3B9 - Erich, OE4AAC will be active as 3B9/OE4AAC from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 14-21 February. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

6W - Francis, F6BLP will be active again as 6W7SK from Senegal from 20 January to 3 February. He plans to focus on the low bands CW. QSL via F6BLP. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

8P - Mike, WIUSN (8P9CI, QSL via home call and LoTW) and Bob, AA1M (8P9CK, QSL via home call) will be active from Barbados (NA-021) from 23 February to 8 March. They plan to operate SSB, CW and PSK31. [TNX AA1M]

9N - Toshi, JA8BMK will be active as 9N7FOX from Nepal from 29 February to 9 March. He will operate holiday style on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JA8UWT, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

9Q - Sergiy, UV5EVJ will be stationed in the province of Katanga with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo between 12 January and 9 May. He plans to be QRV (callsign TBA) on 80-10 metres CW and SSB in his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX UV5EVJ]

CE - Luis, CX1EK will be active again as CE2/CX1EK between January and April. He operates mainly CW on 12 and 17 metres. QSL direct to Luis Matho, 2303 Nordok Place, Alexandria VA 22306, USA. [TNX CX1EK]

DL - Special event station DL150BH is active on all bands and modes until 31 December to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the city of Bad Honnef. QSL via bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

DL - Enrico, DL2VFR and others will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 as DM50IOTA from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 16-18 March. QSL via DL2VFR, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

DU - Special event callsign 4G0LD will be in use throughout 2012 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Philippine Amateur Radio League (PARL). QSL via bureau. Information on the relevant award will be available on www.dx1l.dxhams.net [TNX DU1EV]

E5 - DJ8NK, DJ9HX, DJ9KH, DK9RX, DL6JGN, PA3EWP and SP3DOI will be active as E51M from Manihiki Atoll (OC-014), North Cook Islands from 28 March to 10 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with five stations. QSL via DJ8NK, direct or bureau (plus LoTW "in due time"). Further information, including an OQRS for direct/bureau cards, can be found at www.manihiki2012.de [TNX DJ8NK]

F - Euro coins and banknotes became legal tender in the Eurozone on 1 January 2002. The Radioclub de Tulle will be active as TM10E on 7-21 January to celebrate that 10th anniversary. QSL via F5KTU. [TNX F5RBB]

G - Special callsign GB80PW has been issued to celebrate the 80th year
in print of Practical Wireless magazine. It will be used from the editor's (Rob Mannion, G3XFD) home station once a month throughout 2012, on the PW publication day - the 2nd Thursday of the month. Expect main activity on 40 metres SSB and PSK31. QSL direct to G3XFD. [TNX Southgate ARC]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ will be back to Minami Torishima (OC-073) on 16 January, and will remain there for three months. In his spare time he will operate mainly CW with some SSB as JG8NQJ/JD1, running 50 watts "in order not to interfere with the weather station equipment". QSL via JG8NQJ (bureau) or direct to JA8CJY. [TNX The Daily DX]

KL - The KL7RRC expedition to IOTA group NA-240 [425DXN 1070] has been cancelled owing to bad weather conditions. The forecast looks even worse, so Yuri (N3QQ) and Tim (NL8F) are returning home. The equipment has been left with KYUK, the local radio and TV station in Bethel.

PJ4 - Announced frequencies for the 12-23 January PJ4C expedition to Bonaire [425DXN 1063] are:

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The equipment (600 kg) was shipped on 12 December, and the large team of operators will be able to use up to seven stations (six on the HF bands and one on 6 metres: look for PJ4C/B on 50104 kHz). QSL via F9IE, direct or bureau, and LoTW. PJ4C will use the OQRS provided by ClubLog. Bookmark www.pj4c.com for further information and updates. [TNX F5NQL]

T32 - The website for the 17 January-2 February activity from Kiritimati/Christmas Island [425DXN 1073] is now up and running at www.t32kiritimati2012.com. Look for T32AU, T32CO, T32LJ, T32TR, T32TX, T32WW and T32WW to be QRV on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. [TNX KG8CO]

TN - Six operators (namely ON4BR, ON4FG, ON4HIL, ON4IA, ON6CC and PA3EWP) will be active as TN2T from Congo from 22-31 January. The will have three stations active on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY, with a focus on 160 and 80m. Further information can be found at www.tn2t.be. QSL via M0URX, preferably via the OQRS facility on his website (http://m0urx.com/oqrs) for either direct and bureau requests. The log will be uploaded to LoTW "at the earliest opportunity".

V3 - Jeff, K0UU will be active as V31SG from St George's Island (NA-073), Belize on 11-20 February. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL
via home call (direct) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

W - Look for Wade, AA8LL/4 and Roger, K0RMK/4 to be active from Cedar Keys (NA-076) on 10-16 January. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

XU - JA3BZO (XU7AEN), JA3ARJ (XU7ARJ), JA3AVO (XU7AVO), JA1CJA (XU7CJA), JA3HJI (XU7HJI) and JA3UJR (XU7UJR) expect to be active from Sihanoukville, Cambodia between 14 and 22 January. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres.

