5H  -  Sam, F6AML will be active as 5H1Z from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) from 20 January to 28 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40–10 metres in his spare time. Side trips to IOTA groups AF-054, AF-063 and AF-075 are being considered. QSL via F6AML, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Coffee]

5X  -  Announced frequencies for the 6-18 February 5X8C DXpedition to Uganda [425DXN 1123] are:

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RX frequencies on 160m CW will be 1834.5 for EU/NA and 1821.5 for AS/OC. A large multi-national team (DF1LON, DJ7JC, DL1YFF, DL8OBF, EI9FBB, F2DX, F2JD, F2VX, F5CWU, F5EOT, F5NHJ, F5NKK, F5UFX, F5UOW, F5VHQ, F6ENO, F6BJI, F8IXZ, F9IE, FM5CD, K4SV, ON4LO, ON7RN, RG8K and UA9KGH/1) will be active with six stations and a focus on the low bands; operations are expected to start on 8 February around noon. F4TTR and V51B will be the pilot stations. QSL via F1NGP, direct or bureau (OQRS provided by Club Log), and LoTW. Further information at www.5x2013.com. [TNX F5NQL]

6W  -  Jean-Claude, F6IRS will be active holiday style as 6W/F6IRS from Senegal from 21 January to 7 February. He plans to be QRV on all bands SSB, typically in his late afternoon-early evening hours. QSL via bureau. [TNX F8REF]

A3  -  Werner, DJ9KH [425DXN 1131] will not be able to collect his licence (hopefully A35WH or A31WH) until he arrives in Tonga. He will be active from Tongatapu (OC-049) on 13-23 February and from Vava'u (OC-064) from 24 February to 2 March, with activity on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He plans to post updates to http://www.qrz.com/db/A31WH on a regular basis while on the islands.

CT8  -  Rudi, HB9CQL and Hermann, HB9CRV will be active as CT8/HB9CQL and CT8/CT3FN from Flores Island (EU-089), Azores on 22-25 January. They will team with Antonio, CUBAS and Toze, CT1GFK and participate in the CQ WW 160M Contest (CW) as CR2W. After the contest expect them to be signing CR2V until 8 February, with a focus on the low bands and an entry in the Mexico International RTTY Contest (2-3 February). QSL CR2W and CR2V via HB9CRV, direct and bureau, and LoTW.

FT  -  Gildas, TU5KG is leaving on a new fishing campaign in the Southern Indian Ocean. He will be sailing in the Kerguelen and Crozet areas; when on land he will use his new callsigns, FT5XT (Kerguelen) and FT5WQ (Crozet), otherwise he will be signing /mm. QSL via F4DXW, direct only. [TNX DX World]
HK - Once again Lothar, DK8LRF will be active as HK3JCL from Colombia between 18 January and 1 April. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

JA - Nobu, JP1EWY will be active as JP1EWY/1 from Hachijo Island (AS-043) on 19-21 January. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JN6RZM]

PY - Ed PS7DX, Nazareno PS7NN, Mac PS7GL, Carlos PS7KC and Nat PS7HD will be active as PW7F on 18-20 January to celebrate the 415th anniversary of the Fortaleza does Reis Magos, located in the city of Natal. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via PS7HD, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL.

S7 - Bert, CX3AN will be active as S79AN from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 4-11 February. He will operate mainly SSB and CW on 80-6 metres. QSL via CX3AN. [TNX CX3AN]

SM - Raf ON5RZ, Dirk ON7DS and Jean ON4JV will be active from SI9AM (the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society, www.si9am.se) in Ragunda on 23-28 January, including an entry in the UBA DX Contest (26-27 January). Outside the contest they will be on 160-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via SM3CVM, direct or bureau. [TNX SM3CVM]

TA - The TC Special Wireless Activity Team will be active as TC150RC until 31 January and again on 1-31 July to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Robert College of Istanbul, the oldest American school still in existence in its original location outside the US. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. TCSWAT's activity calendar for 2013 can be found at www.tcswat.org [TNX I3TGW]

