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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3C0 - Elmo, EA5BYP and Javi, EA5KM were active as 3C6A from Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea from 22 February to 1 March. The trip to Annobon (3C0E) [425DXN 1084] has been delayed until 2 March, with activity apparently still planned to last until the 11th. QSL via EA5BYP. [TNX The Daily DX]

3W - Jacek, SP5APW (http://as-128.blogspot.com/) plans to be active holiday style (requested call 3W4JK) from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) on 8-12 March. He will operate SSB, PSK31 and RTTY on 40-10 metres, plus 6 metres if time and conditions allow. [TNX SP5APW]

5N - Bodo, DF8DX will be active again as 5N7Q from Abuja, Nigeria on 7-14 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via DF8DX, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

7P - Gert, ZS6AYU will be active as 7P8GF from Lesotho on 8-13 March. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via ZS6AYU. [TNX NG3K]

9K - Look for a team of operators to be signing 9K2F from Faylakah Island (AS-118) on 7-12 March. QSL via 9K2HN. [TNX DX World]

9N - 9N7BM is the new callsign that Toshi, JA8BMK [425DXN 1079] will be using from Nepal until 9 March. The Daily DX reports that he "plans to be QRV after repairing a feedline which was eaten by a mouse". QSL via JA8UWT.

9M6 - Steve,9M6DXX will be active once again as 9M8Z from Sarawak (East Malaysia, OC-088) on 23-28 March, including a SOAB high-power entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau (see www.m0urx.com/oqrs), and LoTW. [TNX 9M6DXX]

9Q - Barney, ZS4U (ZS6TQ) will be as 9Q6/ZS4U from the Democratic Republic of Congo between 14 March and 8 April. He will operate SSB, CW and PSK on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres. He plans to be QRV daily between 13 and 15 UTC as work permits. QSL via K3IRV. [TNX NG3K]

6Y - Allen, N2KW will be active holiday style as 6Y0A from Jamaica (NA-097) on 5-23 March. He will operate mainly CW on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest on 10-11 March. QSL via WA4WTG and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

7P - Donovan, ZS2DL and other eight operators (DJ3CQ, DL2MDU, K5LBU, LZ1UQ, V51YJ, ZS1TT, ZS2DK and ZS6RJ) will be active as 7P8D from Lesotho from 23 November to 3 December, including an entry in the CQ WW CW Contest. Plans are to operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 160-10 metres, with at least three stations 24/7. QSL direct to ZS2DL (Donovan van Loggerenberg, P.O. Box 29169, Sunridge Park, 6008, South Africa) and LoTW (logs to be uploaded "within 12 months after the expedition has been completed"). Further information can be found at www.zs2dl.co.za/7P8D.html [TNX NG3K]

C6 - Al, N3EA and Steve, WA2EAJ will be active as C6AEA (CW) and C6AAJ (SSB and digital modes) respectively from Grand Bahama (NA-080) on

5-9 March. QSL both via W3HNK. [TNX The Daily DX]

DL_ant - Felix, DL5XL (DP1POL) left Antarctica on 27 February, but Neumayer Station III will continue to be on the air. Lars, DL1LLL is the radio operator of the 32nd wintering team, and he will be active as DP0GVN until February 2013. His preferred mode is PSK31. QSL DP1POL via DL1ZBO and LoTW, QSL DP0GVN via DL5EBE. [TNX VA3RJ]

E5_sc - Before and after operating as E51M (www.manihiki2012.de) from Manihiki, North Cooks [425DXN 1079], the team will be active as E51EWP from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. The dates, which "may change a little depending on variation of flight schedules", are 23-26 March and 11-14 April. They will operate CW, SSB and especially RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via DJ8NK. [TNX DJ8NK]

EI - Cork Harbour was the last port of call of the Titanic on her maiden and final voyage. EI100T is another special callsign to commemorate the Titanic Centenary, and it will be used throughout 2012 by members of the Cork Radio Club. During the weekend og 14-15 April it will be operated as a special event station. QSL via EI4HQ.

