9M4_spr- John 9M6XRO, Steve 9M6DXX, James 9V1YC, Ben DJ0YI/N6MUF, Don G3BJ, Christian EA3NT and Tony K100 will be operating as 9M4SLL from Pulau Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) on 10-18 March. Activity will be on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, using "several stations with linear amplifiers to vertical antennas all within a few metres of the ocean". QSL via M0URX (please use his OQRS for both direct and bureau cards at [http://m0urx.com/](http://m0urx.com/)). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible after the end of the operation. [TNX 9M6DXX]

9M6 - Before joining the 9M4SLL team, Ben DJ0YI will be active as 9M6/N6MUF from Kota Kinabalu, East Malaysia on 1-8 March (QSL via DJ0YI, direct or bureau, and LoTW). [TNX DJ0YI]

C6 - W4BUW (C6AGH), W8GEX (C6DX) W8CAA and AA4NN will be active from Great Exuma (NA-001), Bahamas on 20-27 January. They plan to run three stations on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home calls.

FR - Pierre, F8APV and Stephane, F8EOI will be active as FR/F8APV and FR/F8EOI from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 21 January to 8 February. They will be QRV on "40 metres and up", with a focus on 30m CW and 20m SSB. [TNX DX World]

J7 - "The Daily DX" Editor, Bernie McClenny (W3UR) and his father Tony (N3ME) will be active from Dominica (NA-101) in late January-early February. Bernie will operate as J77A (22 January-1 February) and Tony will operate as J76A (22 January-11 February); both will be QRV in their spare time on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. The special prefixes are in celebration of the beginning of their Amateur Radio careers (1977 and 1976 respectively). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ will be back to Minami Torishima (OC-073) on 15 January and will remain there until mid-April. He plans to be QRV in his spare time as JG8NQJ/JD1 mainly on 10, 12, 15 and 17 metres CW. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

UA_ant - Nick, RW6ACM will be active as as R1ANP from Russian Antarctic station Progress from 1 February until the end of year. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. [TNX RN1ON]

YS - Roberto, I2JIN will be active again as YS3CW from Corinth, El Salvador on 11-31 January. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via I2JIN, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX DX Coffee]

AFRICAN TOUR ---> Once again Peter, HA3AUI will be active as 6W2SC from Senegal and J5UAP from Guinea-Bissau between approximately 17 January and 10 March. He plans to operate CW on 40-10 metres. Side trips to either 6W and J5 IOTA island groups are being considered. QSL via HA3AUI, direct only. [TNX NG3K]
IOTA TOUR ---> Col, MM0NDX has had to cancel his participation in the 10-13 January IOTA Tour [425DXN 1131] due to a family matter. Vincent, F4BKV is doing the trip solo, with planned activity 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, Germany and Poland. Follow his progress on Twitter (@IOTA_Trip). QSL via F4BKV (OQRS on www.f4bkv.net). [TNX MM0NDX]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2012 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2013 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. Complete rules and submission information can be found at www.dxmarathon.com - and do not forget to submit your 2012 scores by 31 January 2013 (next year's deadline will be 10 January 2014). High claimed scores will be published in February and the complete results of the 2012 Marathon will be in the June 2013 issue of CQ Magazine. [TNX K9EL]

CONTEST UNIVERSITY ---> Early bird registration is now open for 2013 Dayton Contest University (CTU) will be held on 16 May at the Crowne Plaza in Dayton, Ohio. It will be the seventh for CTU Dayton. Topics, professors and registration form can be found on http://contestuniversity.com

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2012 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2012/; the collection of 135 clips covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 15 full years of sound clips available. There are also some recordings on the site from the 1960s and 1970s. "I am looking for on-the-air recordings in any format to be added to the site", Tom says. Please contact him (k8cx[@]hamgallery.com) if you have any. [TNX K8CX]

DXCC NEWS ---> 3D2C (Conway Reef 2012) has been approved for DXCC credit. If you had cards previously rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to bmoore[@]arrl.org to be put on the list for an update. [TNX NC1L]

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey was conducted in September-October 2012 [425DXN 1114]. The top 20 DXCC Entities are:

1. P5 North Korea 11. PY0S St. Peter & Paul Rocks
2. KP1 Navassa Island 12. KH5K Kingman Reef
3. 3Y Bouvet Island 13. ZL9 Auckland & Campbell Isls
4. FT5Z Amsterdam & St. Paul Isls 14. KH5 Palmyra & Jarvis Isls
5. VK0 Heard Island 15. SV/A Mount Athos
6. FT5W Crozet Isls
7. BS7H Scarborough Reef
8. VP8 South Sandwich Isls
9. ZS8 Marion Island
10. FT5T Tromelin Island
11. E3 Eritrea
12. BV9P Pratas
13. VP8 South Georgia
14. FT5J/E Juan de Nova, Europa Isls
15. KH3 Johnston

The 100 Most Wanted listing, with the results of the 2011 survey for comparison, can be found at http://www.dxpub.net/MOST-WANTED-SURVEY.html. The complete breakdown by continent is published in the January/February 2013 issue of "The DX Magazine"; a breakdown by mode and for 160/80 metres will be published in the March/April 2013 issue.

POSTAL RATES (CANADA) ---> Canadian postal rates will rise again on 14 January. The new base prices for standard letter items up to 30g are as follows:
Canada CAD 0.63
U.S.A. CAD 1.10
International CAD 1.85

Stamps are subject to taxes that can vary from Province to Province. Actual rates can be calculated through the "Find a Rate" on-line service provided by Canada Post (www.canadapost.ca).

+ SILENT KEY + John Dack, W7KH (ex W7GUV) passed away on 7 January at 91 years of age. First licensed in 1938, he sat at the top of DXCC Mixed standings, with 398 entities (340 current and 58 deleted).

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