YS - Luca, IW2CXJ will be active as YS3/IW2CXJ from El Salvador on 11-24 January. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres all modes. QSL via home call, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX Coffee]

ZL7 - Dave, VO1AU will operate CW and SSB as ZL7/VO1AU from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 8-13 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest on 10-11 March. QSL via VO1MX. [TNX NG3K]

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2011 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

A35A ---> Paul Kidd, A35A (A35RK) went QRT on 30 December and will leave Tonga on 16 January with "no definite return date". He will be living California and will be QRV as KK6H starting in February. QSL via LoTW or W7TSQ. [TNX The Daily DX]

DAYTON CONTEST DINNER ---> The 20th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner will be held on 19 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets are only available on http://contestdinner.com

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2011 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2011/; the collection of 130 clips covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 14 full years of sound clips available.

PILEUP! ---> The latest issue of Contest Club Finland's newsletter, "PileUP!", is now available at http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html. "It is in English for the most part and includes fresh air from the Far North", Martti OH2BH says, and it is quite worth a look.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fourteen different galleries include nearly 9700 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-10), the 60 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Magreb from 1947 to 1962, D5 and DL5 stations from 1945 to 1962, Antarctic bases & 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. Several cards are still needed and your participation is encouraged - please visit www.LesNouvellesdx.fr and send your comments to lesnouvellesdx[@]free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

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).

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS ---> In 2008 The Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) established the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be awarded "to individuals who through their service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper". The latest recipients, announced on 2 January, are Roger Balister (G3KMA) and Martin Atherton (G3ZAY), for their many years of dedicated service to the Islands on the Air (IOTA) awards programme.

The YASME Board of Directors also announced supporting grants to The DX Summit, HS0AC (Radio Society of Thailand's Headquarters Club Station), ClubLog, NCDXF Beacon Project and N4MC's VanityHQ callsign database project. [TNX W6SZN]

+ SILENT KEYS + Ken Duggan (MM0RZZ), "a keen CW DXer and a elmer" says MM0LGBK, suddenly passed away on 17 December. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Ronald P. Marra (AA5DX), Rui Xisto (CT1QK), Jacobus "Koos" J Berrevoets (KK3S), Marila de Aguiar Magalhaes (PY4AKL), Gilbert Frank Montgomery (W5JWM), Bill Schuchman (W7YS) and Vasile Ciobanita (Y03APG), for twenty years General Secretary of the Romanian Amateur Radio Federation.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 3B8CF, 3B8MM, 3D2R, 3DA0GF, 3XY1D, 44A4, 4L0A, 4S7AB, 4U1ITU, 4W6A, 5B4AHL, 5N6/YL2SW, 5R8IC, 5T0JL, 5U7JB, 5W00J, 5X1GS, 5X1NH, 600M, 6W/HA0NAR, 6W2SC, 7Q7GM, 7X2ARA, 7Z1AA (AS-191), 8P3A, 9H9OB, 9K2GS, 9N7DX, 9Q500N, 9Y4VU, A25HQ, A52AV, A52DL, A61Q, A71A, A71EM, A73A, A92GR, AH0BT, B3C, B4S, BA4DW/7 (AS-139), BD4CQ, BD4QH, BP100, BY1RX/4, C21UF, C6ANM, C91JR, C91R, CEOY/LA5UF, CN2IPA, CP4BT, CP4DR, D2QV, DU1IST, DV1UD, E511WC, EA9PY, EI6S, EK6LP, EK6TA, EL2A, EL2DT, ES1TU, ES5QD, ET3BN, F/DJ2VO (EU-070), FO/F6CTL, FP/W6HGF, FR/DJ7RJ, FR1LB, GW9T, H74LEON, H77REX, H7A, HC2/SM6FKF, HK4CZE, HP1WW, HR9/A15P, HVOA, HZ1FS, HZ1MD/p (AS-193), IG9/I00UIM, J39BS, J48HW, J5NAR, J5NAR/p (AF-093), J5UAP, JF6YME/6 (AS-023), JT5DX, K5D, KF6ZWD/HC2, KHO0, LX/PX3EWP, LX1DA, LX85RTTY, OA1F, OD5NJ, OH9AA (EU-126), OJ0X, OK1WS, OK3XR, OY1CT, P29CW, PJ2/DL1THM, PJ2/DM3HZN, PJ2/K2PLF, PJ2/K2TQC, PJ2/K8LEE, PJ2T, PJ4/JH5GHM, PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4J, PJ7/DB4BJ, PQ8XB, PY6/PY1JR, RA2PF, RI1ANC, RI1FJA, STOR, SU/HA3JB, SV5BYR, SX8R, SY7R, SY7STAR, S27SER, TA1CQ, TA1FA, TF3IG, TF8GX, TJ3AY, TK5MH, TM0INT (EU-156), TM2BI (EU-048), UA2F, V51GB, V55A, V63T, V6B, V85TL, VK0TH, VK4LDX/p (OC-172), VK7Z (OC-233), VK9CM, VK9CX, VP5/W5CW, W6HGF/KH0, XE3MAYA, XR02A, XU7SBB, XV2RZ, XV4Y, YB1ALL, YL2GP, Z21DXI, ZB2FK, ZB2LGT, ZB3R, ZD7BG, ZD7VC, ZD8F, ZF2AH, ZK2V, ZS8M.
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