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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3X - Michael, PA5M expects to be active again as 3XY5M from Guinea for the next couple of months, until around 10 April. He will be QRV in his free time, typically during his evening hours. QSL via PA7FM. [TNX The Daily DX]
- 4U1ITU - The International Amateur Radio Club of ITU HQ (4U1ITU, www.itu.int/radioclub) was active as 4U0ITU on 13 February for World Radio Day, which also marked the kick-off for the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union. IARC will be using the callsign 4U0ITU for the rest of 2015, until the World Radio Conference WRC-15 (2-27 November). See qrz.com for QSL information. [TNX SV3SJ]
- 7Q - Ken, LA7GIA will be active again as 7Q7GIA from Malawi on 21-28 February. He will operate CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres, with a focus on 80, 40, 30 and 12m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]
- C2 - Yuki, JH1NBN will be active again as C21BN from Nauru (OC-031) on 18-28 February. He will be QRV on 60-10 metres SSB in his spare time. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- C5 - Alan, G4DJX will be active as C5DX from Banjul and Farafenni, The Gambia on 13-20 February. This will be a "limited operation whilst on school trip", with activity on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- C6 - Chris, NX4N will be active as C6AWW from Grand Bahama (NA-080) on 20-23 February. He will focus on 80 metres CW during the ARRL DX CW Contest; outside the contest he will be QRV mainly on 30, 17, 12 and 6 metres CW. QSL via LoTW or direct to NX4N. [TNX The Daily DX]
- CT9 - Once again Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) from 5 March to 1 April. They plan to operate mostly in CW 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]
- FG - Michel, F6GWV and Gildas, F6HMQ will be active as FG/F6GWV and FG/F6HMQ from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 18 February to 8 March. They will also use special callsign TO66R (QSL via F6HMQ) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. [TNX The Daily DX]
- FR - Michel, F5PLC will be active as FR/F5PLC from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 16 April to 16 June. He will operate QRP CW mainly on 20 metres and possibly 30 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- FY - Christian, F5UII will be active as FY/F5UII from French Guiana on 18-27 February. He will operate SSB and maybe RTTY on the HF bands in his spare time, indicatively before 11 UTC, between 15 and 17

- UTC and after 22 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on www.f5uui.net. [TNX DX World]
- HR - Will, AA4NC will be active as HR5/AA4NC from Honduras on 17-25 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Outside the contest he will operate RTTY, CW and SSB on 160-6 metres. QSL via AI4U (direct) and LoTW. [TNX AA4NC]
- J6 - Members of the J6DX Group will be active as J64SLI/36 (for the 36th anniversary of the independence of St. Lucia) on 21-23 February. They will operate QRP on CW, SSB, PSK-31 and RTTY. QSL via WB5Q. [TNX DX World]
- J7 - Jan, SM5DJZ plans to be active as J75D from Dominica (NA-101) on 18-25 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Outside the contest he will operate mainly CW "on most bands". QSL via home call (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- JW - Look for Bodo JW/DF8DX, Daniel JW/DJ4MF, Rene JW/DL2JRM and Herman JW/DL2NUD to be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 18-25 February. They will operate mainly CW on all bands from the JW5E club station. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]
- KG4 - Bill, W4WV (KG4WV) and Al, W6HGF (KG4HF) will be active from Guantanamo Bay from 20 February to 6 March. They will operate SSB, PSK, RTTY and CW on all bands. QSL via home calls (KG4HF also via LoTW) and logsearch on Club Log.
- KH0 - JA1NVF and OH7WV are currently active as N0J from from Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086). JA1NVF will operate SSB until 16 February, and OH7WV will operate CW until the 17th. They are QRV on the HF bands except 160 metres. QSL via JQ2GYU. [TNX NG3K]
- KH8 - Ethan, K8GU will be active as KH8/K8GU from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa on 20-27 February. He will operate in his spare time, most likely between 16 and 2 UTC. He hopes to be QRV for Europe on 80 and 40 metre on the the gray line, and to enter the ARRL DX CW Contest probably on 15 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW.
- PJ7 - Dave, WJ20 will be active as PJ7/WJ20 from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 18-25 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via N2ZN and LotW. [TNX NG3K]
- LU - Carlos, LU8DCH will be active as LU8DCH/D from Isla Martin Garcia (SA-055) on 18-22 February. He will operate SSB and PSK on various bands. QSL direct to home cll. [TNX VA3RJ]
- PY - PU2TRX, PU2TYA, PY2HG, PY2LCD and PY2VM will be active as ZW2R from Icapara Lighthouse on Ilha Comprida (SA-024) on 20-22 February. QSL via PY2LCD, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- PY - PY1MT and PY1SG will be active as ZV1M from Ilha Jurubaiba (SA-029) on 21-22 February. QSL direct to PY1MT. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- PY0F - Ville, PY2ZEA and Martti, OH2BH will be active as PW0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) on 20-25 February, ARRL DX CW Contest included. QSL via OH2BH.
- PY0T - Fabio PP5BZ, Jaime PP5JD and Claudio PY3OZ will be active as PQ0T from Trindade (SA-010) on 3-6 April, "but confirmation of the exact date depends on the Brazilian Navy". They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL route TBA.
- S7 - Chak, JT1CO will be active as S79CO from the Seychelles on 14-25 February. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

