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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4X - Members of the Holyland DX Group will be active as 4X0WFF from the Mamshit National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage site) on 26-27 December. They will operate CW and SSB with two stations. QSL via 4Z5LA. Complete information on the 4XFF - Israel Flora & Fauna programme can be found at http://4xff.iarc.org/. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9Q - The Association des Radio Amateurs du Congo (ARAC) has invited the Italian DXpedition Team for a short stay in Kinshasa during March 2015. "Purpose of the activity will be theoretical and practical traning and refresher courses" for the local operators. Plans are for Silvano, I2YSB and his team to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres as 9Q0HQ. Further information, logsearch and OQRS can be found at www.i2ysb.com/idt. The pilot stations will be IK7JWY and IK0FTA (for 6m); dedicated forum on www.hamradioweb.net. [TNX IK7JWY]

CE0Z - A large multinational team from the Provins ARC (F6KOP) will be active from Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernandez Archipelago (SA-005) from 24 February to 5 March. Twenty-two operators will be QRV on 160-6 metres. Further information is expected in due course. A website is under construction, a Facebook page is already up and running (juanfernandez2015). [TNX F5NQL]

DL - Christoph, DH0GAK will be active as DH0GAK/p from Amrum Island (EU-042) on 14-19 December. He will operate QRP on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX Newsletter]

E5 - To celebrate the 50th anniversary of self governance in the Cook Islands, the seven resident radio amateurs will be granted the use of a special call sign from 1 January through 31 December 2015:
E50A is Andy (E51AND) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks
E50B is Bob (E51BQ) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks
E50D is Des (E51DD) on Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cooks
E50J is Jim (E51JD) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks
E50K is Kat (E51CK/E51KC) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks
E50V is Victor (E51CG) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks
E50W is Warwick (E51WL) on Penrhyn (OC-082), North Cooks
"We are pretty isolated, have extremely limited Internet access and none of us are avid DXers - much more the rag chewing types", Andy E51AND says. Nobody uses eQSL or LoTW, although Andy is "working at it". Visitors to the islands wishing to operate will be eligible only for the standard E51xxx style calls. [TNX E51AND]

OH0 - Markus, OH1MN and Janne, OH1SDR will be active as OH10TA from Lovo Island (EU-096, locator KO19fx) on 13-14 December. Plans are to concentrate on 2 and 6 metres SSB and digital, possibly with some activity on 20 metres. QSL via OH1MN, direct ore bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

ON - A couple of special callsigns will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the so-called Battle of the Bulge (the Ardennes Counteroffensive during World War II). From the US, look for W2B (QSL direct to KC5NX) on 15-20 December. From Belgium, ON70NUTS will be is use between 16 December and 14 January 2015 (the suffix is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum). QSL via ON4CFB, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log).

PY - PU2KKE will be active as ZV5WSC from Santa Catarina Island (SA-026) on 27-31 December. He will be "combining hiking, camping and ham radio" from the souther part of the island, with a side trip to nearby Ilha do Campeche (also counting for IOTA group SA-026). QSL via home call.

VK9N - Michael, G7VJR will be active holiday style as VK9/G7VJR from Norfolk Island (OC-005) from 26 December to 1 January. He will operate CW on the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

VQ9 - Bob, VQ9XR [425DXN 1230] has taken down the antenna for 80 metres, which has been replaced with an antenna for the Top Band. "I will be operating on 1.823 and listening on 1.824 at my sunrise and sunset", he says, "for the duration of the operation which will end on 19 December". [TNX N7XR]

YB - Imam, YB4IR/8 (CW) and Din, YB8RW/p (SSB) will be active from Banda Neira Island (OC-157) on 22-27 December. QSL via home calls (see qrz.com for the links to Club Log's OQRS).

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BOUVET 2016

REQUEST FOR FUNDING INTENTIONS

by Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW

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Dear DXer,

On 26 October 2014 an announcement was made through various channels that I had obtained permission to land and reside on Bouvet Island (3Y/B) for the mid-January 2016 until mid-April 2016 time frame.

On the webpage http://www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016.html an extensive description of the project as well as a request for (exclusive) funding was put forward.

