5R - Daniel, DF8UO is active as 5R8UO from Madagascar (AF-013) until 20 September. He is QRV in his spare time on 40-10 metres CW and digital modes, and will participate in the WAE SSB DX contest. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX DXNL]

7X - Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Algeria's IARU member society ARA (Amateurs Radio Algeriens), special callsign 7T9A will be used from Sridjina Island (AF-104) on 19-21 September. QSL via 7X2ARA.

C2 - Yuki, JH1NBN will operate SSB as C21BN from Nauru (OC-031) on 16-26 September. He will be QRV in his spare time, probably during his evenings, running 100 watts into a wire antenna. QSL via JH1NBN (direct). [TNX The Daily DX]

F - The Radio Club du Bassin d'Arcachon (F5KAY) will be active as TM49PB from the lighthouse at Cap Ferret on 14-15 September. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres with two stations. QSL via F5KAY. [TNX F8REF]

F - Special callsign TM90KOB will be in use on 14-27 September to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Radio Club de l'Aube (F5KOB). Activity on the HF bands CW, SSB and digital modes, as well as on the VHF bands SSB and FM. QSL via F5KOB. [TNX F8REF]

F - The Association des Radioamateurs des Cotes d'Armor will be active as TM6BRE from Brehat Island (EU-074) on 28-29 September. They expect to be QRV with three stations on 40, 80, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F4EUG. [TNX F8REF]

FR - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active as FR/DJ7RJ from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 28 September to 2 November. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1M]

G - October 2014 will mark the 90th anniversary of the first radio transmissions from Great Britain to New Zealand (see ZM90DX below). In preparation for these celebrations, the special call GB2NZ (http://gb2nz.com/) will be operational on 5-25 October this year. Activity will be predominantly on 80 metres. QSL via M0OXO (preferably through the OQRS at www.m0oxo.com). [TNX G3SJJ]

H4 - Bernard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from Honiara (OC-047), Solomon Islands from 3 October to 26 November. Hermann, DL2NUD will be along operating EME as H44HP until mid-November (possibly with a side trip to Vanuatu with activity as YJ9HP). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DL2GAC]

HP - Special event station HP500OP will be active on 20-30 September from Panama to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean by Vasco Nunez de Balboa. QSL via HPIRCP (direct with SAE: "no IRCs, no Green Stamps, no eQSL, no bureau").

I - Look for IQ7IA to be active from Isola Traversa, Pedagne Islands (EU-091) on 14-15 September. QSL direct only. [TNX DX Coffee]
I      - ARI La Spezia will be active again as IP1T from Tino Island (EU-083) from around 8 UTC on 21 September until around 14 UTC on the 22nd. They will be QRV on the HF bands, as well as on 70 and 144 MHz. QSL via IZ5JLF. Nice photo galleries of this year's previous two operations (27-28 July and 17-18 August) can be found at http://www.arilaspezia.it/pages/eventi.php [TNX IZ5JLF]

JD1_oaga- Koji, JI1LET will be active as JD1BOI from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 25 October to 3 November. He will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX JI1LET]

JW     - Rene, DL2JRM and Netti, DO6XX will be active as JW/homecalls from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 20-23 September. Expect JW/DL2JRM to focus on the SAC CW Contest (21-22 September), while JW/DO6XX will operate SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [TNX rsgb iota.org]

ON     - Between 1873 and 1934 more than two million European emigrants left via Antwerp for the US on board the Red Star Line's ocean liners. Special callsign ON70REDSTAR will be activated from 21 September to 21 October to celebrate the opening of the Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp. QSL via ON4OSA.

OZ     - Bernd, DL8AAV will be active as OZ0AV from Laeso Island (EU-088) on 16-28 September. QSL via DL8AAV, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgb iota.org]

SM     - Fred, SM7DAY will be active again as SM7DAY/p from Senoren Island (EU-138) on 14-21 September. He plans to operate CW, SSB, PSK and maybe SSTV on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7DAY]

SV     - Martin, DB4BJ will be active as SV8/DB4BJ from Kerkyra/Corfu (EU-052) on 18-29 September. He will operate PSK and SSB on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

SV     - Eugene, RD8X will be travelling to Greece on a business trip between late September and early October. He plans to be QRV in his spare time as SV8/RD8X from Santorini Island (EU-067) on 25-28 September and from Paros Island (EU-067) on 28-30 September, and as SV9/RD8X from Crete (EU-015) from 30 September to 2 October. He will operate CW on 40 metres and up. [TNX RD8X]

SV9    - Uli, DJ9XB will be active holiday style as SW9XB from Crete (EU-015) from 21 September to 5 October. He will participate in the CQ WW RTTY Contest on 15 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

T8     - Masashi, JL1FUQ will be active as T88GJ from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 20-24 September. He plans to be QRV on 6 metres (50130 kHz) and on the high bands (20-10 metres) SSB, and possibly AM, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via JL1FUQ, direct or bureau.

