9H - DL8KX and DD8ZJ will be active as 9H3KX from Malta (EU-023) on 8-14 October. They will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via DL8KX.

9H - Eight German operators (namely DG0OHD, DK8YY, DL1AOB, DL1AWD, DL4JS, DL5AOL, DL8ALU and DO5KO) will be active as 9H9OB from Malta (EU-023) on 14-22 October, WAG Contest included. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands, plus SSB and CW on 2m. QSL via DH7WW, direct or bureau. [TNX DH7WW]

9L - Jan DJ8NK, Heye DJ9RR, Karl-Heinz DK2WV, Andy DL5CW and Andreas DL9USA will be active as 9L0W from Banana Island (AF-037), Sierra Leone from 22 November to 4 December. They will operate CW, RTTY/PSK and SSB on 160-10 metres with four stations, and will take part in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL via DK2WV. Further information can be found at www.mdxc.org/9l0w/

A7 - Six operators from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club, in cooperation with the Qatar Amateur Radio Society, will be active again as A71DLH from Qatar on 22-29 October. Operations are planned on all bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DL0LH and logsearch at www.dl0lh.de

D4 - Seven operators (namely I4UFH, IK1HJS, IK2NCJ, IT9SPB, IZ4DPV, IZ4UEZ, IZ8FWN) will be active from the D4C contest station on Sao Vicente Island (AF-086, www.d4c.cc) between 10 and 30 October, including a multi-op entry in the CQ WW SSB Contest. QSL via IZ4DPV (direct) or CT1ESV (bureau), plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]

D4 - Achim, DL1DAW will be active as D44TZN from Sal Island (AF-086) on 12-18 October. He plans to operate holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY, and to take part in the WAG Contest (15-16 October). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau and LoTW. Direct cards via DL1DAW.

I - Scout station II5BP will be active during the 54th Jamboree On The Air (15-16 October). QSL via IW5EGT (but all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau). [TNX IW5EGT]

LA - Bjorn, LA5UKA and Trond, LA9VDA will be active as LA6Q from Spjaeroy Island (EU-061) until 9 October. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres and 6m MS. QSL via LA9VDA, direct or bureau (email requests for bureau cards can be sent to la9vda[@]gmail.com). [TNX LA9VDA]

VK9_c - Lot, DJ7ZG and Babs, DL7AFS (www.qsl.net/dl7afs/) will be active as VK9CX from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) from 19 October to 9 November. They plan to operate RTTY, PSK and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via DL7AFS.

W - Look for Jim, KA3UNQ/p to be active from Middle Hooper Island (NA-140) on 8 October. He will operate SSB on 40 and 20 metres starting around 13 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX usislands.org]
Weather permitting, Dragan K0AP, Hector AD6D (XE2K) and Mike AB5EB will be active from Grand Island (NA-089) on 14-16 October. They plan to be QRV as K0AP/5, AD6D/5 and AB5EB/5 on 40-10 metres CW and SSB with two stations. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

Mio, JR3MVF and Chae, HL1KDW will be active as XV2YL and XV2KDW respectively from Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam until 12 October. Most of their operation will be on 20 and 15 metres. [TNX QRZ-DX]

Gerard, ZS7KX (home call ZS6KX) will be stationed at the SANAE IV Base (Queen Maud Land, Antarctica) until mid-February 2012. "I am operational on 20 meters, frequency 14.175 MHz at about 14 UTC, weather permitting", he says.

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3D2R ---> It went QRT from Rotuma earlier than originally planned, at 11 UTC on 5 October. The team expected to depart the island at 12 UTC, and to reach Suva (Fiji) on the 8th. The final log update will be uploaded upon arrival in Suva. The 3D2R log search can be found at www.qslnet.de/member/yt3w/yt1ad/logsearch.php.

CQ DX MARATHON ---> CQ Magazine has announced "a significant expansion in the number of DX Marathon plaques to be awarded each year". Presently there are only two plaques (for the top Unlimited Class and for the top Formula Class scores); starting with the announcement of the 2011 Marathon results (June 2012), additional plaques will be awarded for the top CW, top SSB, top Single Band (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40, 80) and top Continental scores. An additional sponsor for top Digital Mode score is desired. Please contact the DX Marathon Administrator, K9EL (k9el[@]dxmarathon.com) if you wish to sponsor this plaque. Details on the new plaques and qualifying scores can be found on DX Marathon website (www.dxmarathon.com).

MALPELO 2012 ---> The Malpelo 2012 DXpedition's team now consists of 18 operators representing eight countries. Two members of the team will travel to Malpelo for a reconnaissance visit in late October. The purpose is to check out possible operating sites and make final decisions on the type and placement of antennas, as they want to try to have antennas oriented for all parts of the DX world.

Every effort is being made to extend the length of time available for operating. It appears that they can get to the island one day earlier and may have the option of staying a few extra days. The current plan has the team QRV on or about 23 January for 12-14 days. Operations are planned on 160 through 6 metres on CW, SSB and one digital mode. N2OO and the SJDXA will handle QSL duties.

The Malpelo team is paying all their transportation expenses to/from Colombia and putting up about one-half of all the DXpedition costs. To cover the remainder of our expenses, contributions are being sought from DX Foundations, DX Clubs and individual DXers. You may contribute directly to DXARC (Colombia), K4UEE (North America), DJ9ZB (Europe) or JA1ELY.
ROCKALL ---> Patrick, ON4HIL and Rudi, ON7YT were active on 40m as MM0RAI/p from Rockall (EU-189) from 15.45 UTC on 1 October until 06.52 UTC on the 2nd. The logsearch is now up and running at www.rockall.be

SAC SSB ---> The Scandinavian Activity SSB Contest will be held on 8-9 October, from 12 to 12 UTC. Radio Arcala has set up a special DX Summit sub-page (www.dxsummit.fi/sac) so you can follow the Nordic country-to-country battle and also find exclusively individual Nordic spots. [TNX OH2BN]

T32C ---> The DXpedition to Christmas Island has passed the 60,000 QSO milestone (57% CW, 40% SSB and 3% RTTY, but the team is "making an effort to increase the RTTY percentage"). This "has turned out to be something of an unplanned Field Day style operation", G3XTT reported on 5 October, "and we now have no expectations of our container of equipment arriving while we are here on Christmas Island. Instead, the team hand carried just over one metric tonne of equipment (poles, cables, radio gear, computers, etc) to the island". Antenna-wise, they have "two-element vertical dipole arrays by the sea for 20 through 10, quarter-wave verticals with elevated radials for 30 and 40, a quarter wave vertical with ground radials for 80 and a 15m high T antenna with ground radials for 160. We also have two Beverage receive antennas for 160 and now have additional vertical dipoles for 10, 15 and 20 to allow us to retask the low band stations as second stations on those bands when LF is closed. We are continually refining our antenna systems within the limits of the wire, poles and coax that we have here, though the second tranche of operators who arrive in a week's time will bring more". The current continental percentages are 54% NA, 24% AS, 17% EU, 5% others: "we have pretty much been working all comers to clear the decks so that we can begin to focus more on Europe where band openings are much more limited than to the US and Japan". The latest press release, as well as the logsearch and a feedback facility, can be found on the T32C website (www.t32c.com).

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi I2EOW (i2eow[@]fastwebnet.it).
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