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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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9M0 - Plans for the expedition to Layang Layang, Spratly Islands [425DXN 1063] are developing. A large team of operators from Malaysia, Japan and England, divided up into three groups, is expected to be active as 9M0L indicatively between 5 and 17 April. A website is under construction at http://9m0l.legendchew.com/

9M2 - Taking part in the Chinese New Year Cultural and Heritage Celebration, special event callsign 9M4CNY will be active on 29 January from Penang Island (AS-015), West Malaysia. Expect operations on 40 and 20 metres SSB, from 7 to 16 UTC. QSL direct to the qrz.com address.

A3 - Sigi, DL7DF and other nine experienced operators (namely DK1BT, DK7LX, DL4WK, DL5CW, DL7KL, DL7UFN, DL7UFR, SP3CYY and SP3DOI) will be active as A35YZ from Tonga on 7-24 March. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV on 160-6 metres with several stations (one of them dedicated to digital modes). QSL via DL7DF, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at http://dl7df.com/a35yz/

C5 - Alan, G3XAQ will be active as C56XA from The Gambia between 27 February and 15 March. He will operate CW on the HF bands. The trip is primarily to take part in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest. QSL via G3SWH. [TNX G3SWH]

CT8 - CU8AS, HB9CQL and CT3FN/HB9CRV will be active as CR2W from Albarnaz lighthouse on Flores Island (EU-089), Azores on 27-29 January for the CQ WW 160-Meter DX CW Contest. QSL via HB9CRV, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

FR - Pierre, F8APV will be active as FR/F8APV from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 22 January to 10 February. Plans are to be QRV at 01.00-04.00 UTC on 30 and 40 metres CW, and at 17.00-19.00 UTC on 20 metres SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

FS - Benoit, F8PDR will be active as FS/F8PDR from Saint-Martin (NA-105) on 5-16 February, with a side trip to Sint Maarten (PJ7). He will focus on CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX F5NQL]

HR - Gerard, F2JD will be active again as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras between 2 February and 6 May. He plans to be QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via F6AJA (logsearch will be available at http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php). [TNX F6AJA]

J3 - The Buddies in the Caribbean DXpedition group, which specializes in 100 watt or less low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna systems, will be active from Grenada on 1-9 February. There will be fixed operations from a cliff-top villa and portable operations from various points on the island using CW, SSB, and digital modes on 160-10 metres. The operators will be K8EAB, KB9AVO, KC4VG, N7UN, W3FF, W6HFP, W7ZT and WG0AT. QSL via home

calls, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX N7UN]

KH0 - Albert, HB9BCK will be active as KH0/HB9BCK from the Mariana Islands (OC-086) on 22-28 January. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, PSK and RTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Coffee]

PY - Leopoldo I8LWL, Paki IZ8GDO, Vespe IW8EZV, Angelo PY2VA and Toni PY2YW will be active as PR2I from Ilha Comprida (SA-024) from 30 January to 2 February, and from Ilha Peruhibe (SA-071) from 3 or 4 February until the 7th. QSL via IK7JWX. [TNX IK7JWX]

PY - PP5BK, PP5BZ, PP5VK, PP5ZB, PU5ATX and PY3OZ will be active as PS5F from Santana de Fora Island (SA-088) on 3-6 February. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres, and possibly digital modes and 6m. QSL via PP5BZ. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Orlando, PT2OP and Fred, PY2XB will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres as PV2PC (QSL via PT2OP, direct or bureau) and ZX2S (QSL via PT7WA, direct or bureau) from the island of Sao Sebastiao (SA-028) on 23-27 February.

T6 - Jose, CT1FKN is in Afghanistan with the International Security Assistance Force, and has been active as T6JM since 17 January. He will be QRV mainly on 20 metres SSB and digital modes. His licence expires on 13 June. [TNX NG3K]

V3 - Art, NN7A will be active as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize from 27 January to 1 February, including an entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter DX CW Contest. He will operate mainly CW on 160-10 metres, possibly with some SSB on 20 and 15 metres. QSL via NN7A, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

VK0_m - "Pile ups have been much more controlled of late and I thank you for the efforts", Trevor, VK0TH (Macquarie Island) says. "I continue to try to do at least an hour or two of radio a day after my working day has finished. Operating hours are typically 0700-1200 UTC. Current Modes SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK, Hell. Occasionally I will visit the ON4KST chat room. I won't take individual requests in the chat room or via email however am happy to work the bands when they are open and let you know where I am". Trevor will be active as AX0TH on 26 January (Australia Day). QSL direct to JE1LET.

