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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4J - Celebrating the 57th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan in May, club stations 4K7Z and 4J4K will use special callsigns 4KS0NG and 4JS0NG respectively until 15 June.

8R - Anderson, PY2TNT and Alex, PY2WAS will be active as 8R1PY from Guyana on 5-8 April. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via PY2WAS. Further information and OQRS for bureau and direct cards are available at http://www.mdxc.org/8r1py/

C5 - Jan, OZ1IIL is active as C56LH from The Gambia until 26 March. He can operate SSB only on 80-10 metres, and is QRV mostly during his morning and evening hours. QSL via OZ1IIL. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE0Y - Tim, NL8F will be active as CE0Y/NL8F from Easter Island (SA-001) on 21-26 March, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. He might also operate from some other South American IOTA group before leaving Chile on 3 April. QSL via K8NA. [TNX The Daily DX]

CX - Members of the Radio Club Uruguayo will be active as CW4R from Isla Gorriti (SA-039) on 23-25 March, including activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via CX1AA, direct or bureau. [TNX CX3AL]

DL - A large group op operators will be active as DA0HEL from Helgoland Island (EU-127) on 21-28 March. They will be QRV on all HF bands with four stations, with an additional station on 2 metres. They will also go and operate as DL0IH from nearby Duene Island. QSL via DF6QC. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

F - On 10 April 1912 the RMS Titanic (radio callsign MGY) called at port of Cherbourg during her ill-fated maiden journey. To commemorate that event, the Radio Club Nord Cotentin will be active as TM5MGY on 7-21 April. QSL via F6KFW, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FM - Vlad, RC0F will be active as FM/RC0F from Martinique (NA-107) on 20-28 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB as TO5K. QSL via home call and LoTW.

G - Look for Kevan, 2E0WMG to be active as 2E0WMG/p from Lundy Island (EU-120) on 27-31 March. He will operate SSB only on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GW - Commemorating the Titanic's centenary, the Blackwood & District ARS (GW6GW) will be active as GB100GGM with two stations on 14-15 April. SSB and CW activity will take place from Gelligroes Mill in Pontllanfraith, the place where Arthur Moore heard the distress signal from the sinking ship, much to his fellow villagers' disbelief. QSL via MW0LAO, direct or bureau.

JD1_oga- Harry, JG7PSJ will be active again as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 22 April to 4 May. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via bureau to JD1BMH, or direct to JG7PSJ. Logsearch and further information at

http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ [TNX JG7PSJ]

JX - Svein, LA9JKA will be based on Jan Mayen (EU-022) starting on 29 March until around 20 March 2013. He plans to be active as JX9JKA. QSL direct only to Svein Rabbevag, Brendlia 12, 6013 Alesund, Norway.

P4 - Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active as P4/DF7ZS from Aruba on 21-27 March. Main activity will take place during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) using the callsign P41P. QSL P4/DF7ZS via home call, QSL P41P via W3HNK. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PJ4 - K4BAI, N4OO, W4DXX and WW4LL will be operate CW, SSB and RTTY as PJ4/homecall from Bonaire (SA-006) on 21-27 March. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ4Z. QSL for all callsigns via K4BAI. [TNX The Daily DX]

PZ - Serge, RX3APM will be active as PZ5P from Suriname on 21-26 March, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via UA4LU and LOTW. [TNX NG3K]

S5 - Special callsigns S555E and S55CERKNO will be used throughout 2012 to celebrate the 55th anniversary of Radio Club Cerkno (www.s50e.si). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW. Direct cards should be sent to S50E (Radioklub Cerkno, P.O. Box 16, SI-5282 Cerkno, Slovenia).

TA - Once again the TC Special Wireless Activity Team (www.tcswat.org) will be active as TC18M on 17-18 March to commemorate the anniversary of the naval battle of 18 March 1915 during the Dardanelles Campaign. Expect activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and BPSK31 modes. QSL via TA1HZ. [TNX TA1HZ]

VP2M - 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 Montserrat (NA-103) on 8-16 April. There will be fixed operations from a villa and portable operations from various points on the island using CW, SSB, and digital modes on 160-10 metres. The eight operators will be Budd/VP2MFF (W3FF), Guy/VP2MUN (N7UN), Paul/VP2MVO (KB9AVO), Larry/VP2MLR (W7DGP), Russ/VP2MQR (N7QR), Tom/VP2MTM (K2GSJ), and Chris/VP2MYZ (N2YYZ). QSL via home calls, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX N7UN]

VP5 - Dave, W5CW will be active as VP5/W5CW from 20 March to 11 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP52V. QSL direct to W5CW. [TNX NG3K]

W - David, K2DBK will be active as K2DBK/4 from Lido Key (NA-034) on 21-23 March. He will operate holiday style on 20 and 15 metres SSB, around 17-22 GMT. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

XT - JA3VWT (XT2VWT), JA3IVU (XT2IVU), JH3AEF (XT2AEF), JO3VVO (XT2VVO) and other three Japanese operators will be active from Burkina Faso on 21-28 March. QSL via home calls. They plan to be QRV on 80-10 metres SSB and some digital mode, with activity also from the Amateur Radio Association of Burkina Faso's club station (XT2CEFIG). [TNX The Daily DX]

XU - Sei, JA7LU (XU7NPC) and Hiroo, JA2VWG (XU7DDD) will be active from Cambodia on 22-28 March. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 40, 20, 10 and 6 metres from Sihanoukville until 26 March, and then from Rong Samloem Island (AS-133). QSL via home calls. [TNX

