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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3C - Apparently Ken, LA7GIA [425DXN 1293] is now expected to be active as 3C7GIA from Malabo, Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea on 10-20 March. QSL via LA7GIA and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.
- 8Q - Noel, F6BGC will be active again as 8Q7NC from the Maldives (AS-013) on 12-22 March. He will be QRV holiday style on 40-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F8REF]
- CT9 - Once again Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) from 10 March to 8 April. They plan to operate mostly CW with a focus on 12, 17 and 30 metres. Look for them daily after 16 UTC. QSL via home calls (bureau preferred), LoTW and eQSL. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr[@]darc.de or dl3kwf[@]darc.de respectively. [TNX DL3KWR]
- F - The TM6U operation from the Saint Marcouf Islands (EU-081), originally scheduled to take place in early May [425DXN 1291], has been postponed to 20-27 August. QSL via OB8AZ, direct or bureau. See www.eu081.be for further information. [TNX ON7PQ]
- FH - Michele, IK5ZUI will be active as FH/IK5ZUI from Mayotte (AF-027) on 4-10 March. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via IZ8CCW. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]
- FH - Before joining the Juan de Nova DXpedition (FT4JA), a couple of team members will be active from Mayotte (AF-027) on 18-24 March. Look for Patrick FH/F2DX and Jacques FH/F6BEE to operate mainly CW and RTTY on 40-6 metres with two stations. QSL via home calls. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- FO - Bob, NH6XO will be active as FO/NH6XO from Moorea (OC-046), French Polynesia on 6-11 March. He will concentrate on 40 metres SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]
- J7 - Nigel, G3TXF will be active as J79XF from Dominica (NA-101) on 10-13 March. He will operate CW only on the HF bands, with main activity during the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]
- KH0 - JR1FKR will be active holiday style as KH0/JR1FKR from Saipan (OC-086), Mariana Islands on 7-11 March. He plans to operate SSB and RTTY on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW.
- PA - Marcel, PD5MVH will be active as PD5MVH/p from Ameland Island (EU-038) on 5-19 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- PY - The PR2DX group will be active again from As Ilhas (SA-071) on 17-19 March. This will be their third "educational trip" for operators who are not familiar with pileup management. QSL via

- PY2LCD (new QSL route); OQRS on Club Log.
- V4 - Eric KB1EHE will be active holiday style as V4/KB1EHE from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 9-13 March. He will operate SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]
- V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 14 March to 12 April. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres SSB, with planned activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- VK0_hi - The VK0EK Heard Island Expedition team members are gathering in Cape Town (South Africa), where the "Braveheart" arrived on 3 March. Departure for Heard Island is scheduled for 10 March; approximate QRV dates, as published on the website, are 20 March-10 April. Bookmark www.vk0ek.org for updates, direct links to the tracker and the Freshdesk support site (established to handle "everything and anything that you might have questions or concerns with"). Almost real time logsearch will be provided by DXA: www.dxa3.org
- VP9 - Mike, G3VYI will be active as VP9/G3VYI from Bermuda (NA-005) on 11-15 March. Main activity will be during the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU); outside the contest he will operate holiday style with a focus on 160, 80 and 40 metres in the evenings. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]
- W - Taylor, KM4KFB will be active from St George Island (NA-085) on 13-18 March. QSL direct. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- YB - Special callsign YB16SUN will be in use on 9 March (00.00-23.59 UTC) for the total solar eclipse that will be visible from Indonesia. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.
- YO - Romanian inventor and aviation pioneer Trajan Vuia successfully tested his flying machine on 18 March 1906. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of that event, four special callsigns will be in use on 12-27 March: YR110FLY (operated by YO2MKL), YR110PILOT (operated by YO2DGR), YR110TV (operated by YO2KQT club station's members) and YR110VUIA (operated by YO7KAJ club station's members). QSL via operator's instructions.

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 **** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> 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 DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs 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 5 March through 23.59 UTC on the 6th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2016.html - good contest to you all!

