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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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8Q - Noel, F6BGC will be active as 8Q7NC from the Maldives (AS-013) on 19-29 March. He plans to operate holiday style on 40-6m with 100w and a vertical, using mostly SSB with some CW and RTTY. Further information can be found at http://f8kcf.free.fr/. QSL via F6BGC, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX F6BGC]

A3 - Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active as A3EAQ from Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga from 26 March to 16 April. He will operate SSB only on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information and logsearch will be available at http://sp5drh.com/a3eaq/ [TNX NG3K]

CE - Jose, CE8DMT expects to be QRV from Navarino Island (SA-050) on 23 and 24 March Look for him on 21277 kHz at 13.30-15.30 UTC and on 28477 kHz at 16-17 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

E5 - Andy, AB7FS (E51AND) is moving to Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands. "If all goes as planned I should have a good gain antenna system", he says, "and I may try for Palmerston (OC-124, North Cooks) or possibly Pukapuka (OC-098, North Cooks) in July or August, this time with better preparation and hopefully a Hexbeam". According to his qrz.com page, after 15 April cards should be sent to Andy Duncan, P.O. Box 618, Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

E6 - Alan, VK4WR (E6RQ) and Graeme, VK4FI (E6SG) will be active from Niue (OC-040) on 22-29 March. Their main focus will be on 6 metres. QSL both calls via VK4FI. [TNX DX World]

EI - Olivier, ON4EI will be active as EI8GQB from Fethard, Ireland (EU-115) from 24 March to 3 April using an hybrid wind-solar power system (see www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB) from his caravan. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as EI1A. QSL for both callsigns via bureau to ON4EI.

FH - Hartwig, DL7BC (www.qslnet.de/dl7bc) will be active again from Mayotte (AF-027) between 26 March and 12 April. Until 9 April he will be QRV as TO7BC (including an entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest), after that he might operate as FH/DL7BC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

GM - The Camb-Hams (http://dx.camb-hams.com) will be active again as GS3PYE/p from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) on 10-16 May. A large group of operators will be QRV with five stations on 600 (472 kHz)-10 metres, as well as on 6m, 4m, 2m EME and some 70cm. QSL via M0VFC (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

H40 - Part of the H44G team was expected to go and operate as H40T from Temotu Province on 12-23 March [425DXN 1139]. However, several flights to Santa Cruz were cancelled due to bad weather conditions, and they were able to get bookings for 16 March, to be confirmed on the 15th. As some operators "are bound to fixed

return flight dates", the new H40T team will include DL4WK, DL7DF, DL7UFR and SP3DOI. Check http://dl7df.com/h4/news.php for updates.

H44 - The June 2013 Solomon Islands IOTA Tour [425DXN 1140] has become "The 3C Project" (Connect, Communicate, Coordinate): "as a group of skilled and passionate amateur radio operators", the organizers say, "we wanted to do more than just go to exotic locations to operate from. Our Mission is to actively seek a dialogue with islanders and discuss and record the needs of the villagers that we meet. This will be an expedition with a difference". The plan is to activate (in order) IOTA groups OC-149, OC-168, OC-047, OC-127 and OC-285 (Stewart Islands, new one for IOTA). Exact dates and the callsign to be announced. Read more on the project's website at http://h44iota.com/

HA - Special station HG52FC is active on all bands and modes until 31 May for the 52nd FIRAC congress to be held in Galyateto on 16-20 May (details at http://www.firac.de/html/congress_2013.html). QSL via HA5BSW, direct or bureau, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX HA0HW]

HC - Once again Rick, NE8Z will be active as HC1MD from Ecuador from 21 March to 11 April. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via K8LJG. Information on the HC/Ecuador and HC8/ Galapagos DX Diplomas at http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z. [TNX NE8Z]

JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT (www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 28 April to 4 May. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres and satellite. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI5RPT]

KH9 - K9W is the callsign issued to the DXpedition to Wake Island [425DXN 1140], which is anticipated taking place at the beginning of October. The actual days of use will be announced in due course. Val, NV9L and Col, MM0NDX will be the Pilot Stations. Bookmark www.wake2013.org for further information and updates. [TNX W8GEX]

OZ - Once again the OZ1RDP Scout team (www.oz1rdp.de) will be active from Romo Island (EU-125) on 17-21 May. They plan to operate SSB, BPSK31 and maybe some CW on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via DL9BCP, direct or bureau. [TNX DL9BCP]

PA - Celebrating his 70th birthday, Joop Tijpens (PD0RKA) will be active on the HF bands as PD70JT from 16 March to 13 April. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

PA - Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands will formally end her reign on 30 April, and leave monarchy to Crown-Prince Willem-Alexander. At least a couple of special stations are expected to be active to celebrate the event: PA200KING from 18 April to 5 May (QSL via PD5ROB), and PC13KING, operated by Contest Club Apeldoorn from 22 April to 2 May (QSL via PA1DV). [TNX PA7CW]

S7 - Nobby, G0VJG will be active as S79VJG from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 4-17 April. He will operate SSB only on 80-10 metres. QSL via G4DFI.

T2 - Clive, GM3POI made it to Tuvalu on 12 March, with a transceiver (100 watts) and wire antennas, but he has not been reported active so far. After many trials and tribulations, the other three T2GM team members (GM3YTS, GM0GAV and GM4FDM) were finally able to

reach Fiji and retrieve their lost luggage. They are booked on the 16 March flight to Tuvalu, which is their last chance of going to T2. Check http://t2gm.org/ for updates.