On 19 November 2014 I sent a request for funding intentions to the various DX Foundations, DX Clubs, Radio Amateur Organizations and some of the corporate material providers.

Today I am addressing you as an individual DXer who has actively contributed towards the success of one or more of the fairly recent major DXpeditions.

On 11 November 2014 Alex/UN7PCZ announced a two week DXpedition to Bouvet Island during the December 2015 - January 2016 time frame. I do not at all see this as a competing project, and welcome this great news.

The fact of a large group going to Bouvet has convinced me even more that I should try to obtain funding through a single/exclusive sponsor, as extensively outlined at http://www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016.html#funding.

Two main reasons for this would be to
1) off-load the financial burden from the ham community (in case the sponsor doesn't want a financial return but has other plans with the project), and
2) for me to be able to focus on the DXpedition logistics, rather than having to search for finances.

In case I manage to secure an exclusive sponsor for this project, it would obviously be favorable if this sponsor does not specifically seek a financial return. In the opposite scenario I will have to turn to the ham community, investigating what is feasible in terms of financial support.

The subsequent question: what financial support would you be able to pledge for this project? This is no formal request for funding, I am only asking for your intentions in order to assess the financial feasibility of the project - with the scenario outlined above.

The forecasted budget is put at 250,000 euro (+/- 310,000 USD), which is far less than a larger group operating for a shorter period of time would require. Furthermore, this is a generous forecast, I expect the final budget to ultimately be less.

In the last month I received donation pledges from individual DXers ranging from 15 to 3,400 euro. To give you an idea what would be needed to reach 250,000 euro: if each of the addressees on this list would pledge 55 euro (70 USD), Bouvet 2016 would be a fact.

This of course I can neither ask nor expect, it is just a mathematical example of what is required financially.

Another important aspect to me is the transparency and control of funding. Every cent raised for this project will be registered through the non-profit organization 'Peter I - Antarctica Expedition 1994' (renamed 'Antennes zonder Grenzen - Antennes sans Frontieres' in 1995). This organization was formed in 1993 by Peter ON6TT, with the goal of transparent accountability for every cent spent on the 3Y0PI DXpedition - visible to the entire expedition team. Good accounts make good friends!

You will notice further below what my intentions are in regard to QSLing: I want people to be able to receive bureau cards, get instant LoTW, e-QSL and Club Log confirmation. This is important to me: I don't want youngsters and less fortunate radio hams having to pay for a QSO with Bouvet. Call me idealistic/philanthropic/ideological, but it does indeed matter to me.

With the upcoming of the 3Y0F-group, many of you may decide to put your bets on that project. However, in the event that the UN7PCZ-group withdraws its plans (it wouldn't be the first time a major DXpedition is cancelled), my Bouvet project will probably be the only one in many years to come.

Here is an excerpt of the operational plan:
- projected number of QSOs: 100,000
- QSL: bureau, direct, OQRS, in the way people want it
- log: daily uploads to LoTW, Club Log, e-QSL through proper satellite link
- all HF bands CW/SSB + RTTY on 2 or 3 bands
- antennas: verticals/inv-V's in various constellations and inv-L's will be the only manageable type of antennas that won't break down on Bouvet - with sufficient spares brought along
- radios and amps: I will take what I am comfortable with, well proven and sturdy radios and amps, three of each device
- 24/7 operation during 3 months (with adequate rest periods), mitigating the impact of the Antarctic black-outs known from past expeditions of shorter duration
- operator: one
- I already have several offers from QSL-managers for (free) QSLing (a decision on what to ask for OQRS has not been made; it should be as low cost as possible so everybody can enjoy this service)

I would highly appreciate your response within the next few weeks. By the end of this year I will make a decision whether or not to proceed with the project. In the event that I am not able to secure an exclusive sponsor and at the same time the projected sponsoring from within the ham community would be sufficient, it will be a challenging decision.

Regardless if you are able to foresee financial support to this project or not, I would appreciate if a lead or an introduction to a potential exclusive sponsor would be considered. It is still my favorable prospect for funding, and I thank you in advance for any assistance on that front.

