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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Patrice, F5RBB and his wife Mireille, F4FRL will be active as 3A/F5RBB and 3A/F4FRL from Monaco on 18-24 January. They will operate PSK31 and RTTY on 20 and 15 metres. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

7Q - The 7QAA DXpedition to Malawi is confirmed to take place in March [425DXN 1216]. The large multinational team will be split into two sub-teams: Team One will operate CW and RTTY on 11-21 March, while Team Two will operate SSB and RTTY from 22 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. Both Team 1 and 2 will be QRV with four stations on 160-10 metres, plus 6m if conditions allow. QSL via N7RO and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. Bookmark www.malawidx.org for updates and further information.

C2 - Ernoe DK2AMM, Guenter DL2AWG, Hans DL6JGN and Ron PA3EWP will be active as C21EU (www.nauru2015.de) from Nauru (OC-031) from 25 March to 4 April. They will operate CW, SSB, and digital modes on 40-10 metres with two stations and a focus on the higher bands. QSL via DL2AWG, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log).

DL - Volker, DL1WH will be active as DL1WH/p from the island of Foehr (EU-042) on 3-11 March. He will operate CW and some SSB mainly in his morning and evening hours. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DL1WH]

EP - The EP6T team [425DXN 1236] has been QRV from Kish Island (AS-166) since 16 January in the UTC afternoon. On the 17th they might be off the air for some time while completing station setup. After that, they will be active 24/7 with five stations until 26 January. Updates, pictures and logsearch will be available on www.rockall.be once the team has access to the Internet. QSL via M0URX (OQRS on www.m0urx.com/oqrs/); bureau cards must be requested through the OQRS, do not send any QSL to the RSGB bureau.

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM60TAAF on 1, 6-8, 13-17, 19-22 and 27-28 February. The special callsign is in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises (the French Southern and Antarctic Territories). He will be QRV on 40-10 metres from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

FP - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 26 February to 10 March. