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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 3DA - Subject to licence approval, Gert ZS6AYU (as 3DA0GF on CW) and Hannes, ZS6BZP (as 3DA0HC on SSB) will be active from Swaziland on 21-24 October. They will be QRV on 40-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]
- 5B - Members of Pafos Radio Club will be QRV as 5B4PRC/p for the WFF Programme from Lara Bay, Akamas Peninsula, on 20 October (5-14 UTC). [TNX 5B4AHJ]
- 6W - Seb, F8IJV will be active once again as 6V7Q from Senegal from 22 October to 11 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will operate mainly SSB, possibly with some CW and digital modes, on 160-6 metres. QSL via F8IJV, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- C2 - Joe, LA5UF plans to be active as C21UF from Nauru (OC-031) on 17-24 October, and as CE0Y/LA5UF from Easter Island (SA-001) on 3-11 November. He will operate mainly CW and PSK31 from both locations. QSL via home call.
- E5 - Bill, N7OU will be active as E51NOU from Rarotonga (OC-013, South Cook Islands) between 17 October and 7 November. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres during his spare time. On 8-22 November he will go and operate CW only on 160-10 metres from Manihiki Atoll (OC-014, North Cook Islands), with a focus on Europe and a callsign TBA. QSL via N7OU. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- EA6 - Mike, DL4AB0 will be active as EA6/DL4AB0 from the Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 19-24 October. He will operate QRP mainly on 30 metres CW. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- EA6 - Adrian, AA5UK will be active as EA6/AA5UK from Ibiza, Balearic Islands from 20 October to 3 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will operate holiday style on 80-10 metres mostly SSB and digital modes, with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]
- EA8 - Members of the Teide DX Group will be active as EG8FBN from the lighthouse "Buenavista del Norte", Tenerife (AF-004) on 22-23 October. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF, VHF and UHF bands. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to EA8NQ. Further information can be found at www.ea8ay.com/EG8FBN/ [TNX EA8NQ]
- F - The Radio Club Havrais (F8KHN) will be active as TM2TJV on 24-30 October for the Transat Jacques Vabre, the yachting race on the coffee trading route between Le Havre (France) and Puerto Limon (Costa Rica). [TNX F8REF]
- F - F5IL, F5IRC, F5THW, F5UBH and F5UP0 will be active as TM5HT from Houat Island (EU-048) on 28-30 October. They plan to operate CW,

- SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 80-10 metres. QSL via F5THW, direct or bureau. [TNX F8REF]
- G - Kev, M0TNX and Martin, M3POG will be active again as GB2HI from Hilbre Island (EU-120) on 21-23 October. They plan to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on the lower bands. QSL via M00X0, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX World]
- HR - Rick, AI5P will operate holiday style as HR9/AI5P from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras from 22 October to 5 November. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- KH2 - JA10ZK will be active as KH2KY from Guam (OC-026) on 22-29 October. He will operate on the HF bands. QSL via JA10ZK. [TNX NG3K]
- KL - Subject to a few final details and weather, Rick K6VVA will be active as K6VVA/KL7 from the Bethel County group (NA-240, new one for IOTA) on 28-30 June 2012. Bookmark www.k6vva.com/iota/na240 for updates. [TNX islandchaser.com]
- LU - Special callsign L90AA will be in use on 21-31 October to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Radio Club Argentino (RCA), one of the oldest amateur radio societies in the world and IARU founding member in 1925. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via LU4AA. [TNX LU1ARG]
- FS, PJ7- Jean-Pierre, F5AH0 will be active as either FS/F5AH0 from Saint Martin (NA-105) and PJ7/F5AH0 from Sint Maarten (NA-105) between 17 and 30 November. During the weekends (19-20 and 26-27 November) he plans to operate as FS/F5AH0/p from Tintamarre Island (NA-199). He will operate SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 20 and 17 metres. QSL via F5AH0. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- PZ - Stefan, DK1MM will be active as PZ5MM from Suriname from 25 October to 1 November, including a SOAB entry in the CQ WW SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]
- TL - Rudi, DK7PE will be active as TL0CW from Bangui, Central African Republic from 26 October to 3 November. He plans to operate CW on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via DK7PE.
- VE - Once again Noel VE2BR and Gregg VE3ZZ will operate M/S in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest with the special call VC2Z from Mercier, Quebec (Zone 5). QSL via VE2BR. [TNX VE3ZZ]
- VK - Laurie, VK7ZE and others plan to be active as VK7ZX from King Island (OC-233) on 3-7 November, weather permitting. They will be on air as much as possible, mainly on 20 and 40 metres. "This is not a DXpedition", he says, "just a few friends on holiday participating in the Cape Wickham lighthouse 150th Anniversary celebrations". QSL via VK7ZE.
- XE - XE2HUQ, XE2HQI and XE2HVF will be active as XF1C from Coronados Island (NA-165) on 7-12 November. They plan to operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via XE2HUQ.
- ZA - Steve HA0DU, Joe HA0LC, Imi HA0MK, Laci HA0NAR and Fatos ZA1G will be active as ZA20QA from Vlore, Albania from 25 October to 1 November. They will operate CW, AAB and RTTY on 160-2 metres, and will participate in the CQWW SSB Contest. The special callsigns is in remembrance of HA0NNN and HA0MM, who back in 1991 were the leaders of the ZA1QA team. QSL via HA0NAR.
- ZF - OE2ATN, OE2SNL and OE2WNL will be active as ZF20E from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 21 October to 2 November. They plan to

