9U - A team of operators from Belgium and the Netherlands will be active as 9U4U from Bujumbura, Burundi on 14-23 February. They plan to run four stations with amplifiers on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY, with at least one station focusing on 160 and 180 metres every night. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau (OQRS for both options at www.m0urx.com), and LoTW "at the earliest opportunity". The website for the expedition is at www.9u4u.be

9X - Carl, SM6CPY will be active holiday style as 9X0PY from Rwanda on 15-31 January. He will operate mainly CW on various bands, depending on antenna possibilities. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

A3 - Werner, DJ9KH will be active as A31WH/p from Vava'u Island (OC-064) from 20 February to 3 March. Prior to that, he will be QRV as A31WH from Tongatapu (OC-049). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgb iota.org]

DL - Special station DL50FRANCE will be active until the end of the year, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Elysee Treaty, the Treaty of Friendship that set the seal on reconciliation between France and Germany. QSL via DK8VR. [TNX DX Newsletter]

FY - Christian, F5UII (www.f5uii.net) will be active in his spare time as FY/F5UII from Kourou, French Guiana on 13-30 January. He will operate SSB only from the FY5KE radio club's premises, typically on weekdays before 12 UTC and after 22 UTC. He also plans to spend a weekend on Ile Royale (SA-020), and operate SSB with 100 watts on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Follow him on Twitter (@f5uii) for updates. [TNX F5UII]

HR - Gerard, F2JD will be active as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras for three months starting around 25 February. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA and logsearch at http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

KP4 - Special event callsign N4D will be active on 11-25 January for the ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention (www.arrlpr.org). QSL via WP4CRG. During the convention, on 26-27 January, look for the official ARRL amateur radio station to be QRV as W1AW/KP4.

OE - A number of OE2013 prefixed callsigns will be in use between 15 January and 18 February to celebrate the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships that will take place in Schladming, Austria. Information on the relevant award can be found at http://wmdiplom2013.oevsv.at/

ST - Sam, K0YAK (ex 9N7AK) is now in Khartoum, Sudan, and will be active as ST2SF beginning in late January and continuing through at least mid-April. His licence includes full HF privileges, but is limited to 100w. He plans to be QRV on 40-10 metres (perhaps
also 80 and 6m) SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or K0YAK.

T8 - Mike JA6EGL (T88SM), Yas JA6UBY (T88CP) and Yu JE6DND (T88HK) will be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 9-14 January. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL direct to home calls. [TNX DX World]

VK9L - Look for JA3ARJ/VK9 (QSL via JA3ARJ), JA3BZO/VK9 (QSL via JA3BZO), JA3HHJ/VK9 (QSL via JA3HHJ), AE6XY/VK9 (QSL via JA1CJA), W7AVO/VK9 (QSL via JA3AVO) and W7PBL/VK9 (QSL via JH3PBL) to be active from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on 11-18 January. It will be a "DX vacation" with planned activity on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. [TNX DX World]

VK9N - Lee, VK3GK will be active as VK3GK/9 from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 11-15 January. He will operate holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB, with some CW. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

W - Dennis, WA2USA will be active as WA2USA/4 from St. George Island (NA-085) between 20 January and 27 February. He will operate mainly CW on 30, 20 and 15 metres, with some SSB on 40 and 20 metres. He will also participate on all bands in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (16-17 February) and the NAQP RTTY Contest (23-24 February). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

IOTA TOUR ---> Vincent, F4BKV and Col, MM0NDX will be active from nine IOTA island groups (EU-029, EU-128, EU-057, EU-129, EU-132, EU-042, EU-125, EU-172 and EU-171) in Denmark (OZ/F4BKV & OZ/MM0NDX), Germany (DL/F4BKV & DL/MM0NDX) and Poland (SP/F4BKV & SP/MM0NDX) between 10 and 13 January. They plan to operate SSB on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. When active in Denmark they might use a special call. Find their planned itinerary and follow their progress on Twitter (@IOTA_Trip). Bureau QSLs via home calls; direct cards for both via F4BKV (OQRS on www.f4bkv.net). [TNX MM0NDX]

