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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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6W - Once again Francis, F6BLP (www.f6blp.org) will be active as 6W7SK from Senegal from 10 January to 5 February. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres (hopefully also on 160 metres), with a focus on the low bands during his sunrise and susnset hours. QSL via F6BLP, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

BY - Terry, BA7NQ will join BA7CK on Yongxing Dao (AS-143) [425DXN 1234] on 4-8 January. Terry will operate CW and SSB. [TNX The Daily DX]

DL - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of IARU and the 65th anniversary of DARC (the German Amateur Radio IARU society), special callsigns DJ90IARU, DK65DARC and DL65DARC will be active until 31 December. QSL DJ90IARU via bureau or direct to DL2VFR; QSL DK65DARC and DL65DARC via bureau or direct to DF1QR. Information on the DARC 65 Award: www.darc.de/referate/dx/bulls/darc65/special-award/ [TNX DX Newsletter]

EP - "With only 17 days to go before the EP6T DXpedition will take place", the team reported on 29 December, "the Rockall DX Group is in the final process of finalizing their newest set-up". As for the low bands (160, 80 and 40m), they will be QRV from £from local sunset (13.45Z) up until our sunrise (03.00Z). During the first two days of the expedition, we encourage DX stations from all corners of the world to listen to us on the low bands and to keep our pilots informed of your best times so we can focus based on the data we receive. During these days we will also be doing our utmost to thin out the EU pile". Read the complete release on www.rockall.be.

GM - Col, MM0NDX will be active as MM0NDX/p from the Orkney Islands (EU-009) on 16-18 January. QSL via IW7EGQ. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JA - Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/5 from Shodo (AS-200) on 23-25 January. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-15 metres. QSL via JA4GXS, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

KP1 - On 30 December the K1N Navassa team reported that "the exact date of departure from the staging area will be dependent upon a combination of the date U.S. FWS transportation is available and upon weather windows". It is estimated that it will take "two full days of helicopter shuttles to get everything needed to start operations", and now it looks like "K1N will be QRV the first two weeks of February". Navassa was activated for the last time back in 1993, and the USFWS "will not allow another operation for at least 10 more years". For this reason, K1N will limit "most bands to a specific mode, so that we can work the pileups down to the last little pistol". See www.navassadx.com for further information on the project and details on how to contribute to the fundraising.

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2015 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints: LZ290MB (January), LZ550SI (February), LZ386SKI (March), LZ883PI (April), LZ102SIB (May), LZ293MA (June), LZ429PS (July), LZ250MM (August), LZ129WNLS (September), LZ130SAK (October), LZ259PA (November) and LZ362MT (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P. O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Information on the "All Bulgarian Saints 2015" award can be found at www.lz1kcp.com.

PJ4 - Peter, PA8A will be active holiday style as PJ4B from Bonaire (SA-006) on 14-29 January. QSL via PA8A, direct only.

PY0F - Leo, PP1CZ will be active again as PY0F/PP1CZ from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) on 8-15 January. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

UA - A team from the Pushkino Amateur Radio Club (namely R2DG, R2DX, RV3DFI, RW3FB, RX3DVZ and RZ3DJ) will be active as R73RDA from the town of Soligalich (RDA KS-28), Kostroma oblast on 3-6 January. They will also operate mobile while travelling through several other districts. QSL via RW3FB. Information on the Russian Districs Award programme: www.rdaward.org. [TNX RZ3DJ]

VE - Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald, the first Prime Minister of Canada, members of the Delta Amateur Radio Society (British Columbia) will be active as VC7SJAM until 31 January. All of the QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. Also, Kingston Amateur Radio Club members will be active as VG3SJAM during the same time frame from Sir John's home city of Kingston (Ontario). QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX DX Newsletter]

VP8_ant- Mike, GM0HCQ/VP8CMH was able to log 505 QSOs during his recent stop at Rothera Base. He operated for three evenings mainly CW on 17, 20, 30 and 40 metres. The "James Clark Ross" is due to be back at the base on Adelaide Island (AN-001), Antarctica in a few days' time, and it is Mike's intention to be active again as VP8ROT on 8-10 January. Usually he is QRV from around 00.00 UTC for 2-3 hours. QSL via GM0HCQ (direct only), LoTW and eQSL. Follow the ship itinerary and Mikes' daily updates at www.gm0hcq.com.

