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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3V - The operators and clubs participating in the TS8TI operation [425DXN 1137] from Djerba Island (AF-083) are 3V8ESG, 3V8SA, 3V8SF, 3V8ST, Leopoldo I8LWL, Antonello IK2DUW, Stefano IK6JRI, Fred IK7JWX, Ampelio IS0AGY, Rosy IW2NLC, Vincenzo IZ8LFI, Ashraf KF5EYY and Heathem YI1UNH. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands, 6 metres included, between 30 April and 5 May. QSL via IK7JWX (for Italian stations, direct or bureau) and via IK2DUW (rest of the world, direct or bureau). Further information and logsearch at http://www.mdxc.org/ts8ti/ [TNX IK7JWX]

5B - Gabriele, I2VGW will be active as 5B4/I2VGW from four different locations along the coasts of Cyprus (AS-004) from 26 April to 2 May. As usual, he will focus on digital modes and 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via home call.

5U - Pierre, HB9AMO is active holiday style as 5U9AMO from Niger until 30 May. He operates CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via M0URX and LoTW. Logsearch at www.hb9amo.net/5u9amo.php

A3 - Vadym, UT6UD will be active as A35UD from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) on 1-7 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via UT6UD. [TNX NG3K]

CO - Lazaro CO2WL, Gustavo CO2NO and Rene CO2RVA will be active as T42T during the 47th Volta RTTY Contest (www.contestvolta.it) on 11-12 May. QSL via HA3JB. [TNX HA3JB]

E5_sc - Bruce, ZL1AAO will be active as E51AAO from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 3-17 May. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX World]

F - Tim ON5HC, Jurgen ON5MF, Patrick ON7PQ, Geert ON7USB and Francis ON8AZ will be active as TM3B from Batz Island (EU-105) on 4-11 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via ON8AZ, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.eu105.be

F - A team of operators from the Radio-Club Vendeen will be active as F6KUF/p from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 18-20 May. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY with three stations on 80-2 metres. QSL via F6KUF. [TNX F5TRO]

FT5Z - This is the tentative schedule for FT5ZM [425DXN 1145]: the MV Braveheart will leave Freemantle (Australia) for Amsterdam Island on 15 January 2014. The journey will take 9 days, with an estimated arrival date of 24 January. Landing operations will commence as soon as the sea conditions and weather allow. Once the team is ashore, they will have 18 days to set up, conduct the DXpedition and tear down for departure. The team anticipates being back in Fremantle by 23 February. Bookmark www.amsterdamdx.org for

updates and further information.

G - Special event callsigns GB70BOA (from Fort Perch Rock at the Mersey entrance) and GB70WA (from Leasowe Lighthouse) will be activated on 20-27 May to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic in World War II. Look for activity on 80-10 metres (as well as on 144 and 432 MHz) all modes. [TNX WB2YIP]

GJ - David, ON4DN will be active holiday style as MJ/ON4DN/p from Jersey (EU-013) on 6-9 May. He plans to operate from various lighthouses and WFF references. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX ON4DN]

I - ARI Siracusa will be active as IQ9SY between 11 May and 23 June during the XLIX Greek Theatre Festival. QSL via IT9DAA, direct or bureau. [TNX IT9NVA]

JA - Look for JS6RRR (QSL via bureau), JI3DST/JS6 (QSL via bureau) and JA3YEC/JS6 (QSOs confirmed automatically) to be active on all bands from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 27 April to 7 May.

LY - LY550W is active until 20 May for the Days of Kaunas City, an annual series of cultural events that celebrate the expansion of the city's privileges granted in 1463 by Grand Duke Casimir IV Jagiellon. QSL via LY5W. [TNX LY5W]

LZ - Special station LZ2013KM will be active on all bands and modes on 1-31 May to celebrate St. Kiril and Methodius' Day. QSL via LZ1BJ (email requests for bureau cards to lz1bj[@]yahoo.com) and LoTW.

OH0 - Members of the OI3V Radio Club will be active as OH0/OI3V from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 3-5 May. They will be QRV on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and possibly also digital modes. QSL via bureau to OI3V. [TNX islandchaser.com]

OX - Henning, OZ1BII will be active again as XP2I from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018) on 23-27 May. He will operate CW only and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via OZ1BII, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Celebrating the inauguration of King Willem-Alexander, the Kempische Amateur Radio Club (PI4KAR) will operate as PA00KING on 30 April.

PA - On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in The Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 90th anniversary from the Dutch side, special callsign PI90PCG will be active on 4-28 May. QSL via bureau. See YB below for information about the special station from Indonesia.