CQ MM DX CONTEST ---> The results of the CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest 2012 are now available at www.cqmmdx.com. This year's event will be held on 20-21 April. [TNX PY4WAS]

DAYTON CONTEST DINNER ---> The 21st Annual Dayton Contest Dinner will be held on 18 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets are available exclusively on http://contestdinner.com

DX DINNER ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is pleased to again sponsor the DX Dinner, to be held in conjunction with the 2013 Dayton Hamvention on Friday, 17 May at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. Details can be found on the SWODXA Events website (www.swodxaevents.org) and updates will be sent out regularly via Twitter (@SWODXA). [TNX W8GEX]

IDXC 2013 ---> Registration is now open for the 64th International DX
Convention, to be held at the Visalia Conference Center in Visalia (CA), on 19-21 April. Complete details can be found at www.dxconvention.com

IOTA BASH ---> The 9th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 1-2 March in Boerne, Texas, about 20 miles northwest of San Antonio. The agenda will include presentations on some of the most recent IOTA expeditions and a nice social programme. Details and registration form are available on the IREF website (www.islandradio.org). [TNX AD5A]

IOTA NEWS ---> "Following receipt of new information the IOTA Manager has decided to put on hold acceptance of 7T50I/P cards for Aquelii Island AF-097. None will be accepted during the January update period. A final decision will not be taken before February" [TNX G3KMA]

POSTAL RATES (FRANCE) ---> French postal rates for standard letter items (up to 20g) have increased since 1 January:
0.80 EUR    European Union plus HB9, HB0, T7 and HV
0.95 EUR    rest of the world

QSL G100RSGB ---> An online "Am I in the log" facility and detailed information on the QSL service for G100RSGB, GD100RSGB and the other Gx100RSGB stations, Celebrating the Radio Society of Great Britain's centenary [425DXN 1130], can be found at www.rsgb.org/centenary (click on "RSGB Centenary Special Event Station Log and QSL Management" on the right).

QSL VIA N2ZN ---> With immediate effect, N2ZN is the QSL manager for all of WJ2O's DXpeditions - they are listed at www.wj2o.com (with logsearch). QSL direct (Kenneth J. Boasi, 5018 Ontario Center Rd, Walworth NY 14568, USA) or bureau.

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).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 2012L, 3B9SP, 3D2C, 3W2BB, 4L1MA, 407VB, 5R8IC, 5U5U, 5X1NH, 524EE, 706T, 7T50I/p (AF-094), 7X4AN, 7Z7AB (AS-190), 9A8VB, 9M6NA, A31MA, AA4VK/CY0, AH0/N0AT, AH0I, C50C, C5A, C6AXY, CP4DR, CU1ARM, CU2ARA, CU3URA, CU4ARG, CU5AM, CU6GRP, CU9AC, D2QV, D64K, DU1GM, E40VB, E51AIU, E51AND, E51TLA, EL2A, EL2AS, EL2IF, EL2MF, EL2WE, ES5Q, EW7LO, FK8HZ, H44RK, H44USMC, HCS/KF6WD, HC2AC, HT9H, JW7QIA, JW7XM, JX5O, JY8VB, KH8/N6XT, KL7RRC/p, LX1NO, MS0WRC (EU-010), NH8S, OA7/DF7NX, OJ0R, P29FR, P29NI (OC-069), P29VCK (OC-025, OC-103, OC-135, OC-240), P29VB (OC-069), P292AD, PJ4/KU8E, PJ7I, R11FJ, S01MZ, S79NU, SU9VB, T30PY, T6LG, T6MO, TT8TT, V31MW, V31NO, V5/DF2UU, V63PR, V85SS, VK9/OH1VR, VP2ETE, VP2MDD, VP2MGZ, VP2MYL, WA4DAN/CY0,WHO/K0BBC, YI1RZ, YJOAFU, ZG6K, Z81D, ZC4LI, ZL7A.
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