A6 - A group of operators from the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will be active as A63HI from Umm al Hatab Island (AS-021) on 19-24 December. They plan to be run two stations on all bands and modes. QSL via IZ8CLM.

DU - Al, W7XA has permanently moved to the Philippines. He operates mostly CW on 40-10 metres as DU1/W7XA from near Tagaytay, Cavite, 40km south of Manila. Currently he is using and inverted vee and 100 watts, but "in February will be QRO and will erect a hexbeam", he says. His QSL route will be posted on qrz.com.

JD1_oga- JG7PSJ will be active again as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 30 December to 4 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). Logsearch and other information can be found at http://jd1bmh.zxq.net/

OH - The recent activity of OF9X (QSL via OH2BH) and OH9SCL (QSL via OH9UV) from Finnish Lapland [425DXN 1127] has exceeded all expectations, thus both stations will be kept active specifically this weekend and coming week. Work both stations and get "a slick Santa Certificate" which can also be issued to your children or grandchildren. After working both, the request with names can be sent to og9x[@]sral.fi.

S7 - Tom, DL5NEN and Claudia, DO5NEN will be active again as S79NEN from La Digue (AF-024), Seychelles on 15-28 December. QSL via DO5NEN. [TNX DX Newsletter]

ST - Mario, CT1FTR expects to be QRV soon from Sudan as ST2FT. He will operate SSB and PSK31 on the HF bands. QSL via CT2GBU, direct or bureau, and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

V2 - Kei, KG2A (JJ1RJR) will be active as V25A on 23-29 December. He will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL direct only to KG2A. [TNX NG3K]

V5 - Look for DJ2BQ, DJ2HD, DK1CE and DL3DXX to be active from Namibia in December-January as follows:
- 22 Dec - 02 Jan V5/DL3DXX 160-10m SSB and CW
- 22 Dec - 02 Jan V5/DK1CE 160-10m CW
- 22 Dec - 12 Jan V5/DJ2HD 160-10m SSB and RTTY
- 04 Jan - 18 Jan V5/DJ2BQ 80-10m RTTY
QSL V5/DK1CE via DH3WO, others via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VP2M - Nao, JN1RVS will be active as VP2MRV from Montserrat (NA-103) from 21 December to 3 January. He will operate CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via JA1HGY, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

W - Howie, K1VSJ will be active again from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) from 28 December to 1 January. He will focus on working JA stations on 10 or 15 metres during his late afternoon hours. [TNX
XV  - Sei, JA7LU (XV4LU) and Hiroo, JA2VWG (XV4DDD) will be active from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) on 12-16 January. They will operate SSB and RTTY on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct only. [TNX JA7LU]

YB  - Adhi, YB3MM and others are organizing an IOTA operation to take place from Rondo Island (OC-245) on 9-17 March 2013. A special callsign (YE6A) has been applied for. They will welcome operators from abroad; if interested in joining the team, please contact Adhi (yb3mm[@]mdxc.org) for more information. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

BEST PRACTICES FOR DXPEDITION OPERATING ---> "We believe that much of the chaos on the bands during DXpeditions is caused by the operating tactics of the DXpedition operator - this leads to poor operating by DX-Chasers, and therefore to chaos. At a meeting of RSGB, CDXC and GM-DX on October 13th we agreed to strengthen the 'DX Code of Conduct' and to prioritise the DXpedition side. This has now been completed, thanks to Wayne N7NG and 'DX University', and has been renamed 'Best Practices for DXpedition Operating'. Please go to www.dxuniversity.com click on DXpeditioning Tools, then Basic Practices. Each of the 13 points is hyper-linked to some explanatory text.

We would hope that DX organisations will adopt it as a condition of funding. This would hopefully spread to become the normal requirement for all DXpedition funding: DXpeditions would not only 'support' it, but would also implement it on-air. In this way we expect that chaos on DX bands can be reduced somewhat whenever a DXpedition is under way". [TNX G3SXW]

IARU NEWS ---> Two new member-societies have joined IARU. On 1 November 2012 voting was completed on the admission of Federation of Radio Sport of Azerbaijan (Proposal No. 247) and St. Vincent & Grenadines Amateur Radio Club (Proposal No. 248) to IARU membership. With 53 affirmative votes required for approval there were 60 votes in favor of Proposal No. 247 and 61 votes in favor of Proposal No. 248. Accordingly, both proposals were adopted.

