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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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7Q - Karl, DK2WV will be active again as 7Q7VW from Malawi from 26 January to 6 February. He plans to be QRV on 160-6 metres. QSL via DK2WV.

C5 - Everything is on schedule for the C5X DXpedition to the Gambia starting on 15 January through to the 26th [425DXN 1227]. With two high-power stations, the team (G3VMW, G3XAQ, G3XTT and M0PCB) will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and a little PSK31/63. As the public beach area is not suitable for VDAs, antennas include two Spiderbeams on the five HF bands and dipoles at good height for the lower bands. "We have not specified any TX frequencies by band", Steve G3VMW says, "and will always try to avoid other DXpeditions that may be active. However, we will always work split frequency, listening uo, normally between 1 to 5 kHz". They will also "make frequent checks on our TX frequency, and if necessary, move a few kHz lower or higher to clear the QRM". QSL via M0OXO (preferably through the OQRS at www.m0oxo.com); the logs will be uploaded daily to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX G3VMW]

EP - Announced frequencies for the EP6T expedition [425DXN 1235] to Kish Island (AS-166) are:

SSB 3763, 7083, 14183, 18143, 21283, 24953, 28493

CW 1823.5, 3503, 7013, 10123, 14033, 18083, 21013, 24903, 28033

RTTY 7042, 10136, 14082, 18102, 21082, 24922, 28082

QSL via M0URX and LoTW "at the earliest opportunity"; OQRS for direct and bureau cards on www.m0urx.com and Logsearch on Club Log. The website for the DXpedition is at www.rockall.be.

FJ - Gene, N9SW will be active holiday style as FJ/N9SW from St Barthelemy (NA-146) on 17-25 January. He will operate mainly CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

FK0 - "Along with the skipper of 'Evohe' we developed our tentative sailing schedule", the Perseverance DX Group [425DXN 1221] announced on 3 January. The equipment will be shipped to Auckland (New Zealand), where the boat will be loaded and sail for Noumea, (New Caledonia) on 17 September. The team expects to reach the Chesterfield Islands on 1 October, and to be QRV as TX3X (requested callsign) on 2-12 October. At the moment the roster includes seven operators (HA5AO, K5GS, K6GFJ, K6TD, W1SRD, W2LK and WA6O), and others will be added. Please e-mail chesterfield[@]pdxg.net if interested in joining the team. The preliminary budget for this DXpedition is around USD 150,000. The complete press release and other information (QSLling policy and management, operating plan, instructions on how to donate) can be found at http://chesterfield2015.pdxg.net/. The team also has a Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/chesterfield2015. [TNX K5GS]

KH8 - Zorro, JH1AJT will be active holiday style as KH8Z from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa on 12-19 January. He will operate mainly SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via JH1AJT, direct or bureau. [TNX JA1TRC]

P2 - Norbert, DH1NK will be working at Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea (OC-034) between 15 January and 15 June. In his spare time he will be QRV as P29NK on 80, 40, 20, 17, 12 and 10 metres SSB and Pactor. QSL via DH1NK, bureau preferred. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - The Aroeira DX Group will be active as PS06J on 11-16 January during the VI Scout National Jamboree. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via PR7JP. [TNX PS7DX]

TA - The TC Special Wireless Activity Team is active as TC150ITU on until 31 January and again on 1-30 May. As usual with TCSWAT operations, all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW.

TA - Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli during World War I, TA1CM is active as TC100GLB from 1 January until 30 April. He operates SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

TG - Dwight, VE7BV will be active holiday style as TG9/VE7BV from Guatemala from 22 January to 17 February. He will operate CW and SSB on "20, 17 and 15 metres at least". QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 20 January to 1 March. He will be QRV on SSB on 160-6 metres SSB; his wife Cathy (W5HAM) will also operate occasionally as V47HAM. All QSLs via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) from 30 January to 1 February. Usually he operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org

XW - Ken, K4ZW will be active again as XW4ZW from Laos on 23-30 January. Plnas are to focus on the low bands. QSL via K1SE, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

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

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon 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 2015 edition sterted at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. The deadline for log submission for the 2014 DX Marathon is 10 January at 2359Z. Complete details can be found at www.dxmarathon.com.

