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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 4S - Special event station 4S0GS will be active on 27-31 December during "Galle Season", a large fair and exhibition that will be held in the historic city of Galle in southern Sri Lanka. QSL via 4S7DF.
- 4S - 4S7JTG and 4S7NTG are the new callsigns that Josep, EA3BT and Nuria, EA3WL will be using during their 3-8 January activity from Beruwala, Sri Lanka (AS-003) [425DXN 1283]. They expect to operate from nearby Berberyn Island (AS-171) "as much time as possible". They will be QRV on 40-10 metres mainly SSB, with some CW and RTTY. QSL via EA3BT, direct or bureau (OQRS to be enabled).
- EA - Celebrating the 6th anniversary of the CW Operators' Club (www.cwops.org), special callsigns EG1CWO, EG2CWO, EG4CWO, EG5CWO, EG6CWO (Balearic Islands) and EG8CWO (Canary Islands) will be in use on 1-10 January. Further information to be found in due course on <http://eacwops.es>.
- EX - Andrea HB9DUR (<http://hb9dur.ch/>) will be active again as EX/HB9DUR from Kyrgyzstan between 22 December and 8 January 2016. He will operate SSB with a focus on the higher bands. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]
- G - The Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society will celebrate the New Year 2016 with a series of special event stations (GB0HNY, GB1HNY, GB2HNY, GB4HNY, GB5HNY, GB6HNY and GB8HNY) that will be active from 28 December to 24 January. "Whilst we are not issuing any QSL cards", they say, "you can claim a special commemorative certificate for working five stations". Details on qrz.com under GB1HNY. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- HL - Special event station HL16RI will be active from 1 January to 27 June in celebration of the 107th annual Convention of Rotary International, which will be held in Seoul on 28 May-1 June. QSL via HL4CCM.
- JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 30 December to 9 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). Logsearch and other information can be found at <http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/>.
- PJ2 - Steve, PJ4DX will be active as PJ2/KH0UN from Curacao (SA-099) on 28-29 December. QSL via LoTW, as he does not plan to have any cards printed for this short operation.
- PY - Manu, ZP9MCE will be active as PP5/ZP9MCE from Santa Catarina Island (SA-026) on 2-9 January. He will operate CW and digital modes (JT65) with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres. He says to "QSL via PayPal" for this activity.
- UA - Yuri R2DG, Pavel R2DX, Yuri RV3DFI, Eugene RW3FB, Mike RX3DVZ and

Dmitry RZ3DJ will be active as RU55IA from the town of Kologriv (RDA KS-14), Kostroma Oblast on 3-6 January. They will operate two stations on 80-10 metres. They will also be QRV as RU55IA/m on their way to/from Kologriv. QSL via R2DX (bureau, eQSL and OQRS). [TNX qrz.ru]

- V6 - Kou, JR2GAG will be active again as V63GG from Micronesia on 1-8 January. This time he will operate from Kosrae (OC-059). QSL via JR2GAG, direct or bureau; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.
- VK - Special event station VI2AJ2016 will be activated during the 24th Australian Jamboree, to be held on 3-13 January at the Cataract Scout Park in New South Wales. QSL via VK2KDP and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

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FT4JA ---> Christian, EA3NT has joined the FT4JA team who will be on Juan de Nova from 29 March to 11 April (these dates include the unloading and loading phases). In early January, four crates of equipment will be shipped to Mayotte, which will be the DXpedition's starting point.

To minimize problems on the bands with the concurrent DXpedition to Heard Island, "we suggested to the VK0EK team to adopt a common band plan to share the segments on the different bands": www.juandenovadx.com/en/band-plan/.

FT4JA will have a dedicated station for 6 metres, as the DXpedition will take place "during a period of trans-equatorial propagation (TEP), which suggests many QSO on the magic band". The station "will operate mostly in a CW beacon mode (CQ FT4JA), whose frequency will be published in our plan. We will switch to a transmitting position (CW or SSB only) as soon as we hear someone respond". They also plan to try EME (JT65). At all events, their 6m QSOs "will be in addition to the rest of the contacts and not to the detriment of our presence on the HF bands". Read the complete latest news release, dated 18 December, on the DXpedition's website.

OC-243 ---> Andy, VK5MAV and Craig, VK5CE will be active from Breaksea Island (OC-243) in early March [425DXN 1285]. The exact dates will be announced in January. They will have first to drive from their QTH in South Australia to Albany (Western Australia), "a monster journey of 2743 km (1704 miles)". Then, "due to safety and permit restrictions from the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife", the only way they "can get to and from the island is to charter a helicopter". They will be running two stations at the same time, using vertical dipoles for 10, 15 and 20 metres and a quarter wave for 40m. VK5MAV/6 will operate CW with 100W, while VK5CE/6 will operate SSB with 400W. "So as you can imagine this trip has many transportation costs", and "any financial support would be greatly appreciated". See <http://oc243.blogspot.com.au/> for further information and updates.