CASS AWARD ---> Presented annually, the Cass Award honours the wisdom and

spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK) and encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within a specified interval. The 2015 Cass Award has been won by Jose Murano, LU1FM: "By working 8298 unique stations during his one-man DXpedition to San Andres as 5J0B, Jose demonstrated an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible". If you are interested in competing for - or contributing to - the 2016 Cass Award, please visit www.cassaward.com.

CR2X FAREWELL PARTY ---> Radio Aracala (OH8X) established the CR2X contest station in the Azores back in 2008. The CR2X project has taken all major European records to a level that may last for some time. The CQ WW/ARRL SOAB records were captured as the main target, further flanked by all single-band CW/SSB records in the ARRL DX contests. For one final time, the Radio Arcala group (CU2BV, CU2CE, CU2DX, OH2BH, OH2PM, OH2UA, OH6KN, OH6KZP, OH7EA and OH8NC) is getting together in the Azores for the ARRL DX SSB Contest, which will be their farewell activity. They will modify the single-op station to run in a multi-multi setting, using the latest power splitting techniques with which three bands are served simultaneously by one antenna, both receive and transmit. See qrz.com for further information. Special CR2X QSLs will be sent automatically via OH2BH. [TNX OH2BH]

ITALIAN ISLANDS AWARD ---> The new edition of the IIA Directory, compiled by Saverio Amore (IK2RLS), is now available for download on the ARI website at http://ari.it/iia_max/getfile.php?name=IIA_Directory_2016.

POSTAL RATES (UK) ---> Postal rates in the United Kingdom will change on 29 March. The new rates for standard airmail letters will be as follows:

| | Europe | Rest of the world |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| up to 10 grams | GBP 1.05 | GBP 1.05 |
| up to 20 grams | GBP 1.05 | GBP 1.33 |

"International Economy" (only for destinations outside Europe) will be 0.90 GBP up to 20 grams. A Price Finder on-line tool is provided by Royal Mail (www.royalmail.com)

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 13,544 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-14), the 61 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: www.LesNouvellesdx.fr. [TNX F6AJA].

QSL VIA UT5UGR ---> Dimitry, UT5UGR, was active from Martinique (NA-107) as FM/UT5UGR and TO7A in the ARRL DX CW Contest. see UT5UGR and TO7A on qrz.com for direct links to Club Log's logsearch and OQRS. [TNX UT5UGR]

THE GREAT NORTHERN WAY ---> "The Great Northern Way" expedition started on 29 February from Novy Urengoy, with plans to travel by All Terrain Vehicles

along a 10,000 km route as far as Uelen, the easternmost settlement in Russia. Expect activity mainly on 40 and 20 metres (14120 and 14260 kHz) as R3CA/8, R3CA/9 and R3CA/0. The operators will be Valery RA9J and Yuri UA9OBA, who will join the expedition later on. Brief activities from islands along the coasts of Taimyr, Yakutia and Chukotka are also being planned; mentioned IOTA groups include AS-005, AS-152, AS-082, AS-163, AS-029, AS-164, AS-070, AS-038 and AS-065. QSL via UA9OBA. Follow the expedition progress on www.ec-arctic.ru/forum/all/topic_1004/. [TNX qrz.ru]

VK0EK & WSPR ---> It will be possible to follow the Heard Island Expedition on the Weak Signal Propagation Reporter Network's website, www.wsprnet.org:

- click "Map" in the upper right hand corner;
- set the search parameters for "all" bands and "24 hours", and
- look for ZS/K2ARB (Cape Town), K2ARB/mm (during the voyage) and VK0EK (while on the island).

The expedition will operate a 250-milliwatt battery-powered propagation beacon that is capable of transmitting on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. The beacon will cycle through the bands during the expedition.