GM - Commemorating the Titanic Centenary, Lerwick Radio Club (Shetland Islands, EU-012) will be active on the HF bands as GB2WG on 8-20 April. This special callsign's suffix stands for native Shetlander Walter Gray, who was the officer-in-charge of Marconi station at Cape Race, Newfoundland, and in contact with the ship on 14 April 1912. QSL via MM5PSL. [TNX MM5PSL]

J7 - Simon, G7SOZ will be active as J79SZ from Dominica (NA-101) on 7-15 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via G7SOZ, direct or bureau.

KH8S - A large team of experienced operators (AA4NN, DJ7JC, DL3DXX, I8NHJ, K5AB, K6MM, K6TD, K9CT, KH7Y, N2TU, N6HC, NA6M, ND2T, NI6T, SM5AQD, W4BUW, W6KK, W8GEX, WB4JTT and WB9Z) will be active as NH8S from Swains Island (OC-200) on 4-18 September. They plan to operate six stations, from 160 to 6 metres on all modes. QSL via AA4NN. Updates and further information, including details on how contribute to this expensive expedition, can be found at www.nh8s.org [TNX QRZ DX]

KP2 - Look for NP2/N0TG, NP2/N1SNB and NP2/AA4VK to be active from St. Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-016) on 7-14 March. They plan to be QRV on all modes and bands, 60 metres included. QSL direct to N0TG (OQRS at www.n0tg.com). [TNX NG3K]

LZ - Special event station LZ12FDAY is active until 22 July to promote the LZ HF QRP Field Day competition, organized by the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA) and to be held in Pravets on 20-22 July (www.lzhfqrp.org). QSL via bureau to LZ1BFR. [TNX LZ1BJ]

OZ - Stefan, DL7AOS will be active as 5P5K from Romo Island (EU-025) on 10-24 March. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres, and will take part in the Russian DX Contest (17-18 March). QSL via DL7AOS, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

TA - A large number of TC50TRAC/*** regional branch stations (for instance TC50TRAC/34I from Istanbul and TC50TRAC/06 from Ankara) will be active until 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Telsiz ve Radyo Amatorleri Cemiyeti, the Turkish IARU Society. Information on the award programme for contacting these stations

and TRAC members signing homecall/50 can be found on qrz.com under TC50TRAC. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

TA - Members of the TC Special Wireless Activity Team and the Giresun Radio Amateurs and Nature Sports Club will operate special station TC2012WKD on 8 March for "World Kidney Day." Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, BPSK31 and SSTV. QSL via bureau; direct cards to TA1HZ.

TT - Elvira, IV3FSG is active as TT8ES from N'Djamena, Chad until 18 March. She is QRV on SSB and digital modes in her spare time. QSL via IK3GES. [TNX IV3FSG]

TZ - The Italian DXpedition Team (namely Silvano I2YSB, Vinicio IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA and Stefano IK2HKT) will be active as TZ5T from Mali on 12-27 April. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via I2YSB (direct) or IK2CIO (bureau). Further information, band/mode survey and OQRS can be found at www.i2ysb.com. Once again Arturo IK7JWY will be the pilot station for the expedition (it will be possibile to contact him through the dedicated forum at www.hamradioweb.org/forums/). [TNX IK7JWY]

V2 - Lot, DJ7ZG and Babs, DL7AFS will be active again as V21ZG from Antigua (NA-100) on 5-31 March. QSL via DL7AFS. They will operate RTTY, PSK and SSB on 15-6 metres. QSL via DL7AFS, direct or bureau.

VK - Craig, VK8AS (ex VK8PDX) will be active as VK8BI from Bremer Island (OC-185) on 18-23 April. QSL via home call. Further information can be found at http://oc185.blogspot.com/

VK0_m - VK0TH has been approved for DXCC credit (if you had this operation rejected in a recent application, send a note to bmoore[@]arrl.org to have your record updated). Trevor will be going QRT from Macquarie Island in late March. He says he will "post a schedule and frequencies for those wanting to get VK0/M in the log before operations cease" on qrz.com.