VK - Look for VK4NM/p to be active from Fraser Island (OC-142) on 15-18 February. Two operators (Andrew, VK4NM and Peter, VK4LAT) plan to be QRV on 80-10 metres, with an emphasis on the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VK9C - Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI will be active as VK9C/GM2MP from the Cocos-Keeling Islands (OC-003) from 30 March to 13 April. They will operate SSB and CW, with some RTTY. They hope to have a real-time logging system and daily LoTW uploads if possible. More details are expected in due course. [TNX GM3WOJ]

ZF - Ted, K8AQM will be active as ZF2TA from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 26 January to 2 February. He will operate holiday style on 20-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via K8AQM. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZS8 - David, ZS1BCE has been appointed as the new radio technician for Marion Island (AF-021). He will depart Cape Town on 15 April, and expects to be QRV about four weeks later until May 2014. He will operate SSB only on most HF bands (callsign still to be applied for). QSL via ZS1HF. [TNX DX World]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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DAYTON TOPBAND DINNER ---> The 24th Annual Dayton Topband dinner will be
held on 17 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Details and tickets are now available on http://topbanddinner.com

DXCC NEWS ---> Z81Z (Republic of South Sudan, current operation commencing 8 January 2013) has been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

LU6W ---> The German DX Foundation (www.gdxf.de) is collecting donations to help the LU6W team replacing the equipment they lost during their recent operation from Isla Escondida (SA-096, read about their trials and tribulations at http://lu6w.yolasite.com/).

QSL V25A ---> Jack, W9NJB is the QSL manager for V25A prior to 23 December 2012 (QSOs made by K9MDO). As of 23 December 2012, the call has been re-assigned to KG2A. [TNX N9LAH]

SOS RADIO WEEK ---> Some forty stations in the United Kingdom have registered to take part in the SOS Radio Week, a fund raising event in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution that will run from 19 to 27 January. Details on registered stations and the awards (free of charge) for contacting them can be found at www.sosradioweek.org.uk [TNX VA3RJ]

TRIATHLON DX CONTEST ---> The Triathlon DX Contest is a competition that combines the main operating modes into one single non-stop event to be held on 2 February, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC, with 8 hours of operation on each mode (RTTY, Phone and CW). Complete details (look at the first prize!) can be found on www.triathlon-dx-contest.gr [TNX SV8CYV]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 3B9SP, 3D2C, 3V8BB, 4L8A, 4O3A, 407VB, 5C2P, 5H2DK, 5N7M, 5T0SP, 5T5BV, 5U5U, 5V7TH, 7P8CC, 7Q7GM, 7X4AN, 7Z7AB (AS-190), 8P5A, 9A8OK, 9A8VB, 9G5TT, 9H3PP, 9H9BH, 9M4SLL, 9Y4/DL7VOG, 9Y4LAS, A45XR, A60WSW, A71CT, AA4VK/CY0, AH0/N0AT, BA4TB/4 (AS-136), BM0LF, BY1CQ (AS-158), BY1WXD/0, C37NL, C50C, C5A, C6AUM, C6AXY, C6AZZ, C7FKG (SA-018), CN2R, CP4DR, CQ8X, CR2X, E20VB, E51AIU, EA6QY, EA6UN, EI9JU, EL2A, EL2DT, EL2ES, EL2LF, EL2MF, ES5Q, FG5FR, G03TFX, HC2/W7SE, HH2/EK6KB, HKONA, J75Z, J79WE, JU850DN, JW2US (EU-027), JW7QIA, JX50, JY8VB, KH2/N2NL, KL7RRC/p, LT0X (SA-087), NH8S, NP2KW, OJ0X, OX8MM, P29NI (OC-099), P29VCX (OC-025, OC-103, OC-135, OC-240), P29VPB (OC-069), P3EU, PJ2/K2PLF, RI0K (AS-061), RI1ANF, SU9VB, SV2ASP/A, T6LG, T88UE, T8XX, TF/VE3IKV, TG9IDX, TI8M, TR8CA, TT8TT, TX5EG (OC-067), TZ6VV, V31NO, V63PR, V73AX (OC-028), V85TLVK6WDI (OC-170), VK9/OH1VR, VK9/OH3JR, VK9/OH3X, VK9XS, VP2MDD, VP2MGZ, VP2MYL, VP5/K7AR, VP8ROT, VU3BPZ/mm, VY0/K9DXA, WA4DAN/CY0, XX9THX, YE9IOTA (OC-150), YS1YS, YW5B (SA-037), ZL7A.

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