5X      - Nick, G3RWF will be active again as 5X1NH from Uganda for three weeks starting on 23 November. Usually he operates CW and digital modes, with some SSB. This time he hopes to "make a dent in the low bands". QSL via home call and LoTW.

6V      - Jeff, N1SNB will be active as 6V7V from Senegal on 23-29 November, CQ WW CW Contest included. Outside the contest he will focus on 160-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via N1SNB. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

E5      - Bill, N7OU is now active as E51MAN from Manihiki, North Cook Islands. Because of the delay in Rarotonga, Bill has moved up his departure date from Manihiki to 6 December. QSL via home call (remember: all QSOs with E51NOU are South Cooks, and all QSOs with E51MAN are North Cooks).

FO_ci   - Bob/KK6EK, John/N7CQQ and others will be active as TX5Q with two stations from Clipperton Island for approximately one week in March 2012 (tentative QRV dates are 10-15 March). This will be a "multi-disciplinary expedition", and the team "will also deploy and use the innovative satellite-internet system (DXA) for real-time display of the expedition activities". They are looking for a doctor/DXpeditioner to act as informal medic for the trip (contact robert[@]schmieder.com if interested). Details about the DXpedition can be found at www.cordell.org/CI/ [NX N1DG]

FK      - Sam, FK8DD will operate as TX8NC from Lifou Island (OC-033) during the CQWW CW Contest. He plans to be active on 27 November from 00 to 22 UTC. QSL via LZ1JZ. [TNX LZ1JZ]

GM      - Special event callsign GB2PG will be in use from 18 November to 15 December to commemorate the 90th anniversary of first short wave transatlantic amateur radio transmission sent from the US (by Minton Cronkhite, 1BCG) and received in to Scotland (by Paul Godley, 2ZE). QSL via GMODEQ. [TNX VA3RJ]

GM      - The Stirling & District Amateur Radio Society will operate special event callsign GB0SA on 26-27 November to celebrate St Andrew's Day. Activity will take place from the National Wallace Monument in the City of Stirling. QSL via GM4UYE. [TNX DX World]

I_ant   - Massimo, IWOHEU is active as IIOMZ from the Mario Zucchelli Station at Terra Nova Bay, Antarctica (AN-016) until February 2012. He operates SSB only mainly on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via IWOEFA, bureau preferred.

J6      - W0MU, N1NK and G0DVJ will be active as J6/homecall from St. Lucia (NA-108) from 21 November to 1 December. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as J6M (QSL via N1NK and LoTW); before and after the contest they will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-6 metres.

JD1_oga- Yoshi, JG4IQC will be active as JG4IQC/JD1 from Ogasawara on 23-25 November. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres CW in his spare time. QSL
KH6 - Dave, WJ2O will be active as KH6/WJ2O from Hawaii on 22-30 November, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. Outside the contest, he will concentrate on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via WJ20. [TNX NG3K]

PJ7 - Masa, K1GI (JN3NFQ) will be active as PJ7I from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 24-28 November. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres with 500 watts. QSL via JG2BR1.

SV - Special event station SX100A will be active on 2-4 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Greek warship "Georgios Averof". The operation will take place from the ship's radio room. QSL via bureau. [TNX SVI1HER]

T8 - Arkady, UA4CC will be active as T8CC or T88UU from Palau on 7-16 December. He plans to operate holiday style on 160-10 metres (and maybe 6m as well) CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via UA4CC, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX UA4CC]

TL - TL8ES is the callsign issued to Elvira, IV3FSG, who has been in M'Baiki, Central African Republic for some time now. She plans to operate SSB, RTTY and PSK in her spare time. QSL via IK3GES. [TNX IV3FSG]

TN - TN9SN is the new callsign issued to Nicolas Sinieokoff, ex-TN5SN, by the new licensing authority in the Republic of Congo. He plans to have it renewed for 2012, as he will be there until July. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP2E - Pete, VE3IKV will be active from Anguilla (NA-022) between 25 November and 3 December. He plans to operate as VP2EAT on 40-10 metres during the CQ WW DX CW Contest, and on 17, 12, 10 and 6 metres afterwards. QSL via VE3IKV (direct). [TNX NG3K]

VP2V - Art, N3DXX will be active as VP2V/N3DXX from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 23-30 November, including an entry in the CQ WW CW Contest. Outside the contest he plans to focus on 160 metres. QSL via AA7V, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 18-23 November. He operates CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsbiota.org]

XE - Manuel, XE2HUQ will be active as XP1M from Santa Margarita Island (NA-078) from 29 November to 3 December. He will operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via XE2HUQ.

