1A - A team of thirteen operators from Italy, France, Poland, Spain and The Netherlands will be active as 1A0C from Santa Maria del Priorato, home of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) on 1-4 July. They will be active on the HF bands on 6 metres, with a "strong commitment" to "offer the elusive 1A entity to as many hams outside Europe as possible". The team also intends raising funds - thanks to donations and contributions from QSL requests - in order to buy radio equipment for the Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps (CISOM), an organization specialized in bringing assistance and relief during emergencies. Complete information can be found at www.1a0c.com. You can request your QSLs one of three ways: OQRS Direct, OQRS Bureau or direct to Francesco Cozzi, Via Nazionale 8/0, 70128 Bari BA, Italy. The entire log is expected to be uploaded to LoTW "within one year" after the end of the operations. [TNX DX Coffee]

9H - Jeff, N6GQ will be active as 9H3ZZ from Malta (EU-023) on 17-29 June. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

F - Gil F4FET, Diego F4HAU, Vincent F4BKV and possibly others will be active as TM0CEZ from IOTA group EU-157 between 24 June and 7 July. They will operate CW and SSB from three islands (Agot, Cezembre and Harbour) during their daylight hours (6-17 UTC), dates will depend on sea and weather conditions. QSL via F5CWU. Further information can be found at [http://tm0cez.webs.com/](http://tm0cez.webs.com/) [TNX F4FET]

HH - Chris, W3CMP will be active as HH4/W3CMP from Haiti (NA-096) on 19-29 June. He hopes to be QRV on the HF bands in the evening hours, and to give 6 and 2 metres a try (50.106, 50.117 and 144.200 MHz). QSL via home call. [TNX QRZ-DX]

I - Alessio, IZ0UIM will be active as IBO/IZ0UIM from Ventotene Island (EU-045) on 15-19 June. He plans to be QRV on 40-10 metres SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX Coffee]

JA, JD - JA2MET will be operating as JD1BMG/JD1 from the Ogasawara Islands (AS-031) until 24 June. He will then go and be QRV as JA2MET/1 from Mikura-jima (AS-008) from 26 June to 1 July. QSL via bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

LA - Wolfgang, DM2AUJ will be active as LA/DM2AUJ from Senja Island (EU-046) on 24-28 June and from the Lofoten Islands (EU-076) from 30 June to 10 July. QSL via home call. [TNX rsugiota.org]

P2 - Axel DL6KVA, Hans-Peter HB9BXE and Eddy K5WQG will be joining Derek G3KHZ (P29NI) and Hans SM6CVX (P29VCX) for the announced IOTA expedition to Papua New Guinea [425DXN 1098]. Their schedule is as follows:

20-24 October P29VCX Emirau Island (OC-103)
27-31 October P29NI Simberi Island (OC-099)
2-4 November   TBA     Lihir Island (OC-069)
The main team will fly home on 6 November, while Hans will continue
the trip and be active from two other groups:
6-9 November   P29VCX  Buka Island (OC-135)
9-12 November  P29VCX  Manu Island (OC-025)
Bookmark  http://p29ni.yolasite.com/ for further information and
updates. [TNX I21CRR]

TA   - Look for Berkin, TA3J to be active as TA3J/0  from  Yassica Island
       (AS-099) until 17 June. He is QRV on 40-10 metres SSB. QSL via
       home call, direct or bureau. [TNX TA3J]

TA   - The TC Special Wireless Activity Team and the Giresun Radio
       Amateurs and Nature Sports Club will be active as TC6BLH from
       Boztepe Lighthouse on 30 June-1 July, and as TC2KLH from Kefken
       Ada Lighthouse (IOTA AS-159) on 27-29 July, IOTA Contest included.
       QSL via TA1HZ. Information on the Western Black Sea Lighthouses On
       The Air award at www.tcswat.org/awards/WEBLOTA/index.html [TNX
       TA1HZ]