VQ9 - Bob, N7XR will be back to Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Archipelago and active as VQ9XR on 15-28 January. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL direct only to N7XR, preferably through the OQRS on Club Log (please refrain from choosing the bureau option, as "all ClubLog requests for bureau cards will not be processed"). [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Members of the Livermore Amateur Radio Group Endeavors (K6LRG) expect to be active as K6F from the Farallon Islands (NA-178) on 5-6 January. On Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/K6Fislands) they say that "this trip to the island will likely not 'count' for IOTA credit. Paperwork and politics being what they are, we will likely not have certification from IOTA for these QSO's next week. Please consider this a dry run for a future trip". The Farallons are a National Wildlife Refuge and the public is not allowed on any of the islands. The only two amateur radio activities so far were conducted by KK6EK on 1-2 September 1992 (419 QSOs, see www.cordell.org/FARALLONS/index.html), and K6VVA/6 operated by

K6VVA and K9AJ on on 14-16 February 2006 (2576 QSOs, see http://k6vva.com/iota/na178/).

YB - YB8IBD and other seven operators will be active as YB8K from Wawonii Island (formerly known as Wowoni, OC-236) on 10-11 January. QSL via YB8IBD; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active as ZF2PG from Grand Cayman (NA-016) on 10-18 January, with a serious effort in the North American QSO Party (NAQP). He will be QRV on 20-10 metres SSB in his morning and afternoon hours, and on 160-40 metres in the nights. QSL via K8PGJ (direct) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZL7 - Nobuaki, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active as ZL7/JA0JHQ from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) from 30 Janaury to 1 February. He will be QRV mainly on 17 and 15 metres SSB and CW, with some activity on 30, 12 and 10 metres depending on local conditions. QSL via JA0JHQ, direct o bureau.

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BOUVET 2016 ---> "It is getting close to 'decision time' whether or not the Bouvet project (www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016.html) will go forward", Mark ON4WW reported on 30 December. "I am amazed by the amount of funding intentions received from individual DXers and DX Foundations/Clubs alike". Funding intentions received so far cover EUR 112,000 out of the needed 250,000. "I am expecting the input of some of the DX Foundations, DX Clubs and other Amateur Radio related institutions to reach me in the next few weeks", Mark says, and therefore he has postponed the deadline for a possible go ahead until the end of this month of January.

"Some of you have raised a point of concern about two teams possibly activating Bouvet around the same time period", he goes on saying. "I have done my homework on this, and with all data at hand I see no reason to adjust my initial concept. In regard to possible funding for the two efforts, luckily for you, the deserving DXer and the DX Foundations/Clubs, there are mechanisms in place to determine the viability and success factors of both efforts.

The unique one-man effort over a 3 month time period, will undoubtedly show how this different approach will make more people happy (compared to a multi-operator team, short time period). Have a closer look why.

It is in the scope of this project:

1. to work as many unique stations as possible: thanks to the 3 month time period, I will be able to work 1 or 2 specific bands exactly for this purpose. The very last interested QRPp station willing to work Bouvet and willing to put the necessary time and effort from his/her side into it, will be able to get in the log;
2. to work those stations that need Bouvet on certain bandslots/modes to achieve 9 band clean sweeps;
3. to provide SSB, CW and RTTY contacts for those needing certain modes.

For all audiences, I will have plenty of time. It will be the primary reason for me being on Bouvet, making radio contacts, as many as possible.

Whether or not there will be two DXpeditions activating Bouvet, all the target audiences (unique/9 band-ers/modes) will ultimately have a better shot with the 3 month concept.
For this approach to be successful, it needs one or two things.
- Club Log is a great asset to Amateur Radio. However, the Leaderboard function will not be used;
- I will ask to those who already have Bouvet confirmed on certain bands/modes: only work Bouvet where you need it.

