CR2X in contests, and CU2KG and CU2KH otherwise. The activity started on 12 February and will run until 3 March, including the ARRL DX Contest (both CW and SSB) and the CQ 160 Meter SSB Contest. QSL CR2A and CR2X via OH2BH. [TNX OH2BH]
- CT9 Once again Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) from 6 March to 2 April. They plan to operate mostly in CW and digital modes with a focus on 12, 17 and 30 metres. QSL via home calls. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr[@]darc.de or dl3kwf[@]darc.de respectively. [TNX DL3KWR]
- CY0 Aaron, VA1AXC is now active as CY0/VA1AXC from Sable Island. He works a rotating schedule for Parks Canada (approximately two months on the island, and two months back in Nova Scotia), and is QRV in his limited spare time using the equipment donated by the CY0P team. Aaron is new to HF radio operating, so be patient with him. QSL via JE1LET, direct only. [TNX The Daily DX]
- F ON5HC, ON7KZ, ON7PQ, ON7USB and ON8AZ will be active as TM4U from St Nicolas Island (EU-094) on 25-30 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital on 80-10 metres, plus 160 and 6 metres depending on

conditions. QSL via ON8AZ, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.eu094.be. [TNX NG3K]

- FG Gildas, F6HMQ will be active as TO22C from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 20 February to 6 March. including participation in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via F6HMQ. [TNX DX World]
- FK Yoshi, JE2EHP will be active as FK/K1HP from Noumea (OC-032), New Caledonia on 17-23 February. QSL via JE2EHP (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. He will be followed by Kazu, JA1IST who will be active as FK/JA1IST from 25 February to 1 March (QSL via home call, bureau preferred).
- FO/A A group of seven (Don G3BJ, Chris G3SVL, Nigel G3TXF, David G3WGN, Don G3XTT, Hilary G4JKS and Justin G4TSH) will be active as TX6G from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands from 20 March to 1 April. They plan to run up to three stations with amplifiers and to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via G3TXF and LoTW, logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. The website for the DXpedition is at www.tx6g.com. [TNX DX World]
- GM The MSOOXE (www.ms0oxe.net) team from the Isle of Tiree (EU-008) [425DXN 1185] will have one station on at any one time and two stations at higher rate times. They plan to put "some effort" into 160m and WARC RTTY, as those are the slots where Club Log shows low worked percentages for Scotland. MSOOXE will be QRV on 25-31 March, with CW activity to be given priority on the 16-28th. QSL via MOURX (<u>http://m0urx.com/oqrs/</u>). [TNX MOURX]
- HL Kang, DS4DRE will be active as DS4DRE/4 from Taehuksan Island (AS-093) until 31 December. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 10-80 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DS4DRE]
- HR Gerard, F2JD will be back to Copan, Honduras from 6 March to 4 June. He will be QRV as HR5/F2JD on the HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau. Logsearch at <u>http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php</u> [TNX F6AJA]
- I Giovanni, IK2JYT is active as IR2A until 28 February, including the 11th Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February). He operates CW, SSB, RTTY and digital mode on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK2JYT]
- I IZ7XNB and the Barivm DX Team are using special callsign IY7M until 22 June to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the first commercial Marconi contact made between Bari, Italy and Bar, Montenegro on 3 August 1904. QSL via IZ7XNB. [TNX IZ7XNB]
- J7 Brian, K1LI will be active as J7Y from Dominica (NA-101) from 21 February to 10 March. He will participate in the ARRL SSB Contest (1-2 March), with activity focussed on the low bands outside the contest. QSL via K1LI and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- KG4 Bill W4WV (KG4WV) and Ed KN4KL (KG4KL) will be active from Guantanamo Bay from 21 February to 7 March. They plan to operate SSB, RTTY, PSK, CW and possibly some SSTV on all bands. QSL via home calls. Between 26 February and 4 March they will also operate as W1AW/KG4, as part of ARRL's Centennial QSO Party. QSL W1AW/KG4 via ARRL Headquarters (225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- KH6 Fred, NA2U will be operating from the volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii from 27 February through 3 March. He will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as KH7M (USA and Canada statios QSL direct

to KH6ZM, rest of the world QSL direct to IOMWI). Outside the contest he will be QRV as KH6/NA2U, mainly CW on 30, 17 and 12 metres as time allows. QSL KH6/NA2U via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX NA2U]