QSL CY0AA 1996 ---> All of the 15,000+ QSOs made by CY0AA (Sable Island) back in June-July 1996 have been uploaded to LoTW. Should you still need a paper QSL, send your request direct only to W8RHM. No further bureau cards will be processed. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL PS0F ---> Renner, PY7RP was active as PS0F from Fernando de Noronha on 6-10 December, and the QSL route for this operation is via WD9DZV. PS0F was also the callsign used by Jim, K9PPY and Bill, W9VA back in March 2009, and the QSL route for that operation is still via W9VA.
THE CDXC DX ARCHIVE --->

This project was born out of a proposal, made by Alan, 5B4AHJ/G3PMR to the Chiltern DX Club Committee in early 2011. In his research work for Club Log's callsign database, Alan recognised that there are many DX documents that exist only in paper format, and are thus inaccessible to the majority of interested persons. Alan proposed that CDXC should set up a DX Archive project, whereby DX documents would be digitised and made freely accessible to all, in a searchable format, via the CDXC website. The initial phase of this project involved the acquisition and scanning of as many issues of Geoff Watts' (later RSGB's) "DX News Sheet" and "RSGB DX News Magazine" as possible. This phase of the project, undertaken entirely by volunteers, is now live and accessible via the CDXC website. Go to http://www.cdxc.org.uk/ and click on "The CDXC DX Archive".

V26B ---> Team Antigua has set up a Restoration Fund and is accepting any donations (PayPal at http://team-antigua.com) to help rebuild the shack that was destroyed by fire on 18 November [425DXN 1125]. "We have temporarily moved the station to another smaller building in the property", they say, "and hope to return to the main shack if we can come up with enough money to do so". 100% of any donations will be used towards replacement of damaged equipment or repairing the fire damage. The fund will be administered by N3OC, WT3Q, N3BNA and AA3B.

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS ---> In 2008 The Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) established the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be awarded "to individuals who through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper". The latest recipients, announced on 7 December, are:
- George Fremin (K5TR), Tree Tyree (N6TR), Trey Garlough (N5KO) and Scott Neader (KA9FOX) for their contributions to many infrastructure projects that benefit the ham community at large.
- Mark Spencer (WA8SME), for his instrumental work in the ARRL Teachers Institute and other training efforts, development of PIC microcontroller projects and books for amateurs, and work with leaders in student and scientific teams applying amateur radio to scientific projects and experiments.
- Champ Muangamphun (E21EIC) and Pornchai Semjang (HS2JFW), for leadership in the Thai amateur community, especially during the recent flooding which helped open the door to the new Thai HF licensing and enhanced the stature of amateur radio with the Thai government.
- Tomas Hood (NW7US) and Carl Luetzelschwab (K9LA), for sustained education of the amateur community regarding propagation, solar and geomagnetic physics.
- David Freese (W1HKJ), for creating and maintaining the freeware software package FLDIGI, probably the most widely used digital communication software in ham radio and a frequent gateway for new hams who are more familiar with computer-based communications.
- Dean Straw (N6BV), for his contributions to amateur antenna system design and the development of software tools such as HFTA to optimize system design.
- Peter Martinez (G3PLX) and Pawel Jalocha (SP9VRC), for the development of PSK31, a widely used digital mode entirely invented by amateurs that is
enabling many amateurs to successfully use HF with very modest stations.

- Arie Kleingeld (PA3A), Ad Van Ginneken (PA8AD) and Arie Noordzij (PA3AN),
  for their sustained contributions to the Mercy Ships Project.

The YASME Board of Directors also announced supporting grants to WRTC 2014,
the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation, Club Log, the NCDXF Beacon
Project, Yasme Scholarships (administered by ARRL) and the Amateur Radio
Association of Kosovo (SHRAK). [TNX W6SZN]

ZL9HR ---> The team on Campbell Island finished operations at about 16:00
UTC on 8 December, and the last logs have been uploaded to Club Log. The
final log includes 42115 QSOs (almost the 79% equally shared between Europe
and North America) with 15226 unique calls. The OQRS on Club Log is now up
and running.

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