VE     - Mike, VY0BRR aka VE2XB (www.vy0brr.jimdo.com), who is based on Dorset Island (NA-156), will be active from Qikiqtarjuaq (Broughton Island, NA-130) on 23-27 September. Mike says he will concentrate his efforts on 40 and 80 metres CW and SSB "in the evenings as work permits". QSL via VE2XB, direct or bureau. [TNX VY0BRR]

VK9L   - Tomas, VK2CCC will be active in his spare time as VK9LL from Lord Howe (OC-004) on 22-29 September. He will focus on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via VK2CCC, direct or bureau.
W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 13-15 September. He usually operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsqbiota.org]

W - Allen KB3WEY, along with his father Mike KA6DLN and twin sister Lizzie KB3WIA, will be active as KB3WEY/p from Assateague Island (NA-139) on 18-22 September. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via KB3WEY (direct, LoTW and eQSL). [TNX rsqbiota.org]

W - Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Collins Radio Company, the Collins Radio Club stations will be conducting a special event operation on 21-23 and 28-30 September. Planned to be active are W0CXX and N0CXX (Cedar Rapids, IA), W5ROK (Richardson, TX), W4CRC (Melbourne, FL) and W6CXX (Tustin, CA). For all stations QSL via N3SL. Further information at www.w0cxx.org. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

XE - Special event station XE3IARU will be active on 19-29 September during the IARU Region II General Assembly to be held in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau, direct QSL via DL6KAC. [TNX The Daily DX]

XU - Alex, M6CFW will be active "semi-holiday style" as XU7AEU from Cambodia on 24-28 September. He will operate mainly PSK31 PSK63 on 10 and 20 metres, but will try other modes and bands if time and equipment permit. QSL via M6CFW (direct), eQSL and LoTW. He will upload his log to Club Log at the end of the trip.

YB - The YE5R activity from Anambas (OC-108), originally scheduled for 15-20 September, has been postponed to 18-22 October. According to the entry on qrz.com, the operators will be YB4IR and a team from the Riau Islands Province's regional branch of ORARI.

YB - Ina, YD1NAA will be in Tanjung Balai Karimun on Karimun Besar Island (OC-075) for two months during a work assignment starting on 14 September. She will bring her rig and antenna and plans to operate mostly CW as YD1NAA/5. Her license class allows her to operate CW and SSB on 40 and 80 metres, and CW only on 15 and 10 metres. QSL for both YD1NAA and YD1NAA/5 via W2FB. [TNX W2FB]

ZL - 1923 and 1924 marked the zenith of long distance communication records culminating on 18 October 1924 on 80 metres with the first trans-world contact between Frank Bell (Z4AA) in Shag Valley, New Zealand and 18-year-old Cecil Goyder (G2SZ) in London. The Kiwi DX Group will commemorate this event (and the many other ZL firsts that occurred ninety years ago) with the special callsign ZM90DX, which will be in use between 1 October 2013 to 31 October 2014 on all bands (1.8 MHz to 1.2 GHz and beyond) and modes. All operations will take place from New Zealand, NOT from ZL9! QSL via M00XO. Further details can be found at www.zm90dx.com [TNX ZL3NB]

SOUTHEAST ASIA TOUR ---> Fusao, JR3CNQ and Takeshi, JS6RRR (JI3DST) will be active as 9V1/JR3CNQ and 9V1/JS6RRR from Singapore (AS-019) on 20-21 September and again for a few hours on the 23rd. On 21-23 September they will operate as 9M2/JR3CNQ and 9M2/JS6RRR from West Malaysia. They will be QRV on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home calls. [TNX JI3DST]