VK9L - Chris, VK5CP will be active holiday style as VK5CP/9 from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) until 24 January. Plans are to focus on 30 metres digital modes (mostly PSK31 and RTTY), 20 and 6 metres depending on conditions. QSL via home call, plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Dennis, WA2USA will be active again as WA2USA/4 from St. George Island (NA-085) on 1-27 February. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

XT - The IARU Region 1 site reports that the Amateur Radio Association of Burkina Faso's (ARBF, www.ar-bf.org) club station will be on the air with the special call sign XT2CEFIG on 21 January. While waiting for the equipment donated by IARU-R1's Support to the Amateur Radio Service, they will use "a wide band dipole, an HF transceiver and a VHF station borrowed from a kind radio amateur". Look for SSB activity on 7085, 14120-14240, 21120 and 10 metres. Be patient with the operators, as "you will have to deal with novices without any experience".

ZF - Daryl, W7TAE will be active as ZF2TE from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) on 22-27 January. He will operate SSB with some CW on 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 metres (especially during the ARRL VHF Contest on 22 January). Look for him during his early mornings and afternoons. QSL via home call.

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CUBA ---> Cuban radio amateur service regulations have been modified to permit access to the 80 and 40m bands to the third class operator licensees, holders of CL prefixed callsigns. They are allowed to operate on 3550-3750 kHz and 7100-7125 kHz, running a maximum of 10 watts on CW and phone. [TNX CO8ZZ]

DX DINNER ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is pleased to again sponsor the DX Dinner, to be held in conjunction with the 2012 Dayton Hamvention on Friday, 18 May at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. Details can be found at www.swodxa.org [TNX W8GEX]

MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ TO BE DELETED ---> Back in 2010 a new agreement on the lease of the Russian part of the Saimaa Canal zone to Finland was signed by the Prime Ministers of the Republic of Finland and the Russian Federation. The exchange of the instruments of ratification finally took place on 17 January, and the the new agreement will come into force one month later. The new lease no longer includes Malyj Vysotskij Island, which therefore no longer satisfies the criteria under under which it was added to the DXCC List. "It's unlikely that any DX pedition will come on from the island before the deletion", OH2BU says.

QSL VIA RU3SD ---> The late Vladimir Ulyanov, UA5DX (ex UA3FDX) was the QSL manager for quite a number of stations. The following have been taken over by RU3SD: 4J0AUM, 4J0DX, 4J0DX, 4J1S, 4J56V, 4J57V, 4J60AA, 4K1AZI, 4K1V, 4K49V, 4K50V, 4K51V, 4K52V, 4K53V, 4K60AA, 4K6OF, 4K70DWZ, 4K7DWZ, 4K7Z, 4K80ADR, 4KP7Z, 9A/EW6MR, ES5FDX, EU5F, EU5ROPE, EU5RUB, EU6MM (for C.I.S), EU940OR, EV3DP, EV5V, EV5ZK, EV60BR, EV60GO, EV60OG (operator EW8ZZ), EV65ZK, EV6DX, EV6ZK, EV7DP, EV8DP, EV9P, EW6MR, EW8ZZ, RC1X, RC4L/UC2WAY, RW3SR, RW3SR/1, SO9DX, SV9/UA3FDX, T9/RW3SR, UA3FDX and UC2WAY. [TNX The Daily DX]

SABLE ISLAND ---> "We are in the process of rescheduling the operation", the CY0 team reported on 14 January. "The goal is to select a time after the winter weather conditions to increase the certainty next time of being able to travel to Sable Island without delay from a winter storm". They also plan "to recruit a CW operator, with DXpedition or contest experience, to 'round out' the team". The plan is for WA4DAN to operate 70% SSB and 30% CW, AA4VK to operate 100% SSB and the third team member to operate 70% CW and 30% SSB. Bookmark www.cy0dxpedition.com for updates.