- KH8 Guenter/DL2AWG, Hans/DL6JGN and Ron/PA3EWP will be active as KH8/homecall from Ofu Island (OC-077) on 9-20 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]
- PJ7 Tom, AA9A will be active as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 22 February to 16 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via AA9A. [TNX The Daily DX]
- SV Vassilis, SV1CNS and others will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest (21-23 February) as SX1AA from Artemida, Greece QSL via SV1CNS (direct) or SV1QXU (bureau). [TNX SV1CNS]
- V2 Babs, DL7AFS (www.qsl.net/dl7afs) and Lot, DJ7ZG will be active holiday style as V21ZG from Antigua (NA-100) for four weeks starting on 26 February. It will be their fourth visit to Antigua, and this time they will concentrate on the higher bands PSK, RTTY and SSB. They also plan to do some SSTV. QSL via DL7AFS. Logsearch on Club Log (the SSTV QSOs will be displayed as a Phone QSOs, in accordance to DXCC Award Program). [TNX PA7CW]
- V4 Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 19 February to 25 March. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the ARRL DX Contest. His wife Cathy (W5HAM) will also operate occasionally as V47HAM. All QSLs via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- V7 - Bill, N6MW (<u>http://n6mw.jimdo.com/v7-dxpedition</u>) has rescheduled his V73MW DXpedition [425DXN 1187] to Majuro Atoll (OC - 029),Marshall Islands to take place from 26 February to 4 March. "The emphasis will be on 160 and 80 metres CW, with some 20 RTTY and possible 17 SSB gap fillers. The latter bands may turn out to be largely times when EU is available since operations will dominantly be at local night time". QSL via MOURX, direct or bureau (OQRS preferred) and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.
- VK John, VK6HZ will be active holiday style as VK6ARI from Rottnest Island (OC-164) on 23-30 March. He will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via VK6HZ, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- W Members of the Palos Verdes ARC will operate as K6PV/6 from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066) on 19-23 February. QSL via K6PV.
- YB Joppy, YB8XM and others plan to be active from Sanana (Sulabesi) Island (OC-076) in late February-early March. All QSLs direct to YB8XM. See <u>http://oc076.blogspot.com/</u> for updates. [TNX JN6RZM]
- YB Imam, YB4IR reports he will be active as YB4IR/p from Enggano Island (OC-204) on 23-30 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), adn LoTW.
- ZL7 VE7NY, ZL1BMG, ZS1FJ and OE2SNL will be active as ZL7AAA from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 21-31 March. Expect activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via VE7NY. Further information and updates will posted to www.qsl.net/zl7aaa/ [TNX NG3K]

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced

that the 11th Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 17 to 23 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from the following countries: Australia VK2ANT OE88WAP, OE89ANT, OE90AAW Austria TM11AAW, TM11WAP France IIOAW, II1MNA, II2ANT, II3MNA, II5ANT, II6ANT, IP2ANT, Italy IP8AAW, IR1ANT, IR1SP, IR2A Poland HF0A Romania YQ8ANT Spain AO4HAG, EG1WAS, EG3ANT, EH5ANT Switzerland HB9ICE The Netherlands PA6ANT, PF14ANT Ukraine EM11KY KOANT, K4K USA Complete information on the AAW can be found at www.waponline.it

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The January 2014 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 15 February through 23.59 UTC on the 16th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2014.html - good contest to you all!

DX UNIVERSITY ---> The DX University will conduct two sessions at the International DX Convention at the Convention Center in Visalia on 4 April. The first session in the morning will consist of presentations aimed at less experienced DXers; the second session in the afternoon will consist of a seminar on more advanced DXing and DXpeditioning topics. Registration is open on www.dxuniversity.com.

FT5ZM ---> FT5ZM went QRT from Amsterdam Island at 02.20 UTC on 12 February, a little earlier than expected, because the team wanted to leave as quickly as possible to avoid a bad storm which was heading their way. The Amsterdam DXpedition team made a total of 170,000 QSOs with 36,300 uniques. The OQRS on Club Log has been enabled. The Daily DX reports a couple of

minor glitches. First, "when OQRS was initially enabled the email address associated with the OQRS payment was entered in error. This was corrected

as soon as it was discovered. For those who requested a QSL from FT5ZM via OQRS, please check your PayPal account. If the payment status indicates "unclaimed", simply cancel this transaction and submit a new OQRS request. If you have any questions please send an email to gregg.w6izt[@]gmail.com". Second, "several people have reported OQRS on Club Log does not allow another OQRS request, despite the clearly marked button that says 'request again'. This seems to be a problem with those using Explorer web browser but does work with Firefox (and probably others). If you can not get it to work it might be worth trying another Web browser such as Firefox, Safari, Chrome, etc."