CQ HALLS OF FAME ---> The CQ DX Hall of Fame (started in 1967) and the CQ Contest Hall of Fame (started in 1986) recognize those amateurs who have made major contributions to DXing and contesting, respectively. The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame (started in 2001) recognizes those who have made major contributions to amateur radio as a whole, and radio amateurs who have made major contributions to society at large. Nominations for the Halls of Fame must be submitted by 1 March; instructions can be found on http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_awards/index_cq_awards.html.

DAYTON ANNUAL CONTEST AND TOPBAND DINNERS ---> The 26th Top Band Dinner will be held on 15 May, followed by the 23rd Contest Dinner on the 16th. Both the events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets are available on http://topbanddinner.com and on http://contestdinner.com respectively.

FARALLON ISLANDS ---> K6F was active for a very short time on 20 metres SSB from the Farallon Islands (NA-178) on 6 January [425DXN 1235]. "Sorry it was such a short operation", K6EWN says on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/K6Fislands). "The work we came out to do took more time than expected, thus shortening our play time". QSL via W6TCP.

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey was conducted in September-October 2014 [425DXN 1218]. The top 10 DXCC Entities are:

1. P5 North Korea 2. KP1 Navassa Island 3. 3Y Bouvet Island 4. FT5W Crozet Isls 5. VK0 Heard Island 6. BS7H Scarborough Reef 7. VP8 South Sandwich Isls
8. FT5T Tromelin Island 9. KH5K Kingman Reef 10. KH5 Palmyra

Eight out of ten places are occupied by the same DXCC Entities listed for 2013 and 2012, in four cases with just a slight varition in ranking. Tromelin Island is still listed, because the survey closed on 15 October and FT4TA became active on the 30th. Marion Island was in 8th place and now has moved down to the 19th (thanks to the activities by ZS8C, ZS8Z and ZS8A); Amsterdam and St. Paul was in 4th place and now - not surprisingly, after FT5ZM - is no longer listed among the 100 Most Wanted Entities. ZS8 and FT5Z have been replaced by Kingman Reef and Palmyra & Jarvis, which last year were in 12th and 11th place respectively. The 100 Most Wanted listing can be found on http://www.dxpub.net/MOST-WANTED-SURVEY.html. Breakdowns are published in the January/February 2015 issue of The DX Magazine ("I was not able to provide some of the breakdowns as in past years due to a computer malfunction", N4AA says. "Some of the data was corrupted and was not retrievable").

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 12,441 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-14), the 61 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, Antarctic bases & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by

DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: www.LesNouvellesdx.fr. [TNX F6AJA]

VK0EK ---> A comprehensive FAQ page has been addedd to the 2015 Heard Island DXpedition website (http://vk0ek.org/faq/). Radio operations are expected to be conducted approximately from 22 November to 8 December. After the stay on Heard Island, there are plans for the team to visit and be QRV from Kerguelen for 3-4 days, "assuming permits can be obtained".

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND GRANTS ---> In 2008 The Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) established the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be awarded to individuals who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe. The latest recipients, announced on 5 January, are:

- Kimo Chun, KH7U, for his 20 years of behind-the-scenes support to DXpeditions to Pacific entities, including logistics, organization, equipment, local contacts and planning.
- Dick Flagg, AH6NM, for his years of working with the amateur radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) and Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) groups and in supporting NASA's Radio Jove project, all designed to introduce amateur radio to the public, particularly students of all ages.
- Florin-Cristian Predescu, YO9CNU and Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, for their work in organizing and promoting Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) and amateur radio youth activities.

The YASME Foundation also has made supporting grants to the following:

- the California Historical Radio Society, to fund the Maxwell Library and Maxwell Archives Room in support of Jim Maxwell's, W6CF (SK) efforts to maintain the history of amateur radio.
- the Foundation for Amateur Radio, to be used in its scholarship programme.
- the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1, in support of youth activities in amateur radio
- Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, for providing web-based services to the amateur radio community;
- IARU Region 1, earmarked for the support of the Egyptian Radio Amateur Society for Development (ERASD).
- the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF), in recognition of their support for the Yasme Foundation and other amateur radio groups, its support of international radiosport activities, and for providing webinars to the amateur radio community.
- the ARRL Foundation, in support of its scholarship programme;
- the ARRL Second Century Campaign, for the support of amateur radio in the next 100 years.

