9A  - HA9MDN will be active as 9A/HA9MDN from Vir Island (EU-170) from 28 July to 4 August. He will operate SSB, RTTY and SSTV, and will take part in the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

9M2  - Look for 9M2CQC/p to be active from Langkawi Island (AS-058), West Malaysia on 28-30 July. The main goal is participation in the IOTA Contest (40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB), with some casual operating outside the IOTA event "if time permits". QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX 9M2CQC]

F  - The Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (www.tp2ce.eu) will be active as TP8CE on 27-29 July. QSL via F5LGF, direct or bureau. [TNX F6FQK]

FK  - JJ2NYT will be active as FK/JJ2NYT from New Caledonia (OC-032) from 29 July to 2 August. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via JJ2NYT. [TNX The Daily DX]

I  - Top Radio Team members Giovanni, IK8MRA and Maria Rosaria, IZ8XOU will be active from Mount Etna, an active volcano and a natural park (Sicily, EU-025) on 27-29 July. TRT sponsors the Archeological Italian Award (www.topradioteam.com/Dia/dia.asp). [TNX IK8MRA]

J6  - Once again Bill, K9HZ will be active as J68HZ from St. Lucia (NA-108) on between 1 and 18 August. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via K9HZ. [TNX DX World]

JA  - Take, JI3DST is active on 40-10 metres as JI3DST/JI1 from Shikine Island (AS-008) until 30 July. During the IOTA Contest he will be signing JI3DST/1. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

JW  - Erik, LA2US is now active as JW2US from Bear Island (EU-027) until November. He operates mainly SSB with some CW on 40-10 metres.

OH  - Jukka, OH3OJ will be active as OH3OJ/p from Kaurissalo Island (EU-096) on 1-6 August. He will operate CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via bureau. [TNX OH3OJ]

OJ0  - G3TXF, G3XTT, SM0DZB and SM0W will operate as OJ0R from Market Reef (EU-053) for the IOTA Contest. "During last winter the Lighthouse on the Reef lost all permanent antennas plus the wind generator", Teemu (SM0W) says, "so the team will put up several vertical antennas and dipoles and run modest power". They arrived on 27 July and expect leave on the 30th in the early morning. "The main goal for the team on this trip will be to prepare for a new permanent antenna installation that will be done later in August. SM0W will also collaborate with the Finnish Lighthouse Society to find a good permanent solution for the electricity for future activations". QSL via G3TXF. [TNX SM0W]

SV5  - Look for Roberto SV5/I2RNJ and Piero SV5/IK2IHY to be active holiday style from Rhodes (EU-001) on 4-11 August. They will operate SSB only. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred, and LoTW.
TT - Silvano, I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8TT from Chad in October. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with three stations. QSL via I2YSB (direct) or IK2CIO (bureau), plus LoTW within six months. Further information, online logs and QPRS can be found at www.i2ysb.com. Once again Arturo IK7JWY will be the pilot station for the expedition (it will be possible to contact him through the dedicated forum at www.hamradioweb.org). [TNX IK7JWY]

UA - The R10K team heading to Ratmanova (AS-061) [425DXN 1107] is still in Anadyr, as the flights to Lavrentiya have been cancelled owing to fog and wind. Their next attempt will take place on Monday (30 July), because the airport is closed during the weekends. Bookmark http://ri0k.ru/ for updates. [TNX RZ3EM]

UA - Vasily, RU3SD and Sergei, UA3SKV are active as RK3SWB/1 from Anzersky Island (EU-066) until 31 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via RK3SWB, direct or bureau. [TNX RA1QY]

UA - Look for Viktor, RN1N/p and Dmitry, UA1NFA/p to be active as homecall/p from Bol'shoy Kimalishche Island (EU-147) on 28-30 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX RN1N]

UA - Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Patriotic War of 1812 (the French invasion of Russia) special event station R1812SM will be active on 1-31 August from various battlefields in the region of Smolensk. QSL via RV3LZ, direct or bureau. [TNX RV3LZ]

UA - Special callsign R10RLHA will be in use on 1-31 August to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Russian LightHouses Award programme. Expect activity from various lighthouses on 40-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via RA1QY, direct or bureau. [TNX RA1QY]

W - The Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association will be active as W1T from Thacher Island (NA-148) on 3-6 August. QSL direct to W1GLO. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

ZA - Once again TA1HZ will be active as ZA1TC from Durres, Albania on 1-7 August, including participation in the European HF Championship. QSL via TA1HZ, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

RSGB IOTA CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (from 12 UTC on 28 July through 12 UTC on the 29st). For lastest additions please give a look at www.rsgbiota.org, and at the announced operation lists maintained by Ric, DL2VFR (http://www.iota-expedition.com/IOTA2012/iota2012.html) and Bill, NG3K (www.ng3k.com/Misc/iota2012.html).

Complete details on the IOTA Contest can be found at www.iotacontest.com. SWLs please note that the IOTA SWL Contest has been picked up by the Radioascolto SWL Club, and will be held in parallel with the IOTA Contest. Complete details can be found at http://www.radioascolto.org/swl/ or from the IOTA SWL Contest Manager (iw1qla[@]tin.it).

Good luck to you all!

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AS-058      9M2CQC/p   Langkawi             9M2CQC
AS-066      RIONZ      Popov                UA0LCZ
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CHILTERN DX CLUB ---> On 21 July the Chiltern DX Club (www.cdxc.org.uk), the UK DX Foundation elected its Committee for the coming year: G3NUG (President), G3SVL (Chairman), G3USR (Treasurer), G4LDL (Secretary), G3RFX (Digest Editor), G4AXX, G4FK and G4PFF.

CQ CONTESTS NEW DEADLINE ---> Participants in CQ-sponsored contests will now have five days after the end of a contest to either upload or mail their logs. "This is the first step in an effort to speed the processing and reporting of CQ contest results", CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson (W2VU) explained, "and it is one more step in our ongoing efforts to help ensure the integrity of submitted logs. Shortening the deadline reduces the time available for those who might be tempted to 'cleanse' their logs after the contest". However, "we realize that in some cases circumstances may not allow a timely submission", CQ WW Contest Director Bob Cox (K3EST) says. "Requests for an extension must be received before the log submission deadline by sending an e-mail to questions[at] cqww.com". The change takes effect with this year's CQ World Wide DX Contest and will apply to all future CQ-sponsored contests.

CY9M & IOTA CONTEST ---> CY9M, St. Paul Island (www.cy9m.com) will participate in the IOTA contest this weekend. Their contest operation will be limited to 20 metres only, SSB and CW. The contest log will be merged with the regular DX operation, so there is no need to work them twice. The CY9M QSL card will be used for confirmation, the log will be uploaded to LoTW and submitted to the IOTA Contest manager.

V8 & 6 METRES ---> The Magic Band is coming back to Brunei after a silence of more than ten years. The V84SMD expedition (11-23 November) has been granted permission to be active on 6 metres, and will have a dedicated antenna. See http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd/

+SILENT KEYS+ Paul Caboche (3B8AD, ex VQ8AS and VQ8AD) passed away on 24 July. Born in 1918, he was the oldest amateur radio operator in Mauritius and the first Chairman of the Mauritius Amateur Radio Society (1967-93). Other recently reported Silent Keys include Sergey V. Zhuchkov (R9WW), Charles D. Shinn (W5PG) and George S. Badalian (EK6GB), a doyen of amateur radio in his country and the President of the Federation of Radiosport of the Republic of Armenia (FRRA).

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