5X - Nick, G3RWF will be active again as 5X1NH from Uganda from 19 February for eight weeks. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres (neither 160 nor 6 metres). QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX G3RWF]

6W - Luc, F5RAV will operate again as 6V7T from Senegal from 26 February to 7 March, including activity during the French HF Championship (SSB) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX DX World]

EA - EA3GHZ, EA5DTV, EA5EOR and EA5KA will be active as EG5CI from the Columbretes Islands (EU-069) on 7-10 April. QSL via EA5EOR, direct or bureau. The web pages for the operation can be found at www.dxciting.com

CY0 - The team (Randy/N0TG, Ron/AA4VK and Wayne/K8LEE, who has replaced WA4DAN) has set 7-15 March as the target schedule for their third attempt at operating from Sable Island [425DXN 1031]. They will travel to Halifax on 5 March to take care of final logistics details. The team has maximized their personal schedules to be as flexible as possible to adapt to any potential weather delays. Updates will be posted to www.cy0dxpedition.com [TNX N0TG]

FO - Ted, K8AQM will be active as FO/K8AQM from Moorea (OC-046), French Polynesia on 20-25 February. He will operate holiday style with 100 watts and a vertical on 20 and maybe 30 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active from Ecuador between 23 February and 12 March. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres as HC1MD from Tumbaco, Pichincha Province from 23 February to 3 March, and again on 9-12 March. On 4-8 March he will be active as HC1MD/HC4 from Canoa, Manabi Province on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via K8LJG.

FS/PJ7 - Jeff, VA3QSL will be active as FS/VA3QSL from St. Martin (NA-105) and as PJ7/VA3QSL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 23-27 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

J5 - Laci, HA0NAR [425DXN 1030] is now active as J5NAR from Guinea-Bissau until 26 February. He expects to operate as J5NAR/p from IOTA group AF-093 on 21-23 February. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/JI6 from Kuchino-shima, Tokara Islands (AS-049) on 11-20 March. He plans to operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 from two different locations on the island. Indicatively, between 23 and 6 UTC he will be QRV on 40-6 metres with an emphasis on 20, 17 and 15 metres; between 8 and 22 UTC he will add 160 and 80 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX JI3DST and JR3TVH]
J7 - Lars, SM0CCM will be active as J73CCM from Dominica (NA-101) from 21 February to 28 March. He will operate holiday style mainly CW, with some RTTY and SSB. He might also be QRV as J70SWD from the Carib Indian Territory for a few days. QSL via home call (bureau preferred) and LoTW. On 14-28 March he will be joined by Stig, SM3PHM, who will be active as J79M. He will operate mainly CW, with a focus on 160 metres. QSL via home call (bureau preferred) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX & NG3K]

J7 - Jan, DL7JAN will be active as J79AN from Dominica from 23 February to 6 March. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres (possibly on 80m as well), with a focus on Asia. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

KG4 - Look for KG4AS (QSL via N4SIA), KG4KL (QSL via KN4KL), KG4SS (QSL via K4MIL) and KG4WV (QSL via W4WV) to be active on all bands and modes from Guantanamo Bay from 22 February to 8 March. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - Look for Ezequiel, LU1EEZ/D and Mark, LU7CAW/D to be active on 80-10 metres SSB from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 23-28 February. QSL LU1EEZ direct and LU7CAW through the bureau. [TNX DX World]

PJ4 - Bert, CX3AN will be visiting Peter, PJ4NX on Bonaire (SA-006) from 20 February to 1 March. He will operate in his spare time with a callsign to be announced upon arrival. QSL via home call. [TNX CX3AN]

PJ7 - Look for Bil, PJ7/W8EB to be active from Sint Maarten from 21 February through 19 March. He will operate holiday style mainly digital modes, and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as PJ7B. QSL via W8EB. [TNX CG3K]

PJ7 - Jan/DJ8NK, Paul/F6EXV, Kan/JA1BK and Rich/K2WR will be active from Sint Maarten between 26 October and 9 November, including a Multi-2 entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres, with two stations and possibly a third one during peak periods. Their primary callsign will be PJ7X (QSL via F6EXV); other callsigns will be PJ7NK (to be used on digital modes, QSL via DJ8NK) and PJ7J (to be used on 80 metres, QSL via JA1BK). All logs will be uploaded to LoTW a few months after completion of the operation. The website for the operation can be found at www.pj7-2011.org [TNX F6EXV]