For those of you who want to know more about me and my past endeavors: http://www.on4ww.be/ON4WW.html

I hope this mail answers most of your questions upfront. Please have a thorough look at http://www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016.html, I believe you will notice that the project is well thought through.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

73 de Mark, ON4WW
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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The November 2014 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

DX DINNER ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is pleased to sponsor the 30th DX Dinner, to be held in conjunction with the 2015 Dayton Hamvention on Friday, 15 May at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. Details and dinner reservation information can be found on the SWODXA Events website (www.swodxaevents.org) and updates will be sent out regularly via Twitter (@SWODXA). [TNX W8GEX]

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group (www.intrepid-dx.com) is seeking nominations for the individual or group that most displayed their "Intrepid Spirit" in 2014, by expressing an unshakable commitment to the Amateur Radio DX Community. The award is made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011). Intrepid Spirits for purposes of this award are 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 15 January 2015. 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 18 April.

IRON HAM CONTEST ---> Drawing inspiration from the Ironman Thriatlon races,the Araucaria DX Group sponsors the WW Iron Ham Contest, a competition that combines the main operating modes (Phone, CW and RTTY) into one single contest. The third edition will be held on 27-28 December (from 12 UTC on Saturday through 11:59 UTC on Sunday). The 24-hour contest is organized to have 8 hours of operation on each mode in periods no shorter than one hour. Complete details can be found at www.ironham.com.br. [TNX PY5EG]

K1N ---> "A Note to European DXers" is an article written by Ralph Fedor, K0IR and Glenn Johnson, W0GJ about the upcoming K1N DXpedition to Navassa. It can be found at www.dxcoffee.com, and the DQRM paragraphs are well worth a reading. [TNX IZ8IYX]

POSTAL RATES (GERMANY) ---> Effective 1 January 2015, the new German postal rate for standard letter items (up to 20g) mailed anywhere abroad will be EUR 0,80. A postage calculator can be found on Deutsche Post's website (www.deutschepost.de).