XZ - "After one year of discrete discussions with senior officials within the Myanmar Ministry of Post & Telecommunications, and the Ministry of Tourism, I have received an invitation to visit Myanmar, and to operate a PSK31 'micro' DXpedition for about 4 days from the historic city of Bagan", Simon HS0ZIB says. "It is possible that the date for my visit will be very soon". This "initial operation would be on 20 metres only, using about 50 watts output power into a PAR wire antenna", and Simon hopes it "will be the first of many micro DXpeditions by me to Myanmar". [TNX DX World]
E35X ---> "It has come to my attention that rumors are going that I am planning an expedition to Eritrea using the call sign E35X", Erling LA6VM says. "These rumors have no basis in any real situation".
E35X was the callsign used by LA6VM (along with LA1EE, LA7XK, LA9DL and JF1IST) back in June 1993, soon after Eritrea declared its independence and gained international recognition.

ID9DXC ---> This is the callsign the DXCoffee IOTA team will use from various islands in the Eolie group (EU-017) in 2011 and 2012. The first activity was expected to take place on 18 November from Panarea Island. QSL via IT9YVO, direct or bureau. Information at www.dxcoffee.com/id9dxc/

RADIO ARCALA & CQWW CW CONTEST ---> Radio Arcala (www.radioarcala.com) will deploy five six stations in this year's event: 9H9BH from Malta (operated by OH2BH), CR2X from the Azores (operated by OH2UA), OHOX from the Aland Islands (operated by OH2TA), OH2BH from Southern Finland (operated by OH2IW), OH8X from Northern Finland (operated by ES2RR) and TC2X from Asiatic Turkey (operated by OH2PM). [TNX OH2BN]

VQ9JC ---> Jim, ND9M is back at Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands and expects to be QRV at least until 1 March 2012. The local licensing office renewed his regular license (VQ9JC) for two years and also issued another short-term special prefix callsign (VQ91JC) for him to use from 19 November through 4 December. This will include a SOAB Low Power entry in the CQ WW CW Contest.
His usual QRV hours are 12.00-16.30 UTC on most days. He operates from the club station, where the current situation is far from being optimal. "Visitors over the last few months disconnected a number of coax and other cables without labeling them first", he says, "so I'm doing a lot of cable tracing (and labeling)!" Much of the cabling work that VQ9LA did over the years has been removed for no apparent reason.
The finals in both amps (Alpha 99 and AL80B) have failed, so I'll be running barefoot for the foreseeable future. The amps are owned by the Navy, but the Navy hasn't provided any equipment repair support for several years, and I'll have to buy the replacement finals out of pocket, but that won't happen for several months.
Also, the log periodic (10-30 MHz) works well, but the rotator binds around 020 degrees when turning clockwise (from north towards east). There's an apparent issue with strain on the coax caused by turning the rotator and maybe even the connection at the top of the 30-meter tower; the SWR skyrocket when the rotator is turned beyond 020 degrees as it moves to the east.
For now, the antenna will be left facing northwest rather than risk causing permanent damage until I can get up there. This heading favors the path to Europe and the Americas, but obviously hurts the paths to JA and VK/ZL to the east as well as Long Path to NA to the south, but it can't be helped at this point.
The single remaining HF rig is an IC-760 which has a lot of years and miles
on it, but its performance is still adequate. (There's an FT-920 that's barely good enough for QRP on a couple bands.) I brought an FT-857 from home which I'm using to work the LEO satellites. It will also serve as a back up for HF should the 760 come into hard times.

I'll be putting up a 5-element 6M beam. That antenna won't be on the tower, but should still be high enough to take advantage of the openings that have finally started appearing. I'll use the FT-857 for working 6M as well as the satellites.

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