- T7 - ARSM members will operate T7DX from the Republic of San Marino during this year's major contests, starting with the CQ WW WPX SSB (28-29 March). QSL direct to A.R.R.S.M. Radio Club, Casella postale 77, 47890 San Marino, Repubblica di San Marino. [TNX IZ4AKS]
- VK - Special callsign VII10ROTARY has been granted for use from 20 February until 31 May to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Rotary International. Members of Rotarians of Amateur Radio will be launch it on 22 February at the Wyong Field Day (New South Wales) and other activities will follow from various locations around Australia. [TNX Southgate ARC]
- VP5 - Look for VP5/K0MD, VP5/K0PC and VP5/AC0W to be active from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 18-23 February. QSL via home calls. Their main purpose is to enter the ARRL DX CW Contest as VP5S (QSL via K0MD). [TNX The Daily DX]
- W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 20-22 February. Usually he operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- YB - The mid-February IOTA operation from Lucipara Island (OC-274) [425DXN 1240] has been cancelled as one of the operators (Budi, YF1AR) has fallen ill. [TNX DX World]
- ZF - Martti, OH2BH will be active as ZF2BH from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 3-9 March. QSL via OH2BH, He will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest along with Joe, ZF2AH (QSL via W6VNR). [TNX OH2BH]

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ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 12th Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 16 to 22 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
Austria	OE88WAP, OE89ANT, OE90AAW
Canada	VA3WAP, VA7AAW
France	TM12WAP, TM60TAAF
Italy	II1MNA, II2ANT, II5ANT, II6ANT, IR1ANT
Poland	HF0A
Spain	AO4HAG, EG1LSP, EG5ANT, EH5ANT
Switzerland	HB9ICE
The Netherlands	PA6ANT, PF15ANT
USA	K0ANT, K4C, WK3N/AAW

Complete information on the AAW can be found at www.waponline.it.

BEST COMMUNICATION AWARD ---> Sponsored by DX Coffee (www.dxcffee.com) and

DX University, it takes into account the Public Relations side of a DXpedition, i.e. the information (daily reports, pictures, videos, forums, propagation hints, online logs, operating advice, etc) provided to the amateur radio community through the DXpedition website and other channels. The 2014 Best Communication Award went to FT5ZM (Amsterdam Island), whose website was made "to satisfy any curiosity that one could have" about the DXpedition as well as the island itself. "Special mentions" went to other five DXpeditions that have distinguished themselves for their communication through dedicated websites and/or the social media: A35V & A35X, YW5D (Isla La Tortuga), VK9MT (Mellish Reef), VK9DLX (Lord Howe) and FT4TA (Tromelin). The award presentation will take place at the DxCoffee Party on 12 April, hosted by the Florence HamFest (www.florencehamfest.com). [TNX IZ8IYX]

BOUVET 2016 ---> While still working on his one-man DXpedition project [425DXN 1235], Mark, ON4WW has published "An update and a reflection on DXpedition funding" which is worth a careful reading. It is quite long, so please have a look at it: http://www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016_pr3.html.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2015 issue of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) Newsletter is available for download: www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue (#108) recounts the VK9MT DXpedition to Mellish Reef in April 2014 that was shortened by a major cyclone: "imagine sitting on a sand coral island barely 6 feet (2 meters) above sea level that is about 600 miles (1150 Km) from terra firma with a tent flapping so loud from the wind that you can barely hear a radio communication even with earphones on your ears". [TNX K8YC]

K1N ---> Thanks to OE1WHC, the second of three scheduled exclusive interviews with Glenn Johnson, W0GJ is available on the Documentary Archives Radio Communications': www.dokufunk.org/navassa-e.

