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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5H - Chas, NK8O will be active as 5H9CP from Mwanza, Tanzania between 11 and 22 June. He is primarily a CW operator, and QRV times will depend on his "responsibilities and schedule at the Nyakato Health Center". QSL via EA7FTR and LoTW.

9K - The Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will operate special event station 9K2KCBB on 13-15 June to celebrate World Blood Donor Day. QSL direct to 9K2RA.

A6 - Tom, DL2RMC is currently active as A6/homecall from Abu Dhabi. He operates from the artificial island of Yas, which does not qualify for IOTA and should not be misunderstood for Sir Bani Yas (AS-021).

A6 - Ulli, DL9WVM will be active as A6/DL9WVM from Dubai on 10-30 June. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres. Ulli and Abdullah, A61Q might "investigate whether it is possible to activate Dibba Rock in the Gulf of Oman". This uninhabited rocky islet of difficult access could count for IOTA group AS-124. [TNX DX Newsletter]

CT7 - The Associacao de Radioamadores do Distrito de Leiria will operate as CS5FAT from the Shrine of Fatima on 10-13 June. QSL via CT6ARL, direct or bureau.

DU - Dandy, K6ZRH plans to be active as K6ZRH/DU1 from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 10-30 June. He will be QRV on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB. QSL direct to home call. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

EA8 - Five operators will be active as EH8TID from Teide volcano (3,555 metres a.s.l.) from 30 June to 2 July. The Teide National Park (Tenerife, Canary Islands) was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List five years ago. Expect activity on 80-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards to EA8NQ. [TNX EA8NQ]

JA - Taka, JA8COE will be active as JA8COE/8 from Yagishiri Island (AS-147) on 16-19 June. He will operate SSB and BPSK on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JA8COE]

KH0 - Tony, JA6CNL will be active as KH0N from Saipan (OC-086) on 15-18 June. He will operate CW only on 80-6 metres. QSL via JA6CNL. [TNX NG3K]

OZ - Alain, F5LMJ will be active as 5P5J from Lolland Island (EU-029) on 14-28 July. QSL via home call (bureau preferred), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX F5LMJ]

SM - Tetsu, JH8SGR will be active as SM1/JH8SGR from Gotland Island (EU-020) on 11-13 June. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

SM - Bernd, DL8AAV will be active as SD1B/6 from Orust Island (EU-043) on 18-30 June. QSL via DL8AAV, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV - Mike, SV1RK and Stavros, SV3CJU will be active as J48SAI from Sapientza Island (EU-158) on 8-10 June. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via SV1RK, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

SV9 - Special callsign SX9S will be active from 1 July to 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniverasry of the Samaria Gorge National Park on Crete (EU-015). QSL via SV9AUE. [TNX SV9AHZ]

TF - Bill, W4TAA and Pete, VE3IKV will be active as TF/VX3T from Iceland (EU-021) on 17-30 June. They will operate CW and SSB on 6 metres. QSL direct to VE3IKV. [TNX NG3K]

V7 - Steve, G3ZVW is active as V73/AF6SU until the end of June from the V73AX club station on Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028), Marshall Islands. QSL via G3ZVW, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

VE - Special prefixes CJ3 and CK3 will be in use rom the Province of Ontario, Canada between 12 and 26 June to celebrate the Centennial of the City of Kitchener. QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - Mike, W2GR will be active as N2W on 10-24 June, i.e. during the week before and the week after Nik Wallenda's attempt at walking across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. Mike will operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via W2GR. [TNX W2GR]

XX9 - Jose, EB5BBM will be active as XX9TBM from Macau on 8-10 June. He plans to operate SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via EB7DX. [TNX The Daily DX]

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APOLLO PROGRAM ---> ARI Tortona (IQ1TW) will commemorate the Apollo Space Program (1961-1972) between 1 and 31 July. Further information on the relevant award can be found at http://aritortona.xoom.it or from Pier Paolo Liuzzo (IZ1XBB, iz1xbb[@]tiscali.it). [TNX IZ1XBB]

DXCC NEWS ---> XX9E (Macao, 2012 operation) has been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

IDXC 2013 ---> Sponsored by the Northern California DX Club, the 64th Annual International DX Convention will be held at the Visalia Conference Center in downtown Visalia, California on 19-21 April 2013. Please check the IDXC website (www.dxconvention.com) during the week of 18 June for details about booking hotel rooms for the Convention.

