3DA - Phil, G3SWH and John, EA5ARC (G3OLU) will be active as 3DA0PW from Swaziland on 21-29 February [425DXN 1078]. They will operate CW only on 80-10 metres with two stations. There will be no 160, 60, 6 metres or EME activity. QSL via G3SWH, preferably via the OQRS facility at www.g3swh.org.uk, otherwise direct or bureau. Subject to a good Internet connection, there will be on-line log on Phil's web site and daily uploads to LoTW. [TNX G3SWH]

5H - Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active again as 5H3MB from Ilembula, Tanzania from 4 March to 4 April, while doing volunteer work for the local mission. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY using the mission's 3-element tribander fixed to Europe, plus verticals or dipoles for other bands. QSL via IK2GZU (bureau preferred) and LoTW. Log search and OQRS for bureau cards will be available at www.buffoli-pm.it [TNX IK2GZU]

9M0 - The 9M0L activity from Layang Layang, Spratly Islands [425DXN 1081] is now planned to take place on 10-24 April. The operators listed on the expedition's website (http://9m0l.legendchew.com/) are 7K4QOK, 9M2/JE1SCJ, 9M2CLN, 9M2PX, 9M2TO, 9M8YY, G3TXF, JA1LZR, JE1CKA, JK1FNL, JP1TRJ and JQ2GYU. QSL via bureau or direct to 9M0L Team Penang, P.O. Box 125, General Post Office, 10710 Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

A6 - A65BT, A65BX and A61QQ plan to be active from Sa'diyyat Island (AS-021) on 24-25 February. They expect to operate mainly CW with some SSB. QSL to A65BT (P.O. Box 60926, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

CE - Marco, CE1TBN has had to postpone his activity from Las Huichas Island (SA-064) [425DXN 1082] because of a "last minute problem". The expected new start date for CE1TBN/7 is 24 February. QSL via home call. [TNX islandchaser.com]

CT9 - Once again Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) from 8 March to 4 April. They plan to operate mostly CW and digital modes with a focus on 12, 17 and 30 metres. QSL via home calls. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr[@]darc.de or dl3kwf[@]darc.de respectively. [TNX DL3KWR]

CY9 - The team for the DXpedition to St Paul Island (NA-094) [425DXN 1083] consists of Mike AB5EB, Oscar EA1DR, George EA2TA, Christian EA3NT, Simon IZ7ATN, Col MM0NDX, Bjorn SM0MDG, Vicky SV2KBS, Steve VA3FM and Kevin VE3EN. They will be active on all bands and modes between late July and early August, IOTA Contest included. QSL via M0URX. A website is currently under construction. [TNX DX World]

DL - Robert, DK2RO will be active holiday style from Spiekeroog Island (EU-047) on 20-24 February. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres mainly SSB, with some PSK, RTTY and maybe some CW. QSL via home
Eight operators (namely DD3EU, DJ1JB, DJ4EL, DL6II, DO1BEN, IK2FIL, IZ4AMS and XE2AA) will be active as DD4T from Helgoland Island (EU-127) on 3-10 June. They will be QRV on 160-2 metres all modes with four stations. QSL via IZ4AMS, direct or bureau (OQRS on ClubLog). Further information can be found at www.dd4t.eu

Members of the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) and guest operators Volker DL1WH and Dieter DK5PZ will be active as TP8CE on 9-11 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via F5LGF, direct or bureau. [TNX DL1WH]

Look for Fred, FO/AB1OC and Anita, FO/AB1QB to be active from Bora Bora (OC-067), French Polynesia on 18-24 February. They will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSEB, PSK, RTTY and JT65HF. QSL via home calls, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]

Eric F5NBK, his daughter Laura F4GEJ (14 years old) and son Mathias FOGQX (10 years old) will be active as HI7/F5NBK, HI7/F4GEJ and HI7/FOGQX from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (NA-096) on 22-29 February. They expect to operate holiday style on SSB and digital modes. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

Special stations II0IDP from Cagliari (EU-024, QSL via IS0IGV) and II0ICH from La Maddalena (EU-041, QSL via IM0QMA) - both representing former coast radio stations of the Italian Navy - will be active on 3-18 March for the 6th Italian Navy Coastal Radio Stations Award (www.assoradiomarinai.it). [TNX IS0JMA]

Brian, K1LI will be active as J7Y from Dominica (NA-101) between 25 February and 13 March. His primary focus will be the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

Ezequiel LU1EEZ/D, Mark LU7CAW/D, Alberto LU4DIS/D and Mariano LU9ACJ/D to be active from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) and lighthouse during the South American Lighthouses Weekend (24-26 February). QSL via LU1EEZ. [TNX VA3RJ]

Henning, OZ1BII will be active as XP2I from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018) on 24-27 February. He will operate CW only. [TNX VA3RJ]

Dick, PA2GRU will be active as PH100MGY on 1-28 April to commemorate the Titanic's 100th anniversary. QSL via PA3CAL, direct or bureau. [TNX PA3CAL]

JJ0LUH as T88XG and JA0EKI as T88XH will be active from Palau from 26 February to 2 March. They plan to operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. QSL both calls via JA0EKI. [TNX NG3K]

Bob, N7MSU will be active as V31SU from Belize between 27 February and 15 March. He plans to operate CW, SSB and PSK31 on 40-10 metres from various locations, including Caye Caulker (NA-073), Orange Walk Town, San Ignacio and Gales Point. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****

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2011 CQ DX Marathon ---> High Claimed scores for the 2011 DX Marathon sponsored by CQ Magazine are now available at www.dxmarathon.com. Final scores will be published later this year in CQ Magazine, and then posted on the website 30 days after publication. [TNX K9EL]

603A ---> Latest news and logsearch can be found on the Bosnia and Herzegovina Contest Club's website (http://bhcc.ba/news/). Darko will be active until 20 February. QSL via K2PF.