P5/3Z9DX ---> As announced [425DXN 1283], Dom was in Pyongyang, North Korea "for high level talks with officials and inspectors" in anticipation of a

future operation. Dom had to take all radio equipment with him, but there were no plans for him to be QRV during this visit. Unexpectedly, however, he was able to give a demonstration and be active for a few hours between 00.09 UTC on 20 December and 08.47 UTC on the 21st. He made 790 QSOs with 749 unique calls on 15, 20 and 10 metres SSB. "His antenna is on a metal fence post 2m above the ground among government high rise buildings", DX-World.net reported. "The lowest noise level on 15m is 59+10 and on 20m it's 59+30. He's surrounded by a lot of people as he operates (officials coming in and out)". Hopefully "a different QTH will be found for the real activity planned for early next year". As agreed before operations commenced, he has left the equipment in North Korea. The P5/3Z9DX log has been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRS has been enabled. [TNX DX World]

VP8STI & VP8SGI ---> "In just two short weeks", N6PSE reported on 21 December, "members of the VP8STI/VP8SGI team will be meeting the 'Braveheart' in Stanley, the Falkland Islands. All of our plans are going very well. We have raised 73% of the funds needed to complete our DXpedition".

The QSL page on the DXpedition's website (www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8) has been updated, and the OQRS will be live as soon as each activation is completed. The team will make "every effort" to upload their logs to Club Log on a daily basis, but there might be problems as Southern Thule Island is outside of the Inmarsat BGAN coverage footprint.

"The team is very focused and committed to satisfying the need for contacts with South Sandwich and South Georgia. We ask that everyone follow the DX Code of Conduct. We will not work stations that are calling out of turn. We will be in communications with our Chief Pilot each day, and we ask you to work with our team of Regional Pilot stations to help us meet the demand for contacts".

YASME FOUNDATION'S SUPPORTING GRANTS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) announced on 21 December a number of supporting grants in furtherance of its goal of supporting the development of amateur radio. The grants fall into several areas as follows:

SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

- A grant to the ARRL Foundation to fund the Yasme Foundation scholarship
- A grant to the Foundation for Amateur Radio in support of its 2016 scholarship program
- A grant to the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) program to support programs aimed at promoting amateur radio among those under age 26 throughout IARU Region 1
- A grant to the ARRL Teacher's Institute to fund one teacher's attendance at the 2016 Teacher's Institute on Wireless Technology

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

- A grant to the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program in support of its effort to place higher power amateur radio equipment on the Columbia Module and standardize the equipment configuration
- A grant to the Northern California DX Foundation Beacon Project to update the beacon station in Sri Lanka
- A grant to the Reverse Beacon Network to build and install a node that will provide coverage in an area identified as both underserved and of particular interest to propagation studies

HF OPERATING AROUND THE WORLD

- A grant to a representative of the Haiti Amateur Radio Club for the purchase of amateur radio training materials to be used for training sessions of future licensees in Haiti and the donation of a Kenwood TS-440S transceiver for use by the new licensees
- A grant to the International Amateur Radio Club at ITU-Geneva (4U1ITU) for station maintenance and the acquisition of needed equipment
- A grant to WRTC-2018 in support of ongoing expenses and to encourage organizations and individuals to support this important event
- A grant to the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society club station ET3AA to acquire a new computer, interfaces and programs to be used for logging and operating digital modes and to purchase new headsets

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING AMATEUR RADIO

- A grant to the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) in support of their ongoing activities
 - A grant to Dokufunk, the Research and Documentation Center for the History of Radio Communications and the Electronic Media in Vienna, Austria, in support of its activities to preserve the history of radio communications
- Also, the Board of Directors recognizes Director Charles "Mac" McHenry, Jr., W6BSY as he retires from the organization after many years of service, and bestows upon him the title of Director Emeritus, a first for Yasme. Mac's association with Yasme spans decades, and dates back to the time when Lloyd and Iris Colvin were on their around-the-world DXpedition, visiting 221 DXCC countries and operating in about two-thirds of them. Yasme volunteers answered over 750,000 QSL requests. If you are lucky enough to have a handwritten Yasme QSL card, chances are very good that Mac was the one who filled out the card, stuffed it in an envelope and sent it off to you. [TNX W6SZN]

ZL9A ---> The latest update on the DXpedition to Antipodes Islands (OC-286, new one for IOTA) [425DXN 1284] is available on <http://iotahunter.org/>. Cezar, VE3LYC is already in New Zealand, and confirms that two full sets of equipment (rigs and antennae) are with the Department of Conservation office in Invercargill, where all team members will gather on 2 January and the quarantine is scheduled for the 3rd. "If everything goes according to plan and weather cooperates, the team will board 'Evohe' by noon local time on 4 January, and attempt landing by mid-afternoon on 7 January. It will likely take a few hours before they will be QRV, since landing will require some serious hiking back and forth between the shore and camp. One of their stations will be located inside the Castaway Depot, while the other a few tens of meters away, in a small tent".

