5H - Vittorio, I2GPT (www.i2gpt.com) will be active holiday style as 5H1VC from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) on 4-12 January. He will operate CW (on 40-10 metres) and RTTY (on 20 metres only), typically during his early morning and late afternoon hours. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

6W - Francis, F6BLP will be active again as 6W7SK from Senegal on 3-31 January. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch at www.f6blp.org.

A6 - Eventually the A63RI team was able to land on Dibba Rock (AS-124) on 27 December, and is now active with two stations (SSB and CW) until the 30th. QSL via IZ8CLM. A few pictures can be found at www.mdxc.org/a63ri/

DL - Special event callsign DB50FIRAC will be active from 1 January through 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Federation Internationale des Radio Amateurs Cheminots (International Federation of Railway Radio Amateurs). QSL via bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

DL - To celebrate DARC Mainz Chapter's (DL0MZ) 60th anniversary, special callsign DL60JMZ (DOK 60K07) will used from 1 January to 31 December 2014. QSL via the bureau. [TNX DK8ZZ]

F - Weather permitting, Gil, F4FET/p and Diego, F4HAU/p will be active from Tombelaine Island (EU-156) for about 24 hours on 28-29 December. They plan to operate SSB and PSK with two stations on 80-10 metres. [TNX F4FET]

FT/T - Activated for the first time in 1954 (FB8BK/T) and for the last time in 2000 (FR/F6KDF/T), Tromelin Island (AF-031) is one of the top ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities. Landing and operating permissions for the joint effort by the Radio Club de Provins and the Lyon DX Gang [425DXN 1154] have been granted, and Tromelin will be back on the amateur radio bands from 30 October to 10 November 2014. Six operators (Franck F4AJQ, Flo F5CWU, Fred F5ROP, Eric F5SIH, Seb F5UFX and Michel FM5CD) will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with four stations. The organizers estimate a budget in the range of USD 90,000 (with logistics taking a major share of it), and fundraising has started. Visit www.tromelin2014.com for regular updates and information on how to contribute to this expensive project. [TNX F5NQL]

FT/Z - On 21 December the FT5ZM team reported that "all the equipment the Amsterdam Island DXpedition team shipped to New Zealand is now aboard the MV Braveheart". The vessel was expected to sail for Fremantle, Australia on 26 December. Team members will begin arriving in Fremantle on 9 January, and will depart for their 9-day voyage on the 15th. Once ashore, they will have 18 days to set up, conduct the DXpedition and tear down for departure. "We've
not yet reached our financial goals", the team says, "but with your continued support, that goal is in sight". Visit www.amsterdamdx.org for late breaking news and updates. [TNX K0IR]

LA – Celebrating their country's Constitution Bicentennial, Norwegian amateur radio operators are authorized to use special prefixes throughout the anniversary year. LA stations may use the LI prefix, and LB stations may use the LJ prefix. Also, the Gardermoen Radio Club (LA2G) has been granted permission to use the special callsign LM1814 during 2014. [TNX NRRL]

PY – The 26-30 December ZX8DX activity from IOTA group SA-025 [425DXN 1181] has been postponed until "the first two weeks of January". [TNX PT7WA]

PY – Fabio, PP5BZ will try to go and be active as ZW5W from Santana de Fora Island (SA-088) on 27-29 December. His previous attempt earlier this month [425DXN 1175] had to be cancelled owing to bad weather. QSL via PP5BZ. [TNX PT7WA]

VE – The Daily DX reports that David, VY0/VE3VID is back on Igloolik Island (NA-174) and plans to be QRV on 20 metres only starting on 1 January. He will participate in the ARRL RTTY Roundup (4-5 January).

VK – Scott, VK7HVK plans to be active again as VK7HVK/p from Bruny Island (OC-233) on 28 December. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

VK9/M – Norbert, DJ7JC has joined the operating team for the VK9MT DXpedition to Mellish Reef (28 March-9 April 2014) [425DXN 1179]. New corporate sponsors have signed on, the sailing schedule with the Evohe's skipper has been confirmed and K6TU's customized propagation prediction tool is now up and running at https://www.k6tu.net/?q=node/add/dx-prediction-vk9mt. "Depending on the weather and sea conditions", the team says in their latest press release (22 December), "our planned arrival at the reef is approximately 28 March. Radio operation will begin as soon as the HF stations are installed. Low band antennas will be installed on the second day for operation beginning that night". Donations are still being sought and gratefully accepted, see www.vk9mt.com for detailed information on how to donate. [TNX K5GS]

W – Mark, AA1AC will be active from Aquidneck Island (NA-031), Rhode Island on 28-29 December. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1AC]

W – Once again Howie, K1VSJ will be active from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) from 30 December to 1 January. [TNX The Daily DX]

CQ DX MARATHON --> The CQ DX Marathon (www.dxmarathon.com) 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 2014 edition will start at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. For 2014, the CQ Marathon is introducing a third class of
competition: the new Limited Class will allow those running 100 watts and small directional antennas to participate in their own class. Complete rules at www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/index_cq_contests.html

GRANITE ISLAND (OC-228) ---> Paul, VK5PAS was active for a few hours from Granite Island on 27 December. Those who were not able to work him during his QRP operation, will have a second chance next year, as Craig, VK5CE has plans to operate from this island "probably around April for 2-4 days".

PMC CONTEST ---> The PMC Contest promotes contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world. Sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD), it will be held from 12 UTC on 4 January 2014 until 12 UTC on the 5th. Complete details can be found at www.s59dc.si/en10/ [TNX S54X]

QSL T32AU ---> Dave, G4GED is not and has never been the QSL manager for T32AU (January 2012). "I have received many cards through the bureau which I will forward to the VE3 bureau sometime next year", he says. The DXpedition's website (www.t32kiritimati2012.com) stil lists QSL via VO1MX, but the entry on qrz.com shows via VE3AAQ. G4GED no longer has "any logs for any T3 callsigns from the 1980s".

T6EUPOL ---> This is "the official ham radio station of the European Union Police (EUPOL) Mission in Afghanistan". It is operated by Janusz, AK4JK. QSL direct only to Janusz Babol Vel Sobczyk, 8433 Southside Blvd, Apt 2711, Jacksonville FL 32256, USA.

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/4 from North Carolina and W1AW/8 from West Virginia to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 1 January until 23.59 UTC on the 7th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

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