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 9th Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 20 to 26 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special event callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from the following countries:

- Canada
  - VA3WAP, VA7AAW, VB3A
- England
  - GB0ANT
- France
  - TM9AAW, TM9WAP
- Italy
  - II0WAP, II1MNA, II2ANT, II3ANT, II3MNA, II5ANT, II7ANT,
    - IO5ANT, IP2ANT, IP8AAW, IR0ANT, IR1ANT, IR1SP, IR2IR,
    - IR7ANT
- Lithuania
  - LY10ANT
- Romania
  - YQ0ANT, YQ8ANT
- Spain
  - AO1POL, AO5ANT, EG1SPA
- Switzerland
  - HB9ICE
- The Netherlands
  - PA6ANT, PC12ANT
- USA
  - K4A, K4K, 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 entities 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 (complete rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 18 February through 23.59 UTC on the 19th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2012.html - good contest to you all!

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The fourth South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 24-26 February. A listing of partecipating stations can be found at www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros2012/index.htm

T32C ---> The Christmas Island 2011 DVD, professionally produced by Fred Curtis G3SVK, can be ordered from www.t32c.com: "be amazed by the sheer scale of this formidable operation and at the awesome size of the relentless pile-ups, and experience all the excitement from this rare and sought-after DXCC entity". The income will contribute to the Five Star DXers Association's next expedition project. In addition to the T32C story, the DVD includes the video made during the FSDXA DXpedition to St. Brandon Island (3B7C) in September 2007.

+ SILENT KEYS + Livio Zenti (I1ZL) passed away on 11 February at 81 years
of age after a long illness. A founding member and past president of ARI Asti, he was a keen DXer for 50 years and was one of the doyens of IOTA chasing in Italy.

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Suchart Peusakhorn (HS1BA), Romano Cartoceti (I4FAF), Dipto Prakash Dey (VU2DPD), Michael De Cheff (WONS), Gary R. Schmidt (W5ZL) and Joseph F. Keese (W8VSK).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2LF, 3B8CF, 3D2SJ, 3DA0TM, 3XY1D, 4J3M, 4J9RI, 4K4K, 4L0CR, 4L1MA, 425ML, 5B4AJC, 5N6/LY2SW, 5R8IC, 5R8X, 5T0JL, 5U5U, 5V7CC, 5V7SI, 5V7TT, 5W1SA, 6W1SJ, 6W7SK, 6Y3M, 6Y5/K4BAI, 7Q7CE, 7U1MA, 7V2FI (AF-097), 7Z1SJ, 7Z7AA (AS-191), 8Q7DV, 8Q7VR, 8R1AK, 9G5SI, 9H1SP, 9H9BH, 9J2QQV, 9M2/KM9D (AS-058), 9N7MD, 9U3MM, 9X0TL, 9Y4LAS, A25NW, A45XR, BD4SFE, BM100, BN100, BO100, BQ100, BU100, BV0EXPO, BV100ROC, BW100, BX100, C3IBO, C50A, C50C, C5A, CE1/K7CA, CR2A, CR2X, CU2KG, CX7CO, CX8AF, CY0/VE1AWW, D44AC, DP1POL, DU1ST, DU2XXA, DV1UD, E51MAN (OC-014), E51N0U (OC-013), EA91B, EA91E, EK3GM, EK6TA, EP4SP, ER/K1WE, ER1DA, ER3GQ, ES2NO, EU1UN, EX2A, FG5FR, FK8G, FM5CD, FO/F6CTL, FR4NT, FR5HA, FR52L, HC2/AL10, HC8GR, HL1WD, HL2DC, HL3ERJ, HL5IVL, HQ2T, HS0ZJU, HV0A, JD1BLY, JD1BMH, JJ1LET/JD1, JT1RF, JY4CI, JY5HX, K6VVA/6 (NA-184), K6VVA/7 (NA-065), KAOXTT, KC4/K2ARB, KC4/W2DKJ, KH2L, KL7RRC (NA-232), KP2B, LZ10ARDF, LZ10RF, LZ1100SN, LZ11RF, LZ132GO, LZ17ARDF, LZ19HR, NP2/OL5Y, OH0B, OH0X, OH10X, OJ0B, OJ0X, OX30A, OY1CT, OY6FRA, P29FR, P33W, PJ5/DL7V0G, R11FJA, R20AF, SN7Q, SU1HZ, SV0XCC/9, SV2ASP/A, SV5BYR, T32C, T80G, T8CW, TA7/RA9CQ, TG9ANF, TK5AE, TL0CW, TM0RDR, TU2T, TX3T, TX7M, TX8DD, TY2SI, U90CUA, UK80AG, U99AA, UN9GD, V31AM, V63T, V85SS, VE8EV, VK0TH, VP2MTA, VP2MUM, VP2MWG, VP2V/K6TOP, VP6T, VR2XMT, W1M, XF1M (NA-078), XF4IH, XU7ACY, XU7UJR, XV2RZ, YB6NE, YC1KI, YC1YU, YC2BGI, YD1XUH, YE12AW, YG1CRR, YV5DEH, Z30U, ZA1G, ZB3R, ZD7JC, ZF2OE, ZK2X, ZL4URGBY, ZL8X, ZM4M.

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