+ SILENT KEY + Dr.-Ing. Petr Obermajer, OK2FEI passed away on 16 December at 80 years of age. A professor at the Brno University of Technology, he was an "expert in transmitters and power amplifiers" and was fond of CW and DXing. [TNX OK2ZO]

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***** QSL ROUTES *****

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| 3B9FR | M0OXO | CQ890IARU | CT1REP | RI1ANZ | RN1ON |
| 3D2AG/p | 3D2AG | CQ90IARU | CT3KN | S0WP/m | ON7WP |
| 3D2KM | W6ZL | CV7S | CX7SS | SC90SSA | SM7HZK |
| 3Z35RTTY | SP1DOZ | E44QX | DF8DX | SN3WOSP | SP3CGK |
| 4K9W | DL6KVA | E51JLL | DL7JLL | ST90IARU | S57DX |
| 4L1AN | N4GNR | E51TLA | OZ6TL | SU9IG | OM3CGN |
| 4O7DX | YU1FW | E51WET | SM6WET | T88RY | I2DMI |
| 4U1WB | KK4HD | EA8AH | OH1RY | T8CW | JA0FOX [b] |
| 4X4WFF | IK2DUW | EM1000UKW | US5UCC | T8CW | JH0IXE [d] |
| 4X6TT | N4GNR | EN150ITU | UT5UIA | TC7YOTA | OM2FY |
| 5T0JL | ON8RA | ES90IARU | ES1QD | TF3WK | OZ1OM |
| 5T0WP/m | ON7WP | FS4WS | IZ1MHY | TM57XMAS | F-11734 |
| 5T2AI | NI5DX | FT4XU | F1ULQ | TO2EE | K2HVN |
| 5W1SA | JA1DXA | GB5OMU | MN0VFW | TO90R | FR4QT |
| 6W/C5WP/m | ON7WP | HB0IARU | EA5IDQ | TS4NP | 3V8HQ |
| 7X2YOTA | OM2FY | HC90IARU | HC2GRC | TT8FC | EA3GWK |
| 7X3WPL | 7X3DL | HF2016HNY | SQ2JK | TY2BP | IK2IQD |
| 8P2K | KU9C | HF35PBW | SP1PBW | TZ4AM | W4VAB |
| 8P9JB | J69Z | HF35RTTY | HF1D | UE24SU | RK3BJ |
| 9G1YK | PA3ERA | HF360JG | SP9KAJ | UE25R | RN3RQ |
| 9G5GH | EA5ZD | HH2JR | W3HNC | UE56MN | RZ3QWW |
| 9H3DD | M1DDD | HI3/KL7JR | K7ICE | V26GT | N6GT |
| 9H9YOTA | OM2FY | HI3CC | W2CCW | VK2IAY/9 | G0UIH |
| 9J2BO | G3TEV | HL5ZEB/2 | DF8DX | VP2ETE | W3HNC |
| 9M2SI | 9M2000 | HZ1SK | IZ8CLM | VP2MGT | N6GT |
| 9Q6AL | DF9TA | J62YOTA | OM2FY | VP9HE | W2AF |
| 9V1YC | W5UE | J68HZ | K9HZ | VY0JCW | VE2JCW |
| A25GR | M0XXU | KC4AAA | K1IED | XM7100AS | VA7DP |
| A25LC | N4GNR | KL7SB | NI5DX | YO0YOTA | OM2FY |
| A62A | IZ8CLM | KP2Q | K3TEJ | YO11IPA | YO3AS |
| A91ND/45 | A92AA | KP4AW | NP3IR | YV7DX | EA5GL |
| A91WARD | A92AA | LU8EEM | LU7DR | Z21LS | 7Z1HB [d] |
| A91YOTA | OM2FY | LZ112RAEM | LZ1CF | Z21LS | DE1ZHB [b] |
| C5WP | ON7WP | OA4/EB1AIR | EA1HNQ | Z60IARU | OH2BH |
| C6AWU | AF6WU | OD5TX | W4JS | ZD8KFC | N4GNR |
| CN2JJ | F5LYF | OL15YOTA | OM2FY | ZF1A | K6AM |
| CN2LW | EA7FTR | OM2015TITANIC | OM2FY | ZF2LA | K9LA |
| CO90IARU | W3HNC | ON90IARU | ON7TK | ZF2YL | AE9YL |
| CP6CL | W3HNC | P5/3Z9DX | 3Z9DX | ZS6CCY | K3IRV |
| CQ790IARU | CT1REP | R170GS | RL5G | ZT1T | ZS1AFS |

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