K1N will be in "full-swing" through their local Friday evening. The beams will come down on Saturday at dawn, and three outbound helicopter flights are planned for that day. This will leave three people on the island (K9CT, WB9Z and W0GJ), with three stations on the air using wire antennas. K1N will look specifically for those who need Navassa as an All Time New One: on 13 and 14 February on 15 metres SSB (22-24 UTC, for Asia and Oceania only), and on 14 February on 14240 kHz (13-24 UTC, worldwide). The operation will close down on 15 February at the break of dawn (Navassa time). Club Log's latest statistics (13 February at 00.43 UTC) show 125,071 QSOs (59.6% NA and 31.5% EU) with 32,578 unique callsigns. Updates and pictures can be found at www.navassadx.com.

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 7th South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 20-22 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found at www.grupodxbb.com.ar.

VP8 2016 ---> The Intrepid-DX Group announced their plans to activate South Sandwich and South Georgia early next year [425DXN 1238]. "The activation of these two rare islands will be very expensive. The 14 team members are contributing \$210,000 towards the \$425,000 total cost of the DXpedition. The team has a critical decision to make. We have a non-refundable deposit of \$54,000 due to pay for our vessel charter. We fully intend to go forward with our plans however we need indications from the global DX Community

that you support our plans. While we are pleased with the support of some individuals and a few clubs so far, we are now asking those of you who have not yet done so to please consider donating to our fund, or pledge a donation. We ask that the DX Clubs and Associations of the global DX community lend us their support. We must feel confident that we can successfully raise enough funds for this exciting endeavor before we can commit to the non-refundable charter deposit. You can see how to make a donation here: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/sponsors.php>. If you cannot donate at this time, but wish to make a pledge, please let us know: [intrepiddxgroup\[\]@gmail.com](mailto:intrepiddxgroup[]@gmail.com). If you wish your donation to be US tax deductible, consider making a directed donation through the Northern California DX Foundation (www.ncdxf.org). Without significant support from the global DX Community, we will not be able to go forward with our plans".
[TNX N6PSE]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9/F4HAU, 3B9FR, 4W/N1YC, 4X0W, 4X7R, 5B4AHL, 5B4ZI, 5R8M, 5T0JL, 7O2A, 8P2K, 9M8DX/2, A61E, AH2/AB2RF, BG4HJE, C21GC, CE0Y/PG5M, CE2AWW, E51HDJ, E51IXW, E6XG, EA9/DL2RVL, EA9IB, ER3MM, EU7LA, F4HAU/p (EU-068 and EU-107), FR4PV, FT5ZM, GJ8DX, GM5X, HI2DX (NA-122), HK1NA, HK7/AL4Q, HR9/WQ7R, HV0A, HV5PUL, J48TSL, J79SB, JA0JHQ/VK9N, JA8COE/8 (AS-147), JT1AA/3, JT1AA/5, KC4/K6REF, KH8Z, MW5R, OC0I, OY1CT, PJ2/DL5AXX, PJ7PK, RI0F (AS-062), S01WS, SF3HF (EU-087), SU0ERA, SV2ASP/A, T88SM, TM00 (EU-065), TO2R (AF-016), TO4R, TU5DF, UN8PY, V26M, V44KAI, VC1S (NA-126), VK9/G7VJR, VK9DLX, VK9LM, VO2CQ, VO2NS, VP2ERJ, VP2V/SP6CIK, VP8AIB/100, VP8LP/100, VR2UW, VU4CB (AS-033), VU4KV, VY0/RK0BWW/p (NA-008, NA-009 and NA-043), XR0YJ, XR2T, XW4ZW, XX9R, YB8/DL3KZA (OC-146), YB8/JA1PBV, YB8RW/p (OC-209 and OC-210), YB8XM/p (OC-070), Z21DXI, Z81X, ZB2FK, ZD7DL, ZD8O, ZS8Z.

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