VISALIA 2012 ---> The 63rd Annual International DX Convention, sponsored by the Southern California DX Club, will be held at The Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Visalia, California on 20-22 April. Online registration and further information can be found at www.dxconvention.org

+ SILENT KEYS + Viesturs "Tur" Gailis (YL2UZ) passed away on 9 January at only 49 years of age. He was the station manager of YL4HQ, the Latvian Amateur Radio League's HQ station. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Fritz Demuth (HB9SL), Eugenio Andorlini (I5ANK), Bruno Boccia (IK2PZG), Gary J. Strong (KO0Q), Johan "Joop" Bok (P43JB) and James Gatidis (9M6TW), former President of the Borneo Amateur Radio Club.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2LF, 3B8/F6HMJ, 3B8GT, 3D2R, 3XY1D, 4K9W, 4L1MA, 4S7AB, 4S7NE, 5N7Q, 5R8IC, 5R8UI, 5T0JL, 5V7MA, 5W0OJ, 5Z4EE, 5Z4HW, 6W/AA1AC, 6Y3M, 7P8BA, 7Q7GM, 7Q7HB, 7X4AN, 7X5QB, 7Z1HL, 7Z7AA, 8P0P, 8Q7NC, 9G5MP, 9G5XA, 9H9OB, 9K2YM, 9M2AX, 9M2IDL, 9M6XRO, 9V1YC, A25FC, A52ATV, A52PP, A52VM, AH0BT, AH6V, BY1RX/4 (AS-160), C21UF, C31CT, CE0Y/LA5UF, CN8KD, CO2NO, CO4SM, CO8WZ, CP6AA, CR2X, CU2KG, DU3/N0QM, E4X, E51MAN, E51NOU, EK6TA, EL2A, EL2DT, EL2ES, EL2LF, EL2WS, EP3PK, EX2X, EX8MLE, FH8NX, FM5WD, FP/G4EAG, FP/KV1J, FR/DJ7RJ, FR1LB, FY8DK, GM0B, H40FK, HK0/DL5YWM, HK4CZE, HP1LR, HP1WW, HP3AK, HR9/AI5P, HS0ZDY, HV5PUL, HZ1FS, HZ1MD/p, II0MZ, J79WE, K6AAX/VY2, KC4AAA, KC4USV (AN-011), KG4AJ, KH2/N2NL, KH8/AI5P, KL7LF, KP4LH, MJ/K3PLV, MU/PA9M, OA1F, OD5ET, OD5NJ, OJ0B, OJ0X, P29VCX (OC-101, OC-117, OC-240) PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4J, PJ5/SP6IXF, PJ7/W4FC, PJ7N, PJ7NK, R3BY/0 (AS-066), RI1FJA, RK9UN, ST0R, SU/HA3JB, SU9VB, SV5DKL, T30AQ, T32C, T6RH, TF2JB, TI8AA, TK4LS, TK5AE, TR8JH, TU2T, TX8NC (OC-033), TY1KS, UA0MF, UA2FR, UN8GV, V44KJ, V51AS, V51YJ, V55A, V85SS, V85TL, V85TX, VK0TH, VK2CL (OC-223), VK7ZX, VK9CX, VP2ETN, VP2V/N3DXX, VP5/W5CW, VP5CW, VP8LP, VQ9JC, VR2UW, VR2XLN, VR2XMT, VR2ZQZ/p (AS-006), VU2PAI, W1ASB/p (NA-136), WP4U, XR0ZA, XU7ACY, XU7MDY, XV2RZ, XW1B, YB26SEAG, YJ0VK, YN2CC, YS3CW, YW5LR (SA-035), Z2/K0YY, ZA1FD, ZA1G, ZB2FK, ZD8ZZ, ZF2AH, ZF2SL, ZK2V, ZK2X, ZM4T, ZS6EZ.

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