T2 - Tim, NL8F will operate mainly SSB from Tuvalu (OC-015) between 19 March and 2 April. The callsign is not known, as he will have to collect his license upon arrival. QSL via K8NA. [TNX DX World]

T2 - Ingolf DJ4LS, Rick DK8YY and Detlef DL3ALI will be active as T2YY (requested callsign) from Tuvalu from 23 March to 4 April. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via DH7WW. [TNX The Daily DX]

TA - Once again the TC Special Wireless Activity Team (www.tcswat.org) will be active as TC18M on 16-18 March to commemorate the anniversary of the naval battle of 18 March 1915 during the Dardanelles Campaign. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

V7 - Ted, JF1CCH will be active as V73TS from the Marshall Islands on 21-26 March. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VE - David, VE3VID is QRV in his spare time as VY0/VE3VID from Igloolik Island (NA-174) until 29 March. He uses a 20m dipole on RTTY, but has plans to have a multiband antenna when he returns to the island in September/October. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) from 28 March to 1 April. He usually operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

ZD8 - Mick, G1EUZ will be active as ZD8RAF from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 18-22 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

ZK3 - Hans, DL6JGN and Guenter, DL2AWG will be active as ZK3N from Nukunonu, Tokelau (OC-048) from 25 April to 8 May (www.tokelau2013.de). They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via DL2AWG.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The February 2013 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

7O6T VIDEO ---> The 7O6T DXpedition video is now available for free download from two different sites. The High Definition can be found on https://vimeo.com/61384528, while the Standard Definition video is on www.intrepid-dx.com [TNX N6PSE]

CASS AWARD ---> Presented annually, the Cass Award (www.cassaward.com) [425DXN 1102] honours the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK) and encourages DXPeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a $1000 prize for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns. The 2012 Cass Award has been won by Rob Chipperfield, M0VFC:

"from the remote South Atlantic island of Tristan Da Cunha as ZD9UW in October 2012, Rob worked 3362 unique stations over his 4-day DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many individuals as possible". [TNX AA6YQ]

CLIPPERTON 2013 ---> TX5K started operations on 40m SSB around 06.15 UTC on 2 March and went QRT at 00.00 utc on the 10th. The team hit the 100,000th QSO mark around 12.15 UTC on 8 March, and finished with a grand total of 113,844 QSOs (60227 CW, 45030 SSB and 8587 Digi).

DX DINNER ---> David Patton, NN1N will be the featured speaker for the 28th annual DX Dinner, sponsored by the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and 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]

HAM RADIO 2013 ---> The 38th International Exibition for Radio Amateurs - Europe's premiere gathering for amateur radio enthusiasts - will take place on 28-30 June at Friedrichshafen (www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de). As usual, there will be a big flea market and commercial exhibitors, as well as many lectures and presentations. Ham Radio 2013 will be combined with the 64th Bodensee Convention organized by the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club.

NORTH KOREA ---> Rick, K6VVA has posted Info Update #2 to the "P5 CW Only & IOTA AS-197 Project" [425DXN 1105 and 1106] he has been working on for seven years now. "Recent 'circumstances' in P5 during the last several months have made this Project even more challenging, for obvious reasons", he says, "Yet a new alternative route to potential success has also materialized, and I decided to unleash the full 'long term' plan, which has been to activate ALL of the four P5 IOTA Designators (AS-195, AS-196, AS-197 and AS-198)".
Over the past 18 months, Rick has been part of a discussion group (N7NG, G3SXW, ON4UN, ON4WW, W6SJ, ST2AR/S53R and others all with considerable DXpedition and/or DX QTH operating experience) and spent "considerable time in analyzing and discussing the observed cause and effect relationship between the operating 'styles' (and errors) of many major DXpedition operators, which always result in the same predictable anti-social behaviors and chaos occurring in all pileups". Rick plans to produce a web viewable video soon, "summarizing my perspective of the reality of things, which will also be the basis for any P5 operations and Pileup Management". Read the full release at www.k6vva.com/p5/p5infoupdates.html

QSL OX3XR ---> OZ3PZ is no longer the QSL manager for Peter, OX3XR. Effective 1 April, the new QSL route will be via SWL PA3249, direct only (see qrz.com for details). You can also use the "Get a Card In the Mail" service provided by eQSL. Bureau QSL requests will go unanswered, but electronic confirmations will still be available through LoTW and eQSL. As for XP3A, neither direct nor bureau paper cards are available, and QSOs are confirmed only via LoTW and eQSL.

WAPC ---> The second Worked All Provinces of China (WAPC) DX Contest will be held on 20-21 April (from 6 UTC on the 20th to 05.59 UTC on the 21st),

on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW. Complete details can be found on the Mulan DX Club's website (www.mulandxc.org). Last year's event saw participating stations from 32 out of 34 Chinese provinces, municipal cities, autonomous regions and special administration regions. [TNX BA7JS]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2C, 3D2ZY, 3V8BB, 3XDQZ/p (AF-096, 2004)4A0MAYA, 4K12SONG, 5T0SP, 5U5U, 5U6E, 6W/M1KTA, 6Y3M, 7O6T, 7Z7AB (AS-190), 8R1AK, 9J2BO, 9M2RDX, A63HI (AS-021), A71BO, CO8WN, EF8S, EP3SMH, FK/JK1KSB, HI3/N2YDD, HI3K, HT9H, JA1YUC/6 (AS-067), JD1BMH, JT1CO, JT1DX, KH8/M1KTA, OD5NJ, PY0FM, RI1ANF, RK9UN, S79QT, ST2AR, T30PY, TC0KLH (AS-159), TC0P (AS-099), TR8CA, TZ6BB, UK9AA, V31JQ, WA2YUN/KH9, XF1F (NA-124), XP1A, XU1A, YB8Y, ZB2FK, ZD7VC, ZL9HR.

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