VK0EK NEWSLETTER ---> The tenth issue (Vol. 2, No. 3) of the the Heard Island Expedition Newsletter, published on 1 March, is the last one before the adventure starts. It contains links to the various websites for the expedition, and many other places that will help follow along as the voyage progresses: www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html.

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 ***** QSL ROUTES *****
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| 3W3B | E21EIC | ES5Q | ES5RY | R1961G | RV3LZ |
| 3Z90LKK | SP8PEF | FM1HN | W3HNC | R85PAR | RZ5D |
| 4J1926HR | 4J5A | FR4PV | F5OZK | RG61PP | RZ3LC |
| 4J90RD | 4K8M | FR5FC | EA7FTR | RK55GG | RZ3LC |
| 4K1926HR | 4K4K | FS4WBS | IZ1MHY | RL55GC | R3LA |
| 4K6FO | DC9RI | GS8VL | GM4FDM | S01A | EA2JG |
| 4L2M | EA7FTR | H2X | IZ4AMS | S01WS | EA2JG |
| 4L4ZA | DJ1CW | H44MS | DL2GAC | S9BK | HB9BEI |
| 4S7BBG | OM2FY | HB9ATMA | HB9FAX | SC90SSA | SM7HZK |
| 4S7GWG | DL2AWG | HB9ICE | HB9BHY | SJ90SSA | SM7HZK |
| 4S7RTG | DL7VEE | HC1PE | EA5IDQ | SO90LKK | SP8POP |
| 4V1TL | W3HNC | HF50KDA | SQ9CWO | SP90LKK | SP8BGA |
| 4W/N1YC | W5UE | HF60KAG | SP9KAG | SU1SK | SM5AQD |
| 4X429DS | N4GNR | HF6FIRAC | SP6IEQ | SZ3P | SV3DCX |
| 5H3JA | JA7SGV | HI3CC | W2CCW | T32CO | AC8JF |
| 5R8UI | IZ8CCW | HI3MRV | EA5GL | T32FS | AC8JF |
| 5W0KY | VK2ZKY | HI3TT | W2CCW | T32LJ | AC8JF |
| 6W1SR | F6EPY | HK1NA | K6IPM | T32MU | AC8JF |