SM - Mel, SM0MPV will be active as SM0MPV/5 from Vassaro Island (EU-084) between 1 May and 16 June. He will be a staff member at the Vassaro Scout Center and will be QRV during his spare time. QSL via home call (bureau preferred) and LoTW. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SM - Fred, SM7DAY/p will be active again from Senoren Island (EU-138) from 25 May to 1 June. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7DAY]

VE - Members of the "NA-128 Contest Group" will be active as CF2I from Ile Verte (NA-128) on 24-28 July, including the IOTA Contest. The group will operate many stations from the lighthouse keeper's quarters on many bands and modes (SSB, CW and RTTY, PSK63) before and after the contest. QSL via VE2CQ and LoTW. [TNX VE2EBK]

VP2M - Once again Nao, JN1RVS will be active as VP2MRV from Montserrat (NA-103) from 27 April to 3 May. He will operate CW and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via JA1HGY, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

VU7 - Krish, W4VKU (VU2VKU) now plans to be active as VU7KV from the Lakshadweep Islands [425DXN 1146] from 2 May until his licence expires, i.e. at 1829 UTC on 5 May. Expect him to be QRV on 80-10 metres SSB with some RTTY. QSL via W4VKU. [TNX QRZ DX]

W - Once again Team HAMCOW (http://hamcow.net) will be active as W1ACT/p from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) on 2-5 May. QSL via N1JOY, direct only. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - The IOTA activity by YB5NOF and YB5QZ from the Banggai Islands (OC-208), which was announced to start on 26 April [425DXN 1139], has been postponed. Hopefully the special callsign (possibly YE8P) will be issued in late April, and operations might take place around mid-May. Should the special callsign not be issued, John and Anton will be QRV as YB5NOF/8 and YB5QZ/8. [TNX JN6RZM]

YB - Commemorating the 90th anniversary of Radio Malabar, special event station YE90PK will be active on 3-5 May from the site of the former radio station, at Gunung Puntang in West Java. QSL via YB1LZ (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW.

FOC SPECIAL EVENT ---> "FOC" suffix callsigns that are expected to be on the air between 1 and 31 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club [425DXN 1143] include:

Belize	V3FOC
Bulgaria	LZ75FOC
Canada	VA3FOC, VE6FOC
Chagos Isls	VQ975FOC
Cyprus	5B75FOC
Denmark	OZ75FOC
Czech Republic	OK7FOC
England	GB75FOC
France	TM75FOC
Germany	DJ75FOC, DK75FOC
Guernsey	GP4FOC
Hawaii	KH6FOC
Isle of Man	GT4FOC
Israel	4X75FOC
Italy	II0FOC, II6FOC, II7FOC
Lithuania	LY75FOC
Malawi	7Q7FOC
Mauritania	5T1FOC
Northern Ireland	GN4FOC
Russia	R75FOC
Sardinia	IS0FOC
Saudi Arabia	HZ1FOC
Scotland	GS4FOC
Slovenia	S575FOC
The Netherlands	PA75FOC
UAE	A65FOC
Ukraine	EM75FOC, EO75FOC
USA	K0FOC, K2FOC, K6FOC, K7FOC, N4FOC, N8FOC, W1FOC, W2FOC,

	W3FOC, W5FOC, W6FOC, W9FOC, WA1FOC, WG4FOC
Wales	GC4FOC
Zambia	9J75FOC

In addition, also M0RSE will also count as an FOC-suffix call. Information about the FOC 75 Certificate for contacting FOC members during this special on-air event can be found at www.g4foc.org

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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MISSION GOODWILL SOUTH SUDAN ---> The initial activity (ST0R) covered DXCC demand, and has been followed by a handful of hams working in the country and QRV with Z8 callsigns. However, South Sudan's "amateur radio infrastructure is not yet established. This include regulations, licensing procedures, visitor licensing and considerations on calling for locals to get involved. Radio Arcala has taken up the initiative to work with the local Telecom administrators and provide them with assistance and helping hand". Olli, OH0XX and Martti, OH2BH are currently in Juba, the capital, and are active as Z81X during their spare time. QSL via OH0XX. [TNX DX World]

NCDXF NEWS ---> The annual meeting of the Northern California DX Foundation board of directors was held during the International DX Convention in Visalia, California, on 20 April. Officers will remain unchanged for the next year with Rusty Epps W6OAT (President), Glenn Johnson W0GJ (Vice President), Don Greenbaum N1DG (Treasurer) and Kip Edwards W6SZN (Secretary). Reelected to the board of directors were Ned Stearns AA7A, Glenn Rattmann K6NA, Steve Merchant K6AW, Tom Berson ND2T, John Miller K6MM, Glenn Vinson W6OTC and Ken Anderson K6TA.
Contributions from clubs and individuals remain strong, helping NCDXF keep up with the increasing expenses of DXpeditions to rare, remote and dangerous entities. Please visit www.ncdxf.org for joining or renewing membership. NCDXF officially presented a $50,000 grant to the FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition. This is the second largest grant in the 41 year history of NCDXF. During this time NCDXF has supported over 500 DXpeditions with over $1.8 million dollars.
The Northern California DX Foundation is also committed to bringing younger DXers and Contesters into our hobby. NCDXF will provide full tuition scholarships for hams 25 years of age and younger at all DX University and Contest University sessions held in North America for the next year. This includes those held at the Dayton Hamvention next month. Funding for this project comes from NCDXF's Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is separate from its General Fund used to support DXpeditions. [TNX W0GJ]

PIRATE ---> Peter, OX3XR has received information from the Greenlandic Communication Authorities that Leo Wolsing (OX3LW) "requested to terminate the call" back in August 1975. The callsign has not been reissued since then, so do not waste your time on working the station currently signing OX3LW as it is a pirate.