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XX9 - Ruben, EA5BZ and other eight operators (namely EA1ACP, EA5CEE, EA5FX, EA6DD, EA7FTR, EB5BBM, EB7DX and F5VLY) will be active from Coloane Island (AS-075), Macau on 17-23 May (callsign TBA). They will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with at least 3 stations at the same time on different bands and modes. QSL via EB7DX and LoTW. Further information at www.adxg.org/xx9/

YJ - A team of six operators (namely VK3QB, VK3HJ, VK3GK, VK3GHM, VK3CBV and VK2CA) will be active once again as YJ0VK from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from arounf 7 UTC on 21 April until around 23 UTC on 4 May. They plan to operate three stations "as often as possible" on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY/PSK31, with an emphasis on 12, 17 and 30 metres. QSL via VK2CA, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Log search and further information can be found at http://yj0vk.odxg.org/

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CQ MM DX CONTEST ---> The second edition of the CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest, sponsored by the the Juiz de Fora CW Group, will be held on 21-22 April. It is a continuation of the Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest, initially limited to Brazil (1993-1996), then expanded to South America (1997-2006), to the Americas (2007-2010) and finally to the world (2011). Il will run from 12 UTC on Saturday through 23.59 on Sunday, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete details can be found at www.cqmmdx.com [TNX PY4WAS]

DXCC NEWS ---> XW1A and XW0ZJZ (Laos, current operations) have been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2012 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been uploaded to both the IOTA Manager's (www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com) and the IOTA Programme's (www.rsgbiota.org) websites.

IRON HAM CONTEST ---> Drawing inspiration from the Ironman Thriatlon races, the Araucaria DX Group introduces the WW Iron Ham Contest, a competition that combines the main operating modes (Phone, CW and RTTY) into one single contest to be held on 29-30 December (from 12 UTC on Saturday through 11:59 UTC on Sunday). The 24-hour contest is organized to have 8 hours of operation on each mode in periods no shorter than one hour. Complete details can be found at www.araucariadx.com/ih/ [TNX PY5EG]

MARION ISLAND 2014 ---> "Depending on permission granted by the Department of Environmental Affairs (Antarctic Islands), a DXpedition to Marion Island is now being planned for early 2014. This would be a six weeks in total journey, with four weeks activity from the island. A team of between 4 to 10 operators is a possibility and DXpeditioners are now being sought. If interested please email your name/call to dxer59[@]gmail.com with 'ZS8

DXpedition' as the subject. Full details to follow in due course". [TNX DX World]

NEW DXCC FEE STRUCTURE ---> The ARRL has announced that effective 2 April the way DXCC fees are assessed will change. These changes will include both rate increases and rate decreases.
ARRL HQ will very soon launch an Online DXCC Application, which will allow the client to supply the data from traditional paper QSLs in a digital form. The Online DXCC Application will have rates that are half those of a traditional paper QSL application. "Hybrid applications" (a combination of LoTW and paper QSL credits) will no longer be allowed. Each DXCC application - be it paper QSLs, LoTW or Online DXCC - will be considered separate applications with separate application fees, and there will be no more surcharges added to the second or subsequent applications. Details can be found at www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-announces-new-dxcc-fee-structure

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2R, 3DA0NJ, 4L1BR, 4O3A, 5M2TT, 5R8X, 5T0JL, 5V7SI, 5V7TT, 5W1SA, 5X0CW, 7Z7AA (AS-191), 8Q7DV, 9G5SI, 9G5TT, 9L0W, 9L1X, 9M2/KM9D, 9N7MD, 9Q50ON, 9X0PY, A25AN, A31IO, A52AB, A61E, AP2IA, AP2NK, C37NL, CN2MR, CN2R, CO8LY, CP4BT, CR2X, CY0/VE1AWW, D2R, E51CG, E51JD, E51MAN, E51NJB, EK6TA, EP2MKO, EP3PK, ER1LW, ER3ZZ, ER6A, ES1TU, ET3AA, EY7AD, FK8CP, FP/W6HGF, FR5FP, GJ6UW, H40KJ, HD2M, HK1/EA7ATX (SA-040), HZ1EX, IS0AFM, J8/JA7SGV, JG8NQJ/JD1, K6VVA/KL7 (NA-242), KC4AAA, KG4AJ, KG4AS, KG4WV, KH2L, KP2M, LO2F, MJ0USP, MU/PA9M, MU0ASP, N6HD/TG7, OA4/DJ2VO, OH1VR/VP9, OJ0B, OJ0X, OY9JD, PJ2/W5MPC, PJ4/WA1Z, PJ7I, RI1ANR, RI1FJA, RI1FJL, ST2AR, SX5F, T32C, TC4X, TL0CW, TN2T, TO3A, TO3J, TU2T, TX3T (OC-046), TX7M (OC-027), TY2SI, UA0YM, UA1PBA/0 (AS-055), UA2F, UA2KK, V25RV, V25WY, V31NB, V31RI, V31RR, V63KZ, V85TL, VE2/JA8BMK, VE3EY/2, VP2ETE, VP2MLP, VQ9JC, VR2XMT, XU7ACY, XU7SSB, XW1B, YB9BU, YE5N (OC-106), YS1/HB9KNA, Z21BB, ZD7FT, ZD8F, ZP5DBC, ZP6CW.

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