VU - AT2DW is the new callsign issued for the IOTA expedition to the island of Bet Dwarka (Bet Shankhodar, AS-175) [425DXN 1086]. The special callsign has been granted for use between 15 and 31 March. [TNX DX World]

YB - A large group of operators expect to be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY as YB8Y from Pulau Ohoiew, Kai Islands (OC-221) on 19-26 March, including a Multi-Two entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via YB1GJS, direct or bureau. The website for the expedition is at www.yb8y.com [TNX YB0ECT]

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ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC countries as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (full rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC 3 March through 23.59 UTC on the 4th. Do

not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2012.html

CY9M ---> The website for the 26 July-1 August DXpedition to St Paul Island [425DXN 1086] is now up and running at www.cy9m.com.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fourteen different galleries include more than 9800 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-11), the 61 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Magrebh 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]

QSL TU5KG ---> The new QSL route for Gildas, TU5KG (as well as for F/TU5KG, FR/TU5KG, TM0T and the FT5X and FT5W callsigns he uses while operating from the the waters around Crozet and Kerguelen) is via F4DXW, direct only. The previous QSL manager (Gwenael, F4EFI) says he has cleared the backlog for either direct and bureau cards.

SENEGAL: 6 METRES ---> The band 50-51 MHz has been officially allocated at WRC-12 to the amateur service on a primary basis in Senegal. As of 1 March, the Saly Amateur Radio Club station is allowed to operate with the callsign 6V7SIX. This is a temporary authorization valid until the new ITU Radio Regulations come into force. 6V7SIX is expected to be QRV on 50110 and 50210 kHz. [TNX QRZ DX]

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).

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Emil Neuerer (DJ4PI), Curio Levorato (IZ3AYY), Arnoldo "Tito" Jorge Corda (LU7EE, ex LU4DLH), Julio Cesar de Assis Ross (PY1BOJ), Ernest T. Hufman (W4WH) and Earle W. Smith (VE6NM), who served as President of Radio Amateurs of Canada from late 2004 through 2007.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2R, 4C1JPG, 4L1MA, 4L3Y, 4O3A, 4S7KM, 4S7NE, 4U1WRC, 5H3RK, 5R8AX, 5R8UI, 5T0JL, 5U5U, 5W0OJ, 7X4AN, 7Z1SJ, 7Z7AA (AS-191), 8P9MS, 9H5BZ, 9J2QQV, 9K2YM, 9M2/KM9D (AS-058), 9M2MRS (AS-015), 9M6XRO, 9N7MD, A31A, A61QQ, A62ER, A65BP, BM100, BN100, BO100, BQ100, BU100, BV0EXPO, BV100ROC, BW100, BX100, BY1RX/4 (AS-160), C5A, C6ANI, CE2/VE7SV, CE3FZ, CE4A (SA-095), CN8KD, CO0OM, CR2X, CY0/VE1AWW, E44PM, E51EME, E51MAN, EA9IE, ES3BR, ES5TV, ET3AA,EX2A, EX2F, FG4NO, FK/KF4TUG (OC-079), FK8CP,FO0MOT (OC-063), FO5RH, FP/W6HGF, FW0MO,

FW0YL, GJ6UW, GU4CHY, H40KJ (OC-065), H40MY (OC-163), H44MY (OC-127), HV5PUL, J28DA, J79KT, J79WE, J8/N2IEN, JD1BMH, JG8NQJ/JD1, JI1LET/JD1, JT1DA, JT1RF, K6VVA/KL7 (NA-242), KG4WV, KP2B, KP4MS, LY1R, N6HD/TG7, NH0Z, OA4/DJ2VO, OE3GEA/6Y5, OH0X, OJ0B, OJ0X, OY1CT, P29FR, P33W, PJ2/W6XK, PJ5/DL7VOG, PZ5X, RU0ZM, RZ0AF, ST2AR, SU9NC, SV1JGX, T31MY, T32C, T88CF, T88NU, TA2ZF, TA3D, TI8II, TN2T, TU2T, TX3T, TX5A, TX7M, TX8NC (OC-033), TY1KS, UA0IT, UK/UA1ZEY, UN1L, UN7MMM, UN8GV, V63MY (OC-260), V63QQ, V63T, V85SS, VK0TH, VK4SWE (OC-227), VK9NN, VP2EK, VP2EMR, VR2EH, VR2XMT, XF1C (NA-165), XU7UJR, XX9LQ, YB1CCF, YB6NE, YC1KI, YC1YU, YC2BGI, YD1XUH, YE1ZAW, YG1CRR, YL2GUV, YS1/HB9KNA, YU1AST, ZA1UT, ZB3R, ZC4LI, ZC4MIS,ZD8F, ZF2OE, ZK2A, ZK2X, ZP9EH, ZW1AS.

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