QSL HK6AAY & HK6DOS ---> Oscar, HK6DOS reports that EA5KB is no longer his QSL manager. The same applies to Carlos, HK6AAY. QSL for both is now "via bureau or e-QSL".

QSL ZP5YW ---> Effective immediately, Randy W5UE has agreed to serve as QSL manager for Mike ZP5YW. Mike's former manager, WA3HUP has retired from this service. Mike uploads his logs regularly to LoTW and eQSL, and is providing Randy all of his logs. New QSLs are being ordered so there may be a slight delay in replies. Direct requests should go to Randy Becnel, P.O. Box 170, Kiln MS 39556-0170, USA. OQRS (for ZP5YW as well as for other stations Randy manages) at http://w5ue.net/qsl-w5ue.html. [TNX W5UE]

THE INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> "Tonight [20 April, at the IDXC 2013 in Visalia, Ed.] the Intrepid-DX Group is very proud present our 'Intrepid Spirit Award' to a notable DXer and DXpeditioner that we have come to respect and admire greatly, Mr. Silvano Borsa I2YSB. This award is to recognize Silvano's outstanding efforts to activate Somalia on three different activations, as well as Chad and most recently Burkina Faso.
We acknowledge Silvano's pursuit of Dxpedition excellence and his quest to activate the rare and often dangerous entities. It is for these reasons that we honor him tonight with our 'Intrepid Spirit Award'.
This 'Intrepid Spirit Award' is made in memory of our fallen friend and member, James McLaughlin, T6AF who was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan just two years ago this month". [Paul S. Ewing N6PSE, President, The Intrepid-DX Group]

THE P5 PROJECT ---> On 20 April, at the IDXC 2013 in Visalia, the Intrepid-DX Group, in partnership with the World-Wide DX Group, announced their "sustained and ongoing effort to activate North Korea", the most wanted DXCC entity world-wide. "We are committed to work as hard and as long as it takes to activate this rare and much needed entity. We will continue negotiating and flying into and out of the DPRK as needed during this process to lay the groundwork and to build the trust to ensure that a favorable outcome can be created". Read the full press release at www.intrepid-dx.com/p5/ [TNX N6PSE]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/HB9ARY, 3B9FR, 3D2C, 3D2MF, 3D2OU, 3D2RO (OC-060), 3V8BB, 4L1MA, 4L8A, 5B8AD, 5M2TT, 5T0JL, 5T0SP, 5V7TT, 5X8C, 6O3A, 6Y3M, 6Y5WJ, 7X4AN, 7Z7AB, 9K2/SP4R, 9K2VO, 9M0L, 9Q6CC, 9U4U, 9Y4VU, A5A, A61ZX, A63HI, A92IO, AP2MB, BA8AG, BU2AQ, C31CT, CT9/DL5AXX, CW5X, CX2AQ, D3AA, D44BS, DB100AWPB, DL2RVL/HI9, E51E, E51WL, EA9/DL2RVL, EP3SMH, EW6DX, EX/UA4WHX, EY8/UA4WHX, FK/F4BKV, H44KW, H44RK, HA30S, HB30OK, HC2/UA4WHX, HD2A, HI3EPR, HI8W, HK0/F6BFH (NA-049), HK1/F6BFH (SA-040), HK6F, HT9H, JG8NQI/JD1, JX5O, JX9JKA, KC4AAA, KH2/G3ZEM, L22D (SA-022), LU6W (SA-096),LX1HD, NP2/N5RZ, OD5NJ, OY1CT, PT0S, PY0F/PP1CZ, RA2FF, S21XV, SV5BYR, T46RRC (NA-204), T47RRC (NA-086), T48RRC (NA-218), T6LG, T77KS, TC3DEU, TJ3AY, TT8TT, TX7M, TZ6BB, UK/UAWHX, V63UG, V63ZM, V73TS, VK0JJJ, VP2EC, VP2V/KE2VB, VP5/K0UU, VP8LIZ, VP8ROT, VP9I, VY0/VE3VID (NA-174), XR0YG, XT2CJA, XT2TT, XW0ZJZ, YB26SEAG, YB6N (OC-161), YE9IOTA (OC-150), YN7SU, Z81D, ZD8W, ZK3SB, ZL9HR.

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