TF   - Volkmar, DL4AOJ will be active as TF/DL4AOJ from Grimsey Island
       (EU-168) on 15-19 June. He operates mainly SSB with some CW on
       40-10 metres. [TNX DX Newsletter]

VE   - Look for Dick AH6EA and Harry K9DXA to operate SSB, CW and RTTY as
       VY0/AH6EZ and VY0/K9DXA from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut between 21 June
       and 2 July. They hope to go and operate from Marble Island
       (NA-185) "for several hours on one day" in the 25-29 June time
       frame. Further information at  http://ah6ez.yolasite.com/ [TNX
       DX World]

VP2V  - Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/W9DR from the British Virgin
       Islands (NA-023) from 21 June to 2 July. He will operate CW and
       SSB on 6 metres (50.115.6 Mhz and 50.115 Mhz). QSL via home call.
       [TNX VA3RJ]

VR   - David, VO1AU will be active as VR2/VO1AU from Lantau Island
       (AS-006), Hong Kong on 15-17 June. He will run 100 watts into
       "simple antennas", and will operate mostly CW and on 6 metres when
       the band opens. QSL via VO1MX. [TNX NG3K]

W    - Dave, AC0QG will be active as AC0QG/5 from South Padre Island
       (NA-092) from 18 June to 13 July. QSL via home call. [TNX
       rsgbiota.org]

W    - Look for AJ4T, KI4GGJ, KJ4AVG, KV4T and W4CCF to be active as
       homecall/p from Dauphin Island (NA-213) on 22-25 June. KV4T will
       concentrate on 17 metres CW and AJ4T on 20 metres SSB, while the
       others will roam the bands. QSL via home call. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB   - A very large team of operators will be active as YE0M
       (http://ye0m.com/) from Pulau Kaliage Besar, Seribu Islands
       (OC-177) on 6-9 July. They will be QRV on 160-2 metres CW, SSB and
       RTTY with several stations. QSL via YB1GJS, direct and bureau.
       [TNX YB0AZ]

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The May 2012 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

The Cass Award (www.CassAward.com) encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers they work by annually presenting a $1000 prize to the single-operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within a 4-week interval. This award is named in honor of Cass WA6AUD (SK), whose stories in the West Coast DX Bulletin taught a generation of DXers that DX IS! The winner of the 2012 Cass Award will be announced in March 2013. An "unlimited" award category with a larger prize is under development for introduction in 2013. If you'd like to pledge a contribution, send email to Contribution[@]CassAward.com. [TNX AA6YQ]

The Dayton Hamvention 2012 Photo Gallery (306 pictures collected by Tom, K8CX) can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dayton2012/ This is the 16th year for the Dayton Photo Galleries. There is also a recap of this year's Hamvention at http://hamgallery.com/gallery/D/hamvention2012.htm. If anyone has a forum review or interesting story, please submit it to K8CX to be included on this page. [TNX K8CX]

The Hawaii IOTA Club was born to explore possibilities and - if permission is obtained from the Trustees of the Papahanaumokua'kea Marine National Monument - operate from IOTA new ones in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

Ralph, K2PF says he no longer handles QSL cards for 4J9NM. Requests should now be sent direct to Denis Denisov, P.O. Box 18, AZ Baku 1000, Azerbaijan.

Jean-Luc Gaveau (F6BIV) passed away unexpectedly a few days ago. He took part in four expeditions with the Radio Club de Provins (TK7C, TS7C, TJ9PF and PJ4C) and had joined the V84SMD team for the November 2012 operation from Brunei. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Hugh R. Brand (6Y5HB, Jamaica Amateur Radio Association's IARU liaison), Marciano Righini (I4MY, ARI Ravenna Honorary President and a pioneer in amateur reception of weather and earth imaging satellites), Philip W. David (K6DLV, ex-YB0ARA) and W. Lane Tarleton (KC4CD - he had lived in Honduras for a number of years operating as KC4CD/HR2; his QSL manager N4AA says that he still has all the logs and "will maintain those records for an indefinite period, should anyone want a card").
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