IOTA BASH ---> The 10th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 14-15 March in Boerne, Texas. The agenda includes presentations by K9AJ, EA3NT, AB5EB and K6VVA and a nice social programme. Information for attending the Bash can be found on the IREF website (www.islandradio.org). If you have questions please contact Mike Crownover, AD5A (ad5a[@]gvtc.com) [TNX AD5A]

QSL E720SRRS & E720ZRHB ---> Robert, E77E reports that all of the QSOs with E720SRRS, E720SRRS/p and E720ZRHB will be confirmed automatically via the bureau as soon as the cards are printed.

QSL VK0TH ---> Trevor, VK8TH has reversed his decision on QSL cards [425DXN 1186]. He now intends (1) making the log available to an amateur who will ensure it is logged to LOTW, and (2) taking up the offer of a QSL Manager. "The remainder of the QSL cards received I will process myself (roughly 300). There will be a delay as I will need to purchase another batch of QSL cards however I will ensure they go out to all".

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/8 from Michigan and W1AW/4 from Florida to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 19 February until 23.59 UTC on the 25th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

WRTC2014 ---> The WRTC2014 Steering Committee permits each WRTC organizer to offer the opportunity for sponsors to name teams outside the normal qualification process as a fund raising mechanism. For WRTC2014, the first three sponsorships were available on a first-come first-served basis:

- The "Latitude 13" team is so named because the locations where the two operators usually compete are both at 13 degrees latitude. The sponsor has named Tom Georgens, W2SC and Dave Mueller, N2NL, as the team.
- "RadioTeam Azores" is sponsored by Azores Tourism Association. They have appointed Martti Lane, OH2BH, and Ville Hiilesmaa, OH2MM, as their team.
- The "Brazil-Bulgaria Friendship Team" is sponsored by a consortium including The Araucaria DX Group, Triumph IESA Infrastructure AS, the Sao Paulo section of LABRE, K1LZ, and the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA). They have appointed Soni Leite, PY1NX, and Atasnas "Nasko" Koitchev, LZ3YY/LZ9R, as their team.

The fourth and final Team Sponsorship will be made available through an auction to be conducted on 8 March. Anyone interested in participating in the auction should contact WRTC Chairman, Doug Grant, K1DG (k1dg[@]wrtc2014.org) as quickly as possible to register.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3B8/UU5WW, 3B9FR, 3D2C, 3D2GC/p, 3W1T, 4JSONG, 4K12SONG, 5A1AL, 5R8AL, 6V7S, 6V7X, 6W/RK4FF, 8Q7KP, A410W, A52W, AA4VK/CY0, AP2TN, BA4TB/4 (AS-136), C21BN, C82DX, C06RD, CR2X. D44AC, DU2US, DU7ET, E2E (AS-107), E73M, EA9EU, EJ0M, FJ/DK7LX, FR/DJ7RJ, FW5JJ, GU4CHY, GW3KHZ/p (EU-106), H40FN, H40TA, H7H, HH5/KC0W, HS0ZKX, J34J, J52HF, J75KG, J88HL, JI3DST/6 (AS-049), JX7DFA, JX9JKA, JY9FC, K9W, KH8PPG, NH0Z, OG1M, OH0B, OH2BH, OJ0X, P29FR, P29NI, P29VCX, P29VPB, PJ7/G3TXF, PW0F, RA2FF, S21ZBB, S21ZBC, S79WDX, T32RC, T32TV, T33A, T77BL, T8XX, TI8II/p (NA-116), TN2MS, TO2TT, TO3JA, TU5NK, TU5XV, TY2BP, V31NB, V5/DL9NDS, V63XG, V6P, VK5CE/4 (OC-255), VP2MXT, VP6T, VR2XMT, VY2ZM, XR0YY, XT26D, XT26DJ, XT2TT, XU7SSB, XW3DT, XZ1Z, YB4IR/8 (OC-272), YB9Y (OC-276), YJORK (OC-104), YW5X (SA-054), Z21ZBC, Z60WW, Z68BH, Z81R, Z81X, Z81Z, ZD7FT, ZD7VC, ZD80, ZD8W, ZS8C.

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