PY - A group of seven operators from the Cantareira DX Group will be active as PR2M from Ilha da Moela (SA-071) for the South American Lighthouses Weekend on 25-27 February. QSL via PY2DEZ, direct or bureau. [TNX PY2ZA]

PY - Orlando, PT2OP will be active as ZW8SM from Sao Marcos lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-191) on Sao Luis Island (SA-016) on 25-27 February, and as ZY8P from Preguicas lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-089) between 28 February and 5 March. Expect him to operate SSB on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via PT2OP. [TNX VA3RJ]

SV9 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active again as SV9/DJ7RJ from Crete between 24 February and 15 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

V5 - Klaus, DJ4SO will be active as V5/DJ4SO from Namibia between 22 February and 23 March. He will operate on 160-10 metres mostly CW
and RTTY/PSK31, with some possible SSB. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to klaus[@]dj4so.de [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VE - Jay, VY1JA will be active again as VY0JA from CFS Alert on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) for about five weeks starting on 26 February. He will operate mainly CW and digital modes running low power into wire antennas. QSL via N3SL (Japanese stations can go via JA3JM).

VK - Craig, VK4LDX will be active as VK4LDX/p from Horn Island (OC-138) on 10-14 March. He will operate SSB, PSK31 and RTTY on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. "I'll be on the bands as much as possible, probably 18 hours per day", he says. He also plans to update his blog (http://vk4ldxoc138.blogspot.com/) on a daily basis while on the island, "to let people know what the band openings are likely to be and where to find me". QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

VP9 - Mark, AA1AC will be active as VP9/AA1AC from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005) on 7-12 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX AA1AC]

W - Members of the Palos Verdes ARC will operate as K6PV from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066) on 24-27 February. It will be "a dedicated but simple operation" with two stations using mainly dipoles. QSL via K6PV. [TNX rsqbiota.org]

XU - Nob, JA1FMZ will be active as XU7FMZ from Cambodia on 2-28 March. He will operate holiday style on 20-10 metres SSB, with SOS entries in both the ARRL DX SSB and CQ WW WPX SSB contests. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

YB - Joni, YB9WZJ plans to take part in the IOTA Contest (30-31 July) as YB9WZJ/p from Doom Island (OC-239). QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the eighth Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 21 to 27 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Several special event callsigns from around the world are expected to take part in this year's AAW. Participating stations (QSL via operator's instructions) are announced from the following countries:

Bulgaria        LZ08ANT
Canada          VA3WAP, VA7AAW, VB3ANT
England         GB0ANT
France          TM0WAP, TM8AAW
Germany         DA0ANT
India           AU8ANT

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Italy   II0AAW, II2ANT, II3ANT, II3MNA, II5ANT, II8AAW, IO2ANT, IO5ANT, IP1MTEEO, IP1NAVY, IP2ANT, IP3ANT, IP8AAW, IROAW, IR1ANT, IR2IR, IU1ANT
Lithuania  LY100SP
Romania   YO8ANT, YQ2ANT
Slovenia  S50ANT
Spain    AO1AAW, EG1WAP
Switzerland  HB9ICE
Ukraine  EM15U
USA     K4K, K0ANT, N5T

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

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC countries as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (full rules can be found at complete rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 19 February through 23.59 UTC on the 20th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2011.html - good contest to you all!

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The third South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 25-27 February. A listing of participating stations can be found at www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros2011/index.htm [TNX LU7DSY]

QSL ZP6CW ---> Dough, ZP6CW says he has sent out over 18,000 QSLs via the bureau for each QSO in 2010 and 2011. Logs also uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. Direct QSLs go via ZP6CU.

SOUTHERN SUDAN 2011 ---> On 9-15 January Southern Sudan held a referendum to decide whether to continue to be part of the Republic of Sudan or chose independence as a separate nation. The poll was agreed as part of a 2005 peace agreement to end two decades of war, and the results show an overwhelming vote for secession. The new country is set to formally declare its independence on 9 July. When Southern Sudan meets the current DXCC criteria, it will be a new Entity and two announcements of DXpeditions have already been made.

