3B     - Jacques, F6HMJ will be active as 3B9/F6HMJ from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 11-20 January, and as 3B8/F6HMJ from Mauritius (AF-049) on 5-10 January and again from 20 January to 21 February. He will operate CW, SSB and possibly RTTY on all bands. QSL via F6HMJ. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

9L     - Stephen, G7BXU will be active as 9L1BXU from Sierra Leone from 19 December to 7 January. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

C6     - Drew, N2RFA will be active as C6ABB from Nassau (NA-001), Bahamas on 7-17 February. He plans to operate SSB on 80, 40, 20 and 17 metres, with some PSK31 and RTTY and possibly SSTV. QSL via home call. [TNX N2RFA]

CE     - XQ7UP and other operators will be active as XR2A from Punta Angeles Lighthouse in Valparaiso on 11-12 December, for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Activity on other bands is being considered. QSL via CE3BBC, direct only. [TNX DX World]

DU     - Gerard, F2JD, who is active as DU1/F2JD from Manila, will operate CW and SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres as DU2/F2JD during a business trip to the Batanes Islands (OC-093) on 14-19 December. Between around 26 December until 2 January he will be in the province of Zambales (Luzon Island, OC-042), then on 4 January he will join the DX0DX expedition to the Spralty Islands. He will return to Manila around 15 January, and on the 24th January he will fly back to Paris. QSL via F6AJA. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

E5     - Compton, VK2HRX, will be active as E51HRX from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 13-20 December. He plans to be QRV on 40, 20 and 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

TA     - The TC Special Wireless Activity Team will operate as TC2010GT from Galata Tower on 10-12 December. This will be the last special callsign celebrating Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture. QSL via TA1HZ (but, as always, all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau). [TNX TA1HZ]

TG     - Martin, DL5RMH will be active as TG9/DL5RMH from Guatemala between 16 December and 13 January. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5RMH. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3     - Markus, DJ4EL (V31ME) and Joe, DJ1JB (V31ML) will be active from three IOTA groups in Belize between 10 and 26 January. They will operate SSB on 80-10 metres from Ambergris Caye (NA-073) on 10-11 January, Caye Caulker (NA-073) on 11-14 January, Long Caye (NA-123) on 14-18 January and from Tobacco Caye (South Water Caye, NA-180) on 18-26 January. They will have two stations running 100 watts to homemade quads, a wire antenna and a vertical. QSL via home calls.

V4     - Mike, W1USN and Bob, AA1M will operate SSB, CW and PSK31 as V4/homecall from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 12-24 February. QSL via
home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX AA1M]

VQ9    - Larry, VQ9LA will depart Diego Garcia(AF-006) on 24 January. He plans to operate as much as possible up to the last day, with an emphasis on RTTY and the low bands. QSL via N0QM, direct or bureau, and LoTW. After leaving Diego Garcia, Larry will spend part of the year in the US, and part of the year in the Philippines. He plans to operate possibly as DU3/N0QM on 40-10 metres CW and RTTY ("low band operations will not be possible the first year due to small house"). Again, QSL via N0QM and LoTW. [TNX VQ9LA]

XW     - Hiroo Yonezuka, JA2EZD is active as XWPA (yes, there is no number) from Laos until 9 January. He is allowed to operate on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres only, as the licensing fee per band is very expensive. QSL direct only.

ARRL 10 METER CONTEST ---> The annual ARRL 10 Meter Contest will be held on 11-12 December. Please note that this year's event will introduce all of the 32 Mexican States as multipliers. Complete details can be found at www.arrl.org/10-meter

DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit: 3C0C (Annobon, 2010 operation), 3C9B (Equatorial Guinea, 2010 operation), 3V0A (Tunisia, 2010 operation), 3V9A (Tunisia, 2010 operation), 9Q/DK3MO (Democratic Republic of the Congo, operations commencing in 2007 to current dates), TS7TI and TS7TI/p (Tunisia, 2010 operation), TS8P and TS8P/p (Tunisia, 2010 operation), TS9A (Tunisia, 2009 operation). If you had any of these operations rejected in recent applications, send a note to dxcc[@]arrl.org to have your record updated. Due to extremely heavy e-mail DXCC may not respond to your message. Once updated, this will be reflected in your LoTW account or in the live, daily DXCC Standings on the website (www.arrl.org/dxcc).

