5W - Neither 5W0RK nor 5W0KR (as he had announced), but 5W0W is the actual callsign eventually issued to Ralph, H44RK [425DXN 1126]. He will be QRV from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) until 3 March, with activity on 20-10 metres SSB and digital modes. QSL via NR6M.

7P - After being QRV for 20 months as 9J2RI, Chris, ZS6RI will operate as 7P8RI from Lesotho starting around 17 December. He will be active in his spare time on a 2-week-on/2-week off work schedule. See qrz.com for QSL details.

C6 - C6AEE is the new callsign issued on 4 December to Gil, N2GG for his current activity from Grand Bahama [425DXN 1125]. His previous callsign (C6AGG), which he used during the first days, was issued in error by the Bahama authority. QSL via N2GG.

DU - Max, M0GHQ will be active again as DU9/M0GHQ from Mindanao (OC-130) between 8 December and about 18 January. He will operate holiday style on various bands and modes. He also plans to pay a visit to Simon, DU9AQQ on Samal Island (OC-235) "at some point during that period". [TNX The Daily DX]

FG - Nicolas, FG4NO will move permanently to Terre-de-Haut, Les Saintes (NA-114), Guadeloupe on 1 January. QSL direct to FG4NO's qrz.com address (for requests from IARU Regions II and III) and F4AVX (for requests from IARU Region I); bureau cards via F4AVX for all Regions.

I - Special callsign II1M will be used by ARI Chivasso (IQ1GJ) on 14-16 December to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the first radio message to cross the Atlantic from North America. QSL via IQ1GJ, bureau preferred. [TNX IZ1DNG]

OA - Martijn, PA3GFE will be active holiday style as OA4/PA3GFE from Peru from 20 December to 1 February 2013. He will operate mainly CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres, hopefully also on 80 metres if he gets "the antenna resonant". QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

OH - OH9SCL (QSL via OH9AB) and OF9X (QSL via OH2BH) will be QRV in December from the heart of Santa Claus Land, in the Lapland region of Finland. The OF9X station is expected to be activated for the first time on 7-20 December. Further information, including details on how to receive "a slick Santa Claus certificate" for contacting both OH9SCL and OF9X, can be found at www.qrz.com/db/of9x

S7 - Werner, DC8QT will be active as S79QT from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles from 19 December to 7 January. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via DC8QT. [TNX rsagbiota.org]

UA_ant - Alex, RD1AV is a member of the summer team at Vostok Station, Antarctica, and will be active again in his spare time as RI1ANC
from 22 December to 7 February. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. [TNX RN1ON]

XE - Members from Radioclub Cancun will operate as 4A0MAYA on 19-23 December to mark the start of a new cycle of the Maya Long Count Calendar. They will be QRV on 40-6 metres SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via XE3RCC. Further information at http://www.4a0maya.info/

XV - Heli, DD0VR and Bigi, DE3BWR will be active as XV0VR from Vietnam between 12 December and 4 January. They plan to visit several places, including the islands of Cat Ba (AS-132, 18-20 December) and Phu Quoc (AS-128, 30 December-2 January), and to operate CW and SSB on 20-10 metres. QSL via DD0VR, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

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IOTA CHARGES ---> IOTA charges, most of which have remained unchanged since 2007, will rise on 1 January 2013. The full list can be seen at http://www.rsgbiota.org/info/directory/charges-en.pdf. The new fees will be applied automatically through the charging module to all applications received on or after 1 January. The RSGB regrets the need to increase charges but the current financial climate makes this unavoidable. Applications/updates received before that date will attract the previous charge.

IRON HAM CONTEST ---> Drawing inspiration from the Ironman Triathlon 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]

PT0S ---> A summary of the PT0S DXpedition to St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks can be found at http://pt0s.com/PT0S_Summary.pdf

QSL NA-161 ---> All direct requests for the 17-19 August activation of NA-161 (KL7XK/p, VA7AQ/NL5, VE7DP/WL9) have been mailed. Please note that some of the VA7AQ/NL5 cards have a typo-error: check your card and if the label reads VA7AQ/NL7, please contact Heinz by email. Provide your complete mailing address and you will receive another QSL. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to va7aq[@]yahoo.ca and ve7dp[@]rac.ca. [TNX VE7DP]

QSL UA0QBA ---> Igor, EW4DX has logs and blank QSL cards for UA0QBA (Kotelnj Island, AS-028). Logsearch at http://logbook.ew4dx.org/ and QSL direct to Igor Artsyman, P.O.Box 57, 230023 Grodno, Belarus. [TNX
TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://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).

ZL9HR ---> The team arrived at Campbell Island around 18 UTC on 30 November, and came on the air at about 04.30 UTC on 1 December using minimum equipment. The following day the full range of masts and antennas were installed. ZL9HR is expected to QRT on 9 December at 08.00 local time (19 UTC on 8 December). The decision is based on the weather forecast, as they need to get favourable conditions for the voyage back to New Zealand. On 7 December at 02:43 UTC the logsearch on Club Log included 35,607 QSOs with 13,456 unique callsigns.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 2O12L, 3D2C, 3D2GC, 3D22Y, 4J0K, 4S7LSG, 4S7NE, 4U1ITU, 425QO, 5C13SG, 5H1HS, 5H1HS/3, 5H2DK, 5H3CMG, 5T5BV, 5U5U, 5U6E, 6V1A, 6V5WJ, 6Y9X, 7O6T, 7Q7BP, 7T501/p (AF-097), 8P2K, 8R1AK, 9J2GR, 9K24P, 9K2GS, A5A, AP2IA, C4M, C50C, C5A, C5YK, CN8LL, CP8MW, CW5W, D2QR, D3AA, D64K, DS5FNE, DSSUSH, E51AIU (OC-083), EA9IB, EK6GC, EK6YL, EW6DX, EYOA, F4BKV/p (EU-105), F4BKV/p (EU-107), FM5WD, FR5ZL, GD6IA, GM0B (EU-123), H44RK, HR9/WQ7R, JA1NLX/VK4 (OC-160), JG8NQJ/JD1, KH8/JA22L, NH0J, NP4A, ON30NOL, PJ2/KB8DXU, PJ2L, PJ2T, PJ4D, PJ4W, PJ7I, P25RA, RI1ANF, RI1FJ, RN0SRR, S79NU, SP2X, SY8AN, T6LG, TK/DL4FF, TO2D, TT8TT, UA0YAY, UN7MMM, VK9XM, VP8LP, VP8NO, VU3BPZ/p, XE1L/UF3, XU7AFU, XV1X, XV29FM, XV9DT, XX9THX (AS-075), Z21BB, Z21GF, Z30U, Z81D, ZB2FK, ZL7A.

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