I am confident I can count on the fair play from the deserving DXers to just work Bouvet where they need it. Resulting in being able to work the pileups down to the very last QRP or mobile station and at the same time making the 9 band hams reach their objective.
For those of you who would like to, and are able to contribute to the project upfront, please send an e-mail to bouvet2016[@]telenet.be with the amount you intend to donate.
Again, I do not want/need any money now, there is no PayPal account, it is just your funding intention I need to know at this point in time.
The final total on my spreadsheet will tell me whether to go ahead or not.
A final thought: 112k out of 250k is not enough to go ahead.
Thank you to those who already stepped forward, much appreciated!"

DAYTON CONTEST UNIVERSITY ---> Registration is now open for 2015 Dayton Contest University (CTU), to be held on 14 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It will be the ninth year in a row for CTU Dayton. Details can be found on http://contestuniversity.com/

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2014 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2014/; the collection of 152 clips (now in MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 17 full years of sound clips available. Tom is looking for pre-1998 recordings to add to the site; please contact him (k8cx[@]hamgallery.com) if you have any. [TNX K8CX]

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR ---> The DX World.net 2014 DXpedition of the Year poll [425DXN 1233] closed on 1 January. Nearly 10,000 votes were cast. The Top Five DXpeditions are FT5ZM (Amsterdam Island), FT4TA (Tromelin Island), VK9DLX (Lord Howe Island), VK9MT (Mellish Reef) and ZD9XF (Tristan da Cunha). Congratulations!

IOTA ANNUAL UPDATE ---> Updates for the 2015 Honour Roll and other performance tables must be sent on or before 31 January. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. 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 2015 tables will be restricted to those participants who have updated their scores since February 2010.
Record-holders who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA Contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, provided that the contact details match, either by manually entering the QSO information on the input form or by uploading a Cabrillo format log. The 2014 IOTA Contest data has now been uploaded to the IOTA database and is available for QSO matching. [TNX G3KMA]

QSL VIA NI5DX ---> As of 1 January 2015 Buzz, NI5DX will be the QSL manager only for the following stations: 3B8CW, 3B8HC, 9H5G, A41KJ, A45WH, C6ATS, FG4NN, FK8CE, FK8DD, KL7SB, OD5ZZ and T6RH. He will still be able to confirm contacts made before 1 January 2015 for the stations he formerly managed.

VK0EK: HEARD ISLAND 2015 ---> The MV Akademik Shokalskiy will leave Fremantle on 10 November and return on 22 December. The anticipated stay on Heard Island is up to three weeks. Bookmark www.vk0ek.org for updates.

+ SILENT KEY + Paolo Pero, I1HJP passed away on 26 December at 54 years of age. An accomplished CW operator, recently he attained FOC membership. He was also one of the fathers of Echolink in Italy.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4U1ITU, 4W0VB/p (OC-232), 5W0AG, 5Z4/EA4ATI, 5Z4/JH0CJH, 7O2A (AF-028), 7X2JV, 9I5OBO, 9K2SS, 9N7KT, AH0K, AL7GA, B9/BY9GA, BI4SSB, BU2AQ, BX4AG, BY4IB (AS-146), C6ATS (NA-048), CE0Y/UA4WHX, CE0Z/UA4WHX, CE9/UA4WHX (SA-050), CE8/UA4WHX/p (SA-091), CE7/UA4WHX/p (SA-043), CE5/LU7CAW (SA-061), CN2AA, CP4BT, CP4WHX, D44KS, DX8DX (OC-188), ED9K, EG2INT (EU-134), EX/UA4WHX, EX2V, EX8M, EY7AD, EY8/UA4WHX, FR4NT, HC8ART, HK0/UA4WHX (NA-033 and NA-049), J79L, JY9FC, KC4USV (AN-011), OA4AI, OA7/UA4WHX, OE2013K, PJ7NK (NA-247), PY0F/UA4WHX, PY22XB, PZ5VB, RI0X (AS-064), RI44ANT (AN-010), RK3DZJ/1, S01WS, S0S, SU0ERA, SU9VB, SX8SA (EU-075), T30D, TY1AA, V51FH, VK9EC, VK9EX, VK9XSP, VP2EIM, VP5/G3SWH, VU4CB (AS-033), XR0YY, XR9H2O (AN-010), YB8RW/p (OC-213 and OC-236), YJ0X, YN2CC, YN5Z, YP0F (EU-191), ZA/YU7CM, ZK3E, ZK3Q.

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