operate on various bands, 160 and 80 metres included, CW, RTTY and SSB. QSL via OE2WNL, bureau preferred (QSLing policy can be found at www.zf2oe.net).

ZK2 - Chris, GM3WOJ will be active again as ZK2V from Niue (OC-040) from 21 October to 20 December. QSL via N3SL and LoTW. Keith, GM4YXI will join him for the first two weeks and will participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) as ZK2X. Further information and updates can be found at www.zk2v.com

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3D2RI ---> This is the callsign of the new Rotuma Island High School Club Station, established thanks to the equipment donated by the 3D2R DXpedition team. The new Club Station has been active since 6 October. QSL via KH6CG.

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The September 2011 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS FROM RARE IOTA GROUPS ---> "With the 50th Anniversary IOTA Marathon [425DXN 1042, ed.] starting in January it would be great if we could get together a list of organisations who would be prepared in principle to help fund operations from the rarer IOTA groups during this two year period. Without lots of operations from this tier of IOTA groups the marathon will not achieve the success it deserves. For this purpose we have decided that "rarer IOTA groups" means groups worked by less than 33% of record-holders at the start of day 1 of the operation. Would DX funding bodies and individuals who are prepared to contribute to this two year IOTA initiative please let me know on [g3kma\[@\]dsl.pipex.com](mailto:g3kma[@]dsl.pipex.com). The intention is that grants would be made directly by contributors to the operation involved as is current usual practice, not through the IOTA Committee. However if we get a good response, we will consider providing some additional funding from a source of funds available to the IOTA Committee." Full details on the 50th Anniversary Marathon can be found at (www.rsgbiota.org). [TNX G3KMA]

MS0INT (ROCKALL 2012) POSTPONED ---> "With careful consideration and much deliberation, we have decided to postpone our intended activation of the islet for at least one year", Col MM0NDX says (see www.eu189.com for the complete release issued on 8 October). "This decision was not taken easily considering our planning and organisational aspects were going extremely well. Suffice to say, we believe an activation so soon after the Belgian effort [MM0RAI/p, ed.] now makes Rockall a less attractive target - that is the crux of our decision. It is not lost on us that the majority of the world, outwith a proportion of Europe, still require EU-189 for their IOTA scores. With that in mind, this planned activity will not be cancelled, only postponed".

Instead of Rockall, MM0NDX and his team are organizing an operation from "another excellent location", which "involves a rare DXCC and IOTA".

Further information will be released "one week before departure, sometime in mid-2012".

Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC reports that "a comprehensive Rockall web page from early plans in the mid-60's (with hitherto unpublished documents) to MM0RAI/p including an interview with Patrick, ON4HIL" has been compiled by Documentary Archives Radio Communications and can be found at www.dokufunk.org/rockall

QSL AT0ULH ---> The QSL cards for the 19-21 August operation from the lighthouse at Uttan Point have been printed and Deepak, VU2CDP is mailing them out. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to vu2cdp@yahoo.co.in. He plans to send out the bureau cards "as part of my annual dispatch to the VU buro in December". [TNX VU2CDP]

SPRINT CONTEST ---> The Michurinsk Contest Group and Tambov division of SRR organize an Autumn Sprint Contest that will be held on 21 October, from 14 to 18 UTC, on 160, 80 and 40 metres CW and SSB. Complete details can be found at http://rw3rq.tamb.ru/sprint_eng.htm [TNX RN3RQ]

T32C ---> "We have been asked to be more precise about our 80/160m scheduling at European sunrise", the T32C team wrote on 14 October. "Starting today (Friday 14 October), we will operate CW on 80m for two days at European sunrise, then we will operate 1 day on SSB. The pattern will be repeated, so CW days will be 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24 October. SSB days will be 16, 19, 22, 25 October. On 160m we are always on CW from our sunset to Western European sunrise".

T32C now has over 131,000 QSOs in the log, including 70k with North America, 25k with Asia and 30k with Europe: "as the JA and US pile-ups continue to diminish", the team reported on 10 October, "we hope the percentage of EU will increase. However, the decline in solar activity since we first started has not helped. That said, we are on track to set at least a few new records".

They continue "to cover as many band/mode openings as we can, with the equipment we carried here. We are currently able to operate two stations simultaneously on 10, 15 and 20 and are looking at being able to do the same on 12 and 17 to make the most of the main band openings, but with limited coaxial cable (it's heavy to hand carry!) we are having trouble achieving the antenna separation we ideally need". Read the latest news from the island at www.t32c.com

+ SILENT KEYS + Jose Castejon Lara (YV5ANT) passed away at 70 years of age. He was one of the best CW operators and contestmen in Venezuela, and took part in several expeditions to YV islands, including four operations from Aves between 1979 and 2006.

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Vladimir I. Shamalo (RX6AV), Stojan Cvetkovic (YU1SW), Metodija Najceski (Z31VL), Craig "Tex" B. Kennedy (N5TX, President Emeritus and Co-founder of Six Meter International Radio Klub) and Paul Zrobok (G0UZP), who died suddenly on 6 October at 57 years of age.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2LF, 3B8FQ, 4L1BR, 4L1MA,

4M5CW, 40/G3SXW, 403ANT, 5B50J, 5J0T, 5W0NU, 6Y1LZ, 7Z1SJ, 8P9AA, 8R1A, 9H0HSJ, 9K2HN, 9K50UU, 9L0W, 9L5VT, 9M2CQC, 9M6XR0, 9Y4LAS, A35KL, A71BU, A92GE, BA1KW, BU2AQ, C31CT, C6ABR, CP4BT, CS2W (EU-150), EA9EU, EH9AI, EP3PTT, ER1LW, ES3AX, FG/F6AUS, FG5FR, FG8AR, FK8IL, F0/HA5G/p, FP/W6HGF, GB5TI (EU-108), HB60RF, HC1HC, HC2AQ, HH2/PY1ZV, HH7/N3BNA, J38A, J79WE, KH6SH, KP2B, LX1N0, MN0VFW/p, NP2X, NP3CW, OX6YL, P43A, PJ4D, PJ6D, PJ7R0J, R1ANB, R1FJT, RA2FF, RI1FJ, S21YZ, ST0R, SU9VB, SV9GPV, T31A, T32JB, T6AF, T6JC, TA3DD, TG7WW, TG9/DL5RMH, TG9NX, TI5/N3KS, TL0A, T04IPA, TS8P, UA2F, UA9FQY, V31RN, VK0KEV, VK6DXI, VK9HR, VK9IR, VP50V, VP80RK, VP9NI, VU2PHD, VU4PB, XU7ACY, XX9LT, YL2BJ, YN2ER, YV4DYJ, ZB2FK, ZB3B, ZK3OU, ZP6CW, ZS8M.

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