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 **** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 8Q - Mike, OE1SSS will be active as 8Q7SM from the Maldives (AS-013) on 4-11 January. He will operate holiday style on 40, 30, 20 and 10 metres. QSL via home call.
- C5 - Pedro, ON7WP will be active again as C5WP from The Gambia. On 11-15 January he will operate from the village of Buntu, where he will set up a permanent station. On 16-22 January he will move to Kololi, with plans for "some serious low band stuff". QSL via home call, direct only. QSLling instructions on www.qrz.com/db/C5WP
- C6 - Tim, AF1G is now living and working on Andros Island (NA-001), Bahamas until 20 November. He is QRV as AF1G/C6A on 80-6 metres SSB. QSL via LoTW, or direct to Tim Hardy, PSC 1012 Box 593, FPO AA 34058-9998, USA. [TNX NG3K]
- CN - Ruggero, IK2PZC will be active as 5C2P from Morocco on 6-9 February. He will operate SSB and RTTY on the HF bands, and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February). QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]
- CX - Founded in 1984, Radiogrupo Sur (<http://rgs30.radiogruposur.org>) will use CW30A and CV3D during 2014 to celebrate their 30th anniversary. QSL direct to CX2ABC.
- F - Francois F8DVD will be active as TM11AAW between 1 and 23 February, including the 11th Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February). He will operate on 40-10 metres mostly SSB from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F8DVD]
- OH0 - Mari OH2FPK (YL), Rami OH2BCI, Martti OH2BH, Pertti OH2PM and Pekka OH2TA will be active as OG0A from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 3-13 January. They will concentrate on 160 and 80 metres, as well as on 30, 17 and 12 metres. Main activity will be on CW, but SSB and RTTY will also be used occasionally. QSL via OH2BH. This operation is dedicated to the Youth On The Air (YOTA) summer camp organized by the Finnish Radio Amateur League on 15-22 July (see www.ham-yota.eu for further information). All OQRS QSL requests for OG0A and OF9X with donations will be directed to cover the costs of this healthy youth activity. You can OQRS OF9X and OG0A via their respective [qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) pages. [TNX OH2BN]
- UA - About 160 special callsigns (R2014x, R2014xx, R22xxx, R22xx, R11xxx, Rx22xxx, Rx11xx, R0000x, R7378TM, R7975TM, R7979TM) will be in use until 31 March [425DXN 1178] to celebrate the XXII Olympic Winter Games and the XI Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Sochi. See <http://ok2014.ru/> for further information, including log search and details on various awards.
- VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/p from Kangaroo Island (OC-139) on 3-10 February. He will operate holiday style on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, mainly CW. QSL via home call, logsearch and

- OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- VU - The Daily DX reports that members of the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2MQT) will be active as AU2MQT from Sagar Island (AS-153) on 9-16 January. QSL via VU2JFA.
- XU - Alex, M6CFW will be active as XU7AEU from Cambodia on 9-14 January. He will operate PSK and some SSB on the HF bands, mainly during his evenings. QSL direct to M6CFW (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW.
- YU - Radio Club "Mihajlo Pupin" (YU7AAA) will use special callsign YT0PUPIN until 31 December to mark the 160th anniversary of the birth of the noted scientist. QSL via YT7WA. [TNX YT7WA]
- ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active holiday style as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 11-19 January. He plans to concentrate on 17, 12 and 10 metres during his morning and early afternoon hours, and to participate in the North American QSO Party (18 January). He might also get a chance to work some 160, 80 and 40m before the contest. QSL via K8PGJ and LoTW.

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>>> FT5ZM, AMSTERDAM ISLAND <<<

This is the latest Press Release, sent on 3 January by K0IR & the Amsterdam Island DXpedition Team:

We are now 6 days from departure from the U.S. The Braveheart is making its way across the Great Australian Bight and the North Corridor Radio Group of Western Australia has a stockpile of supplies queued up and waiting for us. Momentum has taken over now and there is no turning back.

Upon arrival in Fremantle, the Braveheart will re-provision and refuel to 90,000 to 100,000 liters of fuel. We will load the materials we've obtained from the NCRG, do a little shopping for personal supplies, set up our maritime mobile station, take our sea sickness pills and patches, and be prepared to sail on January 15th.

We'll be passing through some rare grids on the way to Amsterdam Island and we are anxious to hand out QSO's from them. Be sure to look for us on the bands and track us on our website in near real time. Landing on Amsterdam can be "exciting." Wish us good luck with this. We'll have some heavy work to do upon landing and expect our set up time to take at least a full day. We'll let you know when we get there.

This will be our last press release. It has been a long time of preparation and a great deal of work, but that is behind us now. The next time you hear from us, it will be a signal from the Braveheart or from Amsterdam Island.

As you can see from our financial status on our home page (www.amsterdamdxdx.org), we still need help. If you haven't helped us yet, please consider doing so. If you've supported us, thank you - you've kept us afloat to date.