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Saulius, LY5W offers his services to stations needing a QSL manager. He can be contacted at ly5w.sam[@]gmail.com, or write to Saulius Zalnerauskas, P.O. Box 1081, LT-49005 Kaunas, Lithuania [TNX LY5W]

QSL VIA K1IED ---> Larry is the QSL manager for KC4AAA (Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station), KC4AAC (Palmer Station on Anvers Island, AN-012) and KC4USV (McMurdo Station on Ross Island, AN-011). "I want everybody to know that I have and always have sent out any cards that I have gotten logs for", he says. "It has been very difficult to get logs from some of the stations. Some operators never even log the contacts. None of the stations have a logging program so I have to wait for paper logs which can take months or a spread sheet sent to me by the operator when he gets around to it. I have not received any logs from KC4AAA or KC4AAC since January. I did
get a short log from KC4USV in November and those cards are on the way”. [TNX islandchaser.com]

SABLE ISLAND POSTPONED --> The 6-13 December activity from Sable Island (www.cy0dxpedition.com) has been postponed. The island was hit by a storm on 5 December, and on the 7th the team (N0TG, AA4VK and WA4DAN) was informed that the beach runway on the island would not be suitable for landing for a couple of weeks at least. The group had no choice but to return home. A new approval has been granted for a third attempt at accessing Sable Island in early March 2011.

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Hamad Salmeen (9K2OZ), Rev. Fr. Donald R. Scherer (KD5OY), Rimantas "Rimas" Mikalauskas (LY4CW), William G. Cossette (N0BKL), Julius Cajka (OM3OM) and Richard T. Briggs (WA7MTF).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 3B9/I44AKS, 3C0C, 3D2GM, 4J3M, 4L8A, 4U1UN, 5J0BV, 5K0T, 5N6EAM, 5T5BV, 5V7TT, 6V7W, 7Q7BP, 7V2PI (AF-097), 9G5SG, 9H3OG, 9H3UT, 9L0W (AF-037), 9L1US, 9L7NS, 9M6DXX/p (OC-295), 9X0TL, A25SL, AA44/V7P9, AH2R, BA8AG/4, BG8FZ, BV1EJ, BW1/VR2RR, BX4AA, C56M, CE6TC, CN2RN, C08LY, CP4BT, D2SG, D4C, DU1IST, E20AS (AS-125)E51NOU, EJ185RLNI, ER32Z, EX2A, EY7AD, FM4NB, FS/N4ECW, FWD2A, GI3OQR, H74LEON, HF0POL, HP3DX, IS0E, J8/K2CM, KG4QS, KG4W, KH2/N2NL, MU/DL5SBY, OD5/LD5SN, OE8Q, PJ2/DL5RDP, PJ2/K2NV, PJ2/K8LEE, PJ2/PB2T, PJ2/WING, PJ2MI, PJ4I, PJ4LS, PJ4N, PJ5/AH6HY, PJ5/K1XM, PJ7/K4UWH, PJ7MF, PJ7UQ, RL3A, SU/H43JB, T88NA, TG9NX, TI5KS, TK5MH, TO7ZG, TS7TI (AF-091), TS7TI (AF-092), TX3A, TX5TES, TY5R, UK8OM, V25Z, V44KAI, V51AS, V63CJB, V85L, VE7KDU/7 (NA-061), VE7KDU/7 (NA-118)VK0KEV, VP2MAH, VP2MDG, VP2/V73OXX, VP6DB, VP6MW, VY0X (NA-208)WC8VQA, XR6T, XW1B, XX9TLX, YBO/WK1S, YB9/OKFL, YB9/OKL, YL2BJ, YN4SU, YP2U, ZD8ZZ, ZD9GI, ZK3OU, ZS1JA, ZS2DL.

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