+ SILENT KEY + Renato Paramithiotti, I1XQ passed away on 6 January at 93 years of age. A doyen of amateur radio in Italy, he had been licensed for more than seven decades.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
1A0C	IZ7KHR	DK65DARC	DF1QR	PP70FEB	PS7AB
3B8CW	NI5DX	DL0WRTC	DF1QR	PQ60ICN	PS7GL
3Z0WOSP	SP5ZRW	DL65DARC	DF1QR	PY0F/PP1CZ	PP1CZ
3Z0YL	SP9SX	DM700LSW	DH3FEN	R73RDA	RW3FB
3Z2015NY	SP6IEQ	DR50RRDXA	DJ6QT	R900BL	R1BAL
3Z50AYP	SP7DQR	DU1KA	NR6M	RI1ANZ	RN1ON
3Z85PZK	SP4JCP	DU3LA	N0QM	S01WS	EA2JG
3Z90IARU	SP6JIU	E50A	E51AND	SN3WOSP	SP3CGK
4L1HD	DL8KAC	EA6/G3SZU	M0OXO	SN40KRF	SP1KRF
4L8A	K1BV	EA6UN	EC6TK	SN85PZK	SP3POW
4O7CC	UA4CC	EG5RMC	EA5FIV	SN90IARU	SP1PMY
4X6TT	N4GNR	EI1100WD	EI2HZB	SO85PZK	SP9HQJ
5R8SV	G3SWH	EI30T	EI3CTB	SO90IARU	SQ6PWJ
5Z4FV	N3ZS	EM44WFF	UT4WA	SP85PZK	SP0PZK
6Y5JH	EA5GL	EX/HB9DUR	HB9DUR	SP90IARU	SP7AH
7Q7BP	G3MRC	EX2F	RW6HS	SQ0WOSP	SP7YLD
7S400K	SM7BHM	FG4NN	NI5DX	SQ85PZK	SP3KWA
7X2BDX	IK2DUW	FK8DD	NI5DX	SQ90IARU	SP7PTM
7X3WPL	7X3DL	FO/KK6BT	KE8G	SV9RNG	LZ1YE
9A88AA	9A2AA	G50FRS	G0YYY	T88HS	JA6KYU
9J2BO	G3TEV	HA60KWO	HA8LKM	T88KO	JS1OHI
9J2HN	JR2KDN	HC1WDT	W0OR	T88RR	JA6UBY
9K2GS	EA5KB	HE200GE	HB9AOF	T88SM	JA6EGL
9N1AA	N4AA	HF7SIEMA	SP7PTK	TC5OCK	TA5FA
9V1PW	JH4PHW	HF85PZK	SP7PGK	TI5/HB9FIH	DL3LAH
A41KJ	NI5DX	HF90IARU	SP1MGM	TJ3SN	IZ1BZV
A61QQ	IZ8CLM	HR1AAB	EA7FTR	TM400M	F1EOY
A71EM	EA7FTR	HR1RQF	EA7FTR	TM5CW	F5SJB
A82YOTA	OM2FY	HZ1BL	IZ8CLM	TX5W	KE8G
A92AA	IZ8CLM	HZ1FI	DL2RMC	VK8NSB	M0URX
AH0CO/KH8	JA0JHQ	J79MM	EI4JY	VP8ROT	GM0HCQ
AH2/AB2RF	JJ2RCJ	J79XBI	SM5DJZ	VP9/K4KGG	W3HNK
AH2Y	HL1IWD	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ	VU2RBQ	DJ9RB
C31CT	EA3QS	KL7SB	NI5DX	XU7TZG	ON7PP
C5YK	ON6EG	KP2BH	EB7DX	XV4Y	OK1DOT
C6ATS	NI5DX	LZ290MB	LZ1KCP	YP1989TM	YO2KQT
C98RF	DL6DQW	NP4A	W3HNK	YT0PUPIN	YT7WA
CX2AQ	EA5KB	NP4G	NP3O	YT90NS	YU7BPQ
CX7OV	EA5KB	OD5PY	KU9C	ZD9A	ZS1LS
CX9AU	EA5GL	OD5ZZ	NI5DX	ZF2DX	K0DEQ
D3AM	UA1QV	OG30OJ	OH3OJ	ZF2LC	W2SM
DG150ZRS	DL1MIL	P49X	W0YK	ZF2NT	G3SWH
DJ90IARU	DL2VFR	PH44ZU	PC4DX	ZV5WSC	PU2KKE

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