IOTA EU-155 ---> Back in October 2011 [425DXN 1069] the RSGB IOTA Manager reported that "following information received from a local operator in Italy that the only two islands listed as qualifying for EU-155, Baron and Scanno di Piallazza, no longer existed, we would not be accepting for credit any new operations claiming to take place from EU-155 pending a final check. This has now been carried out and it confirms the report. Under IOTA rules we have no option but to withdraw EU-155 from the list of valid IOTA groups and to amend scores down. However we have noted that the Po Delta is a remarkably fragile natural environment with a varying sedimentation rate influenced by river flow, tide and storm and have not ruled out the possibility of one of the islands reforming in time. In the

circumstances, we have decided to remove EU-155 credit from all scores on 1 September 2012 but to retain the QSO information on the database in a non-counting format in case the situation should change. We will review the position periodically. In the meantime, while credit will not be given for new operations, we will allow credit for pre-October 2011 operations for certificate purposes only in applications received before 1 September 2012". [TNX Roger Balister, G3KMA, RSGB IOTA Manager]

IOTA NEWS ---> The following operations in the period February to May 2012 have provided acceptable validation and are therefore approved for IOTA credit: AT2DW (AS-175), XF1AA (NA-189), 4A3RCC (NA-200), KL7RRC/P (NA-240), 4W0VB/P (OC-232), and CW5GI (SA-039). The 7O6T (AF-028) operation, which has been accepted for DXCC, is also approved. [TNX G3KMA]

QSL 4U1ITU, 4U1UN & 4U1WRC ---> Get your missing QSLs for QSOs with 4U1ITU, 4U1UN and 4U1WRC (2012) at the Swiss DX Foundation's booth at Hamradio 2012 (Friedrichshafen) on 22-24 June. Bring your QSO data with you and observe the working hours of the QSL manager (to be available at the booth). [TNX HB9BOU]

TOPBAND MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> All 160m enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 2012 Topband Most Wanted Survey conducted by NI6T and K8UT. The survey will be running until 31 August and can be found at http://survey.hamdocs.com/?sid=11389. The results will be available in September.

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 Luciano Lucini, IK2QPO (ik2qpo[@]425dxn.org).

WORLD CASTLES WEEKEND ---> Organized by the World Castles Activity Group, it will be held on 16-17 June. Several stations are expected to operate from fortresses and castles in the Azores, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Information on the event can be found at www.wcagroup.org. [TNX RN1CW]

+ SILENT KEYS + Gene Zimmerman (W3ZZ), "an icon in ham radio contesting in the Washington, D.C. area and beyond", as well as "an avid VHF man", passed away on 3 June at 71 years of age.
Other recently reported Silent Keys include Peter Kallfelz (DL8YR), Joel Oulie (F6FHP), Luciano Montanari (I4MNK) and Abel Aguirre (LU8EDK), a radio operator during 18 summer and 6 winter Antarctic campaigns between 1953 and 1997.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8DB, 3C0E, 3C6A, 3D2R, 4J0LH, 4L3Y, 5N7M, 5V7V, 6H6IARU, 6O3A, 6W2SC, 6Y0A, 7P8GF, 7Q7PRO, 7X5QB, 8R1AK, 8R1Z, 9H1SP, 9L0W (AF-037), 9M6/JA1PBV, 9X0PY, A25JR, A35XG, A35YZ, A45XR,

A71BU, A92IO, AP2NK, AT2DW (AS-175), C21HA, C31AT, C31CT, C31PP, C6ANM, CA7PGO (SA-018), CE9VPM, CO6LP, CO8LY, CP4BT, CV5K, CX3AN, CX9AU, E51EWP, E51M, E7DX, EA6SX, EK7DX, ET3AA, FG5FR, FO/AB1OC, FO8WBB, FW0NAR (OC-054), FW0NAR/p (OC-118), GR100MGY, HB0/DL2SBY, HK0NA, HS0ZCW, HV5PUL, J38ZT, JT1DA, JW7QIA, JY5HX, KG4SS, KG4WV, KH2L, MI0GRG, NH7O, PJ4/K5KG, PJ4C, PJ4X, PJ7PT, PJ8/K8ND, ST2AR, SV2ASP/A, SV5DKL, T2T, T6BP, T88RF, TG7/NC2N, TI8II, TK4LS, TL0A, TL0CW, TO5G, TX4T, TX6T/P, UK8AR, UK9AA, UN1L, UP0L, UP65P, V26M, V31WW, V31YK, V5/DJ2HD, V73NS, V85SS, VK8BI/p, VK9XS, VP2MMM, VP2MXF, VP6T, VP8NO, VR2KF, VR2XMT, XF1AA, XR7F (SA-018), XV2RZ, ZA/HA5X, ZA20QA, ZD7FT, ZD7VC, ZD7XF,ZK2C.

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