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

AMSTERDAM 2014 ---> "Essentially all the FT5ZM team's equipment is now in hand and at the Atlanta staging area or undergoing final testing in preparation for shipment to Atlanta", K0IR reported on 10 September. While "the Amsterdam Island DXpedition team's progress continues unabated", a major milestone occurred when the team made their initial payment (NZD 175,000) for the charter of the ship. "Our next payment is due in December, so like all major DXpeditions of this magnitude, we will feel the cash flow crunch shortly. We are hoping you can support us up front when we need the money and help us make Amsterdam a memorable DXpedition. If you've supported us, we greatly appreciate it. If you have not yet done so, please consider helping us now". More information on the DXpedition budget can be found at http://www.amsterdamdx.org/why-does-this-dxpedition-cost-so-much/

"Let's assume we are on the air for 14 days", K4UEE says. "That equates to 20,160 minutes on the air. If our budget is $400,000 (not including operator travel costs to Perth and back), then our time on the air costs $19.84 per minute. Assume we make 100,000 QSOs, (a worthy goal for a #4 'most-needed'). The cost per QSO works out to $4.00". The DXpedition operators will pay about half of that, but "our sponsors including DX Foundations, DX Clubs and individual DXers worldwide need to pay the remainder. So, when deciding not if, but how much support you will offer FT5ZM, ask yourself: How many QSOs am I going to make? How important are those QSOs to me?"

GREEK TELEGRAPHY CLUB CUP ---> The 3rd Greek Telegraphy Club CW Cup will take place from 12 UTC on 5 October until 12 UTC on the 6th. Full details can be found at http://www.raag.org/displayITM1.asp?ITMID=630&LANG=EN [TNX SV5DKL]

P29VNX ---> The 8-13 September operation from Lissenung Island (OC-008) [425DXN 1161] by Akira, JA1NLX (P29VNX) has been cancelled due to flight problems.

QSL 5A1AL ---> Abubaker Alzway, 5A1AL (DL1AL) says that his stay in Libya has been extended. All of the QSL cards that have already been sent to his address in Germany will be forwarded to him via air mail "until 15 September 2013". His current address for QSLing is P.O. Box 6279, Tripoli, Libya: send only your card and a SAE, return postage to be paid via PayPal (please email elzo71[@]yahoo.com for PayPal account details).

QSL 9M2PJU ---> Effective immediately, the new QSL route for 9M2PJU is via K2AU (direct). "I will not reply any QSL cards received from MARTS bureau", Piju says, "but I will confirm QSOs on LoTW".

QSL YD9RQX/P ---> Steve, W2FB reports that he will be the QSL manager for YD9RQX/p (OC-275). Steve will not use any OQRS for this operation: YD9RQX
"needs QSL cards to upgrade to the next license class", and so Steve would like "to get as many cards as possible from as many countries as possible".

QSL VIA NR6M ---> Rex is the new QSL manager for contacts made with either VK4SWE and VK4EI (Lyn on Sweers Island, OC-227). "I am starting the process of converting all the logs from paper to computer", he says. "There are a lot so this will take a little time". Direct cards should be sent to Rex Turvin, 18040 W Banning Street, Casa Grande AZ 85193, USA.

+ SILENT KEYS + The Amateur Radio Society of Kenya reports the tragic news of the untimely passing of Jagjeet Singh Virdee (5Z4GB/5H3JS), who was killed on 30 August in an attack by an armed gang at his home in Kericho.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4A8DMR, 5W0M, 6O3A, 7O6T, 8R1AK, 9J2QQV, 9L1X, 9M2FB (AS-074), A41MX, BPOA (AS-103), CR5OIT, DL0IL, DU1/JA1PBV (OC-175), E51JD, EG3INT/7 (EU-152), EI0LHL, F4BKV/P (EU-148, EU-058 and EU-070), FG5FR, FH5EJ, FO5RH (OC-066), FS/K9EL, HC2AO, HC2IWM/8 (SA-004), HC3/DL5YWM (SA-034), HD8A, H13B, HS0ZGQ, HV0A, J28AA, K6VVA/KL7 (NA-050 and NA-152), K6VVA/VE7 (NA-091), KG4RX, LA5O (EU-076), LU5FF, N4OW (NA-141), OD5ARMY, OJ0V, OM3SEM, PY0F/PP1CZ, RI1ANP, T2YY, T6T, T61B, TK5MH, TMOSI (EU-068), TU2T, TX5K, V5/DK1CE, V5/DK9IP, VK0JJJ, VK0TH, VP8LP, VR2KF, WP4NFL, XZ1Z, YB0D (OC-177), YB8XM/p (OC-271), YE6N (OC-161), YN2N, YV5AM, Z61AA, ZL9HR.

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