* First Bernie, W3UR reported that "a working group has been established to enable Amateur Radio to enter the scene with a professional, supportive role in the context of introducing the new country to the world of Amateur Radio. It should be noted that this potential new country is emerging with a limited administrative structure, and the first Amateur Radio activation should - prior to the operation - be accompanied with a well-thought-out plan prepared in partnership with Southern Sudan's relevant authorities, such as telecommunications, security and education. The group of Alex 5Z4DZ (PA3DZN), Robert S53R and Martti OH2BH has organized such an effort in discussions with Southern Sudan's institutions and other related parties in the region. The group will also be holding discussions about the provision of potential help to Southern Sudan's prospective Amateur Radio Service with several entities, such as NCDXF, in addition to obtaining resources from Japan.

Updates will be released from time to time between now and July, and it is
predicted that prospects for a new DXCC counter are some months away with preparations well underway.

* Then Paul, N6PSE announced that the Intrepid-DX Group and the DX Friends are planning a joint operation "to take place on or after July 9th 2011". This is intended to be "a major effort, with a target of more than 150,000 QSOs. There will be up to ten stations on the air, using amplifiers along with high performance beams and vertical dipole arrays, 24 hours a day, for almost three weeks". While continuing "to move forward in our planning with representatives of the new Southern Sudan Government and the ITU/IARU", they "are not seeking donations or support until we have an official operating permit/license in hand". The website for the DXpedition is at www.dxfriends.com/SouthernSudan2011/

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3B8FQ, 3C0C, 3D2A, 4L0A, 4S7AB, 4Z5LA, 5B4AIF, 5B50AIF, 5B8AD, 5C5W, 5R8RJ, 5R8WW, 5R8X, 5T0JL, 5V7TT, 5W0BR, 5W0JT, 5X0CW, 5X1NH, 5Z4/G4OHX, 6V7T, 6V7Z, 7P8OK, 8Q7FF, 9H3UM, 9K2HN, 9K2YM, 9L1BTB, 9L7NS, 9Y4VU, A25SL, A25ZY, A31A, A35AY, A45XR, A73A, B7P, BT4EXPO, C50C, C56E, C5A, C6AKQ, C6ANM, C91DL, C91JR, CE0Y/DK7ZB, CE1/K7CA, CE3FZ, CN8KD, CO8LY, CO8ZZ, CR2X, CR8X, CX5CW, CYO/VE1AWW, D44AC, D44TBV, DT8A, E4X, EK3SA, ER3Z, ER4ER, FG8AR, FO5 QB, FO5RH, FR/DJ7RJ, FR5BT, FR5DZ, FS/K9NB, GP0DTH, GW7X, HH2/OH2TA, HI3K, HI3TEJ, HK0GU, HK0GU/1, HK1R, HK1X, IM0/OL5Y, J5V, J68JA, JA1PBV/6W, JA1XGI/VK9X, JD1BMH, JT1JA, K3TRM/6Y5, KC4AAA, KC4USV, KG4WN, KL7RA, KL7RRC/P (SA-233), KL7RRC/P (SA-235), LQ0D (SA-021), LU7DSY/W (SA-065), LY3M, MJ/PA3EWP, MU/F5CWU, N9BX/4 (NA-052), OA4TT, OD5ET, OD5KU, OD5NH, OD5NJ, OH0B, OH0X, OJ0B, OY1CT, PJ2/K2NV, PJ2/K8LEE, PJ2/K8ND, PJ2/N2MF, PJ2T, PJ4/W9NJP, PJ4B, PJ4W, PJ4X, PJ5/AH6HY, PJ6/W6IZT, PJ6A, PJ7/KIGI, PJ7/KOVKN, PJ7E, PX8J, PX8L, PZ5T, RI1FJ, S21YX, S79GB, T6LR, T70A, T80W, T8CW, TF3SG, TG9NX, TI5/KU0DM, TI5N, TI9KK, TL0A, UAOYAY, UK8AR, UK8OM, V47KP, V51AS, V73QQ, V73RRC (OC-278), V73TM, V8AQ, VK5AUL (OC-139), VK9XA, VK9XY, VP2E/K1XM, VP2EMR, VP3/DL7VOG, VP4/V3DXX, VP4/WAZVY, VP8LP, VY22M, WP4N, XF1RCS (NA-171), XRYO, XU7MDY, XV2RZ, XV4SP, XV9DT, XX9TLX, YB0AKM, YB2IQ, YK1BA, YN4SU, ZB3B, ZB3R, ZD9AH, ZD9GI, ZD9T, ZL7VR, ZP5RPO, ZS8M.

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