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/3 from Maryland, W1AW/4 from Georgia and W1AW/KH6 from Hawaii to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 17 December until 23.59 UTC on the 23rd. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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3B8MU	G0CKV	EI1Y	EI5JQ	RM90WF	RM9WF
3B9FR	M0OXO	EL2DT	EL2FM	RU90WZ	RU9WZ
3D2HC	DL9HCU	EM90WF	UR5WA	RV90WB	RV9WB
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3G5JA	CE5JA	ES5OW	YL3DW	RZ90WU	RZ9WU
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3Z0R	SP9SX	EX2V	RW6HS	S514YOTA	OM2FY
3Z75SZSZ	SP5ZRW	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	SH9YOTA	OM2FY
4L5O	N3SL	FY5KE	FY1FL	SN100LP	SP3PGR
4V1JR	W3HNK	G14YOTA	OM2FY	SU0ERA	OM3CGN
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5W1SA	JA1DXA	H27A	RW3RN	TF3CW	LX1NO
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7Y9A	7X2ARA	HC1WDT	W0OR	TM14VT	F6KJX
8P5A	NN1N	HC2IMP	IK2DUW	TM1A	F6KOP
8Q7UX	IK0FUX	HC2OZT	OZ1ACB	TM1TLT	F8KFP
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9A14YOTA	OM2FY	HG0IDPD	HA5MA	TM4Q	F6FYA
9A1P	9A2RD	HI3TT	W2CCW	TM4TLT	F4KIP
9H3TX	DL5XAT	HK1NA	K6IPM	TM6M	F4DXW
9H9NC	9H1SP	HS0ZAR	K3ZO	TO7A	UT5UGR
9J2BO	G3TEV	HZ1FI	DL2RMC	TP2CE	F5LGF
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9M8YY	JR3WXA	II2YOTA	OM2FY	UE55IR	RA0TG
9N7JX	DM5MR	II9P	IT9CHU	UE55IV	R2UZ
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9Y4W	DL4MDO	IY1GMS	IK1SPR	UE55KS	R3NNN
A25DX	N7RO	J6/SM7EQL	SM6JSM	UE55PM	RA9FAM
A41KJ	NI5DX	J62YOTA	OM2FY	UE55RW	RA4DR
A43YOTA	OM2FY	J68FF	W3FF	UE55SM	UA3LMR
A60ND	IZ8CLM	J68HF	W6HFP	UE55ST	RV6FN
A61AS	YO3FRI	J79XBI	SM5DJZ	UE55VL	RL2A
A61E	IZ8CLM	JD1BOX	F4HEC	UE90W	R9WO
A62A	IZ8CLM	KH7XX	EB7DX	UP2L	UA9AB
A63DI	IZ8CLM	KP2M	AI4U	V31MA	M0OXO
A65BD	G5LP	KP2Q	K3TEJ	V47T	W2RQ
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AH2R	JH7QXJ	LX4YOTA	OM2FY	V6A	JA7HMZ
AL1G	AC7DX	LX7I	LX2A	V6B	JA7HMZ
AU1SV	VU2SMS	LY5YOTA	OM2FY	V73XP	NX1P
AU5SV	VU2SMN	NP2X	K5WW	VC2T	VE2TZT
B1Z	BD1RX	NP4Z	N4AO	VC3M	VE3MIS
B4W	BA4WL	NQ8P/KH0	JA1TMG	VC7M	VE7JH
B7P	BA4EG	OA4SS	KB6J	VE2CSI	M0URX
B7Q	BA1DU	OD5ZZ	NI5DX	VE2IM	VE3DZ
BI4SSB	BA4TB	OE3YOTA	OM2FY	VK4KW	N3SL
C44C	M0URX	OH0TA	OH2TA	VO2CQ	VO1MP
C4Z	G3SWH	OH0X	OH2TA	VP2MXU	GM4FDM
CE3CT	EA5KB	OH0Z	W0MM	VP2VGG	W6RWC
CG3AT	VE3AT	OH8X	OH2UA	VP5/SM7EQL	SM6JSM
CM8IH	EA7TV	OH9SCL	OH9AB	VP8RAF/100	G8FC
CN2AA	UA2FM	OL3Z	OK1HMP	VQ9HF	W3HF
CO2CCA	EA7TV	OL4A	OK1DSX	VQ9XR	N7XR
CO2CW	EA7FTR	OM14YOTA	OM2FY	WP3C	W3HNK
CO2IR	RW6HS	OM9YOTA	OM2FY	XE2B	EA5OL
CO3JT	RW6HS	ON175PD	ON7SA	XR5JA	CE5JA
CO8ZZ	DK1WI	ON4YOTA	OM2FY	XU7AEZ	RX3F
CP1XRM	EA5RM	OX5T	OZ0J	YO0YOTA	OM2FY
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CR3A	EA5GL	P40CX	K8CX	YP60CCC	YO9KPD
CR3L	DJ6QT	P40W	N2MM	YS1YS	YS1GMV
CR6A	CT1IUA	P49Y	AE6Y	YU100CER	YU1HQR
CR6K	CT1ILT	PA55HAL	PI4HAL	Z21LS	7Z1HB [d]
CS2C	OK1RF	PA6YOTA	OM2FY	Z21LS	DE1ZHB [b]
CU2KG	OH2BH	PJ2T	W3HNK	Z81D	OM3JW
CV3D	CX2ABC	PJ2V	PA4N	ZD8O	OH0XX
CX2BR	EA5GL	PJ4A	K4BAI	ZF1A	K6AM
CX2TQ	IK2DUW	PJ4Q	W4PA	ZF2DX	K0DEQ
CX7BBR	EA6SK	PJ7TM	K2GSJ	ZF2EE	OZ1BII
CY0/VA1AXC	JE1LET	PS2T	K3IRV	ZL2B	ZL2BR
DM200TSV	DL4WK	PW2D	M0OXO	ZM1A	ZL3CW
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	PX2A	PY2VM	ZM4T	ZL2AL
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E2X	E20GMY	R1719G	RZ3LC	ZS4TX	K3FN
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EI0YOTA	OM2FY	R90WXK	R9WXK	ZW8T	PS8HF

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IZ8CLM Salvatore Rapacciuolo, Ufficio Scafati, Casella Postale 12, 84018 Scafati SA, Italy
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