AS-143 ---> Che, BA7CK was active from the Paracel Islands (AS-143) from 31 December to 3 January. This was a reconnaissance trip in preparation for a group DXpedition planned for April. QSL this operation only via BA4TB. [TNX DX World]

CHAGOS & WAKE ---> "Sometime during 2014" (actual dates "are currently unknown because of scheduling") Bob, N7XR will be active as VQ9XR from Diego Garcia, Chagos Archipelago (two 3-week trips, the second time with Mike, N6MZ) and as NH9/N7XR from Wake Island (one 3-week trip). While on Wake, he will also be QRV as WH9/W1AW for one week to commemorate the ARRL Centennial. Plans for both locations are to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSLs via NN1N (direct only) and LoTW "after 6-12 months". Bookmark www.n7xr.net for updates. [TNX NG3K]

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2013 can be found at <http://hamgallery.com/dx2013/>; the collection of 156 clips covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 16 full years of sound clips available. There are also some recordings on the site from the 1960s and 1970s. Tom is looking for "old or interesting DX recordings" to be added to the site; please contact him (k8cx@hamgallery.com) if you have any. [TNX K8CX]

DXCC NEWS ---> ZD9KX (Tristan Da Cunha & Gough Is, 2012 and 2103 operations) has been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

INTREPID-SPIRIT AWARD ---> Made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011), the 2012 Intrepid-Spirit Award was awarded to Silvano Borsa, I2YSB, leader of the Italian Dxpediton Team. Now the Intrepid-DX Group (www.intrepid-dx.com) is seeking nominations for the individual or group that most displayed their "Intrepid Spirit" in 2013, by expressing an unshakable commitment to the Amateur Radio DX Community. Intrepid Spirits for purposes of this award is defined as being "bold, courageous, dedicated, innovative, fearless, generous, resolute and visionary in their approach to Amateur Radio". Nominations may be submitted via email to intrepiddxgroup@gmail.com and must be received by 31 January 2014. The Board of Directors of the Intrepid-DX Group will evaluate the nominations and the award will be presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia on 5 April. [TNX N6PSE]

IOTA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION ---> Bookings are now being accepted for the IOTA's Golden Jubilee Convention that will be held at Beaumont House, Windsor over the weekend of 4-6 July. Go to www.rsgbevents.org where you will find the booking module. A website is under construction at www.rsgb.org/iota50, which is expected to be fully operational during January.

IOTA ANNUAL UPDATE ---> Updates for the Honour Roll and other annual listings must be sent on or before 31 January. IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years and have opted to have their scores published. Listing in the 2014 tables will be restricted to those participants who have updated their scores since February 2009.

IOTA BASH ---> The 10th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 14-15 March in Boerne, Texas, about 20 miles northwest of San Antonio. The agenda will include presentations on some of the most recent IOTA expeditions and a nice social programme. Email AB5EB or AD5A with any questions; details will be available on the IREF website (www.islandradio.org). [TNX AB5EB]

IOTA CONTEST ---> The 2013 IOTA Contest logs have now been uploaded to the IOTA database. This means that credit can be obtained for IOTA QSOs where participants submit matching contact details. Cards for these QSOs are not required. Dom, M0BLF reminds island chasers that the criteria for a match are:

- the other station must have submitted a log for the IOTA Contest
- your QSO must be in the other station's log
- the band and mode must match exactly
- the time must be within +/- 15 minutes
- the QSO was not rejected by the IOTA Contest Adjudicators

If there are any problems, please email iota.online@rsgb.org.uk.

IOTA MARATHON ---> The 2012-13 IOTA Marathon finished at 2359 UTC on 31 December 2013. IOTA Management has appointed Cezar, VE3LYC to chair the Marathon Referee Board. He is joined by Dan, W4DKS, and Bob, K3EST as Board Members.

The website over which electronic logs for the CHASERS MARATHON should be submitted is being finalised, and details will be announced shortly. Entrants' logs should contain only contacts with IOTA stations, and each QSO must include a full IOTA reference number (such as EU-001). It is recommended that logs be uploaded in ADIF (.adi) format; a log prepared as an Excel spreadsheet will be accepted, but paper logs will not be processed. Applications need to be submitted by 28 February at the latest. Any questions should be sent to iota.chaser@gmail.com. Entry arrangements for the concurrent ACTIVATORS MARATHON on www.rsgbiota.org/info/news.php.

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey was conducted in August-October 2013 [425DXN 1163]. The top 10 DXCC Entities are:

1. P5 North Korea
2. KP1 Navassa Island
3. 3Y Bouvet Island
4. FT5Z Amsterdam & St. Paul Isls
5. VK0 Heard Island
6. FT5W Crozet Isls
7. BS7H Scarborough Reef
8. VP8 South Sandwich Isls
9. ZS8 Marion Island
10. FT5T Tromelin Island

"It is interesting to note that the same ten places are there for both 2012 and 2013", Carl, N4AA remarks. "There are a few slight changes in ranking, but it is the same ten. That should change somewhat for 2014 with Tromelin and Amsterdam both scheduled for major DXpeditions". The 100 Most Wanted listing will be posted soon to www.dxpub.net; the complete breakdown by continent is published in the January/February 2014 issue of "The DX Magazine", while the band/mode breakdowns will be published in the

March/April issue.

POSTAL RATES (USA) ---> Effective 26 January the U.S. Postal Service (www.usps.com) will implement another postage rate increase. The rate for First-Class Mail letters up to 1 oz (28 grams) to all international destinations will be 1.15 USD.

QSL RA9LI/9 & RA9LI/0 ---> Serge Abyshev, UA9LP has uploaded the logs for RA9LI/9 (AS-083, 28718 QSOs up to 15 November 2009) and RA9LI/0 (AS-086, 4585 QSOs to 11 June 2010) to Club Log, and has enabled the OQRS for both callsigns.

QSL VIA IK1TTD ---> Gianpi still has logs and cards for his past IOTA activations: DL/IK1TTD (EU-047: October 2004), F/IK1TTD (EU-070: July and September 1999, June 2000, July 2001, May 2005), IA5/IK1TTD (EU-028: August 1996), IM0/IK1TTD (EU-165: July 2004). See qrz.com for QSL information, or contact Gianpi info[[@](mailto:info@ik1tttd.it)]ik1tttd.it

SOLVING THE IOTA QSL PROBLEMS ---> This is another 18-minute presentation by Rick, K6VVA: <http://youtu.be/nM5X3ooDyPw> The title says it all!

SOUTH SHETLANDS ---> Vlad, UA4WHX is currently active from King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). He operates as RI44ANT from the Russian Bellingshausen Station and as XR9H20 from the nearby Chilean Base Frei.

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/7 from Utah and W1AW/4 from South Carolina to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 8 January until 23.59 UTC on the 14th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party [425DXN 1179] can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

+ SILENT KEYS + Max de Henseler, HB9RS, the founder and president emeritus of 4U1UN at United Nations headquarters in New York, died on 30 December at 80 years of age. In 1976 he reactivated the UN Radio Club station (K2UN), and introduced the new call sign 4U1UN on 4 February 1978. During his UN career he operated under various call signs, including 3D2RS, 5W1BK, 9Y4RS, DJ0AB, EL2DX, ET3RS, FO0RSM, HP1HN and XW8HB.

As for the current status of 4U1UN, The Daily DX reports that the station "was dismantled in early 2010 due to the massive renovation project on the Secretariat Building. All of the antennas were removed from the roof and all of the equipment packed up and are being stored in the UN. The club is seriously looking at several options in order to get 4U1UN back on the air as quickly as possible. Some of the options being considered include remoting the station, putting the station on the ground floor and running some 400-500 feet of coax to the top of the building or moving the station to another sovereign UN building".

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Hans Rixin (DJ6QP), Miloslav Bartos (OM3FZ) and Jerry Pittenger (K8RA), well-known manufacturer of a line of iambic and single-lever CW keys.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9EME, 3B9FR, 3D2GC, 3D2GC/p, 3W2DK, 4X1FQ, 5A1AL, 5J0R, 5R8IC, 5W7X, 5Z4/EA4ATI, 6V7T, 9J2BO, 9L1JT,

BA5CJ/5 (AS-141), BPOA (AS-103), C5DXC , CN2FF, CR5CW (EU-145), CY0P, D44TXT, E6AY, EF3EGB (EU-078) , EG3INT/7 (EU-152), FO/KH0PR (OC-094 and OC-238), FR4NT, FS/K9EL, FS/N0TG, FW5JJ, H7H, HB0/DL5YL, HB0/HA7JTR, HP0INT/2 (NA-202 and NA-170), HP0INT/3 (NA-071), HP0INT/4 (NA-088), HP0INT/9 (NA-203), HQ4W (NA-060), J3/WJ7R, J34J, J8/DH5FS, J87GU (NA-025), JX9JKA, K4S (NA-058), K5T (NA-119), KG4HF, LX2A, MM0XAU, N1LI (NA-137), OF40R, OV1CDX, P29VNX , PJ2/DL8OBQ, PJ2/W5BOS, PJ4D, PZ5MM, RA2FF, RI1ANC, RI1ANU, ST2KSS, T46C (NA-204), TG7/HR2DMR, TG9ADM, TG9ANF, TK0INT (EU-100), TM0SM (EU-081), TN2MS, TO2TT, TX5D, UE50VT, VK6ARI (OC-164), VO2NS, VP5//NY0V, VP8LP, VP9/DJ4EL, VY0/VE3VID, XW0YJY, YB3MM/2 (OC-186), YB3MM/4 (OC-262), YB3MM/p (OC-217), YB8BRI/p (OC-236), YE5PQM (OC-075), YE5R (OC-108), YF1AR/9 (OC-275), YJ0VK, Z21DXI, Z81X, ZD8JR, ZD80, ZK2V, ZM90DX.

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