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| 6Y1D | RN3RQ | HK1R | K6IPM | T32SB | AC8JF |
| 7P8DJ | DJ2HD | IH9A | IT9SPB | T32TR | AC8JF |
| 7P8WO | DH3WO | II1IYBJ | IK1RKN | T32TV | KE5EE |
| 8P5A | NN1N | II3BOVE | IV3CCT | T32WW | AC8JF |
| 8P9ER | OE9PTI | II5ANT | IZ5BTC | TI5/N3KS | N3YIM |
| 8Q7WK | OE1MWW | II8POLE | IK8FIQ | TI5W | N3YIM |
| 8R1/K9KX | DK9KX | II9P | IT9CHU | TI8/AA8HH | K8DV |
| 9A701AD | 9A1AD | IP2ANT | IK2QPR | TM100LGG | F4GRW |
| 9A702AA | 9A2AA | IQ5PJ | IW5AOT | TM11G | F5TLN |
| 9A70CVW | 9A6Z | IQ9UI | IT9CHU | TM13WAP | F8DHE |
| 9J2HN | JR2KDN | IR1ANT | I1HYW | TM15C | F4FZR |
| 9M4RM | 9W2MYR | IR2A | IK2JYT | TM2F | F4GTT |
| A31MM | EA5GL | IR5ANT | 9A8ARS | TM2M | F8ATS |
| A41KB | ON7LX | IR7IPY | IK7XNF | TM350XWB | F1EOY |
| AH2EG | JE6HIB | J42PIKRA | SV2DSJ | TM5OTT | F4SGU |
| AH2R | JH7QXJ | J64SLI | WB5Q | TO1A | F5HRY |
| AM1ACB | EA1VR | J79E | N2ZN | TO66R | F6HMQ |
| AO3ANT | EA3EGB | JA0RQV/6Y5 | M0OXO | TO6D | F6ITD |
| AO3MWC | EA3RKB | JD1BMT | JE4SMQ | TO7A | UT5UGR |
| AO4HAG | EA4GKV | KG4BP | K5VIP | TX7EU | DK2AMM |
| AO5MDC | EA5GTU | KG4EU | W4TVG | TY2BP | IK1IQD |
| AO5WAP | EA5DM | KG4HF | W6HGF | V26IS | OH2IS |
| AT3ANT | VU2UR | KG4PH | KK4PHP | V26M | W3HNK |
| C6ANA | N5NHJ | KG4WV | W4WV | V31TP | WC0W |
| C6ATS | M0OXO | KH7Y | EA5GL | V47JR | W2APF |
| C91IJ | LY2IJ | KP4/W2HUV | NR6M | V55BP | DO4DXA |
| C92CC | UA4CC | LT1F | AC7DX | V6A | JA7HMZ |
| C92JR | GI4FUM | LT5X | LU8XW | V73OY | AH6OY |
| CJ3T | VE3AT | LZ113RF | LZ1YE | VA7AAW | VE7IG |
| CR2X | OH2BH | LZ300MSP | LZ1KCP | VE8RST | K7ICE |
| CR3A | EA5GL | MX0YHC | 2E0SDV | VK2ANT | VK2FR |
| CR3W | DL5AXX | NP2J | K8RF | VK5CE/6 | VK5CE |
| CU2KG | OH2BH | NP2X | K5WW | VK5MAV/6 | VK5MAV |
| CW1C | CX1AA | NP3A | WD8CW | VP2MMF | K1XX |
| CW5B | CX2ABC | OA4SS | KB6J | VP2V/N2IEN | NR6M |
| CX2BR | EA5GL | OC4FZ | OA4O | VP5K | K0PC |
| CX9AU | EA5GL | OD5SK | IZ8CLM | WP2AA | WD9DZV |
| DL1516BIER | DK2HM | OE88WAP | OE3KKA | YB9/DH6ICE | DK8ZZ |
| DU3JH | AI4U | OE89ANT | OE3AIS | YB9/DK7TF | DK8ZZ |
| ED8W | EA8DO | OE90AAW | OE3SGA | YN5PL | AA1M |
| EF6T | EA3AIR | P4/VE8DX | LY5W | YN5RN | W1USN |
| EF8O | DJ1OJ | P40AUA | P43E | YN5Z | K7ZO |
| EF8R | EB7DX | P40L | WA3FRP | YT160TESLA | YU1MM |
| EG1PAA | EA1GIB | P40LE | K2LE | YU0TESLA | YU1FJK |
| EG5WAP | EA5DY | P40M | LY5W | YU160TESLA | YU1SRS |
| EG8FLL | EA8URE | PA6ANT | PA3FOE | Z21MH | IZ0EGA |
| EH5WAP | EA5FL | PG16ANT | PA0RDY | ZF1A | K6AM |
| EI0DX | G3NKC | PJ2T | W3HNK | ZF2AM | K6AM |
| EI0PL | EI5JQ | PJ4/N2BA | WA3RHW | ZM1A | ZL3CW |
| EI1Y | EI5JQ | PJ4X | W1MD | ZV1M | PY1MT |
| EI7M | EI6HB | PJ6A | N4NX | ZV451RIO | PY1AA |
| EM20UASAV | UT7UA | PJ7AA | AA9A | ZV8A | PY8WW |
| EM90WA | UR5WA | PQ7A | PS7DX | ZV8B | PY8WW |

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| EM90WD | UR5WD | PW7M | PS7HD | ZV8WAB | PU8WTJ |
| EN90US | UR7UT | PZ5W | N0AT | ZW6AJU | PP6AJM |
| EO90WE | US5WE | R12APR | R3LO | ZW7WAA | PU7LAN |
| EO90WU | UW1WU | R1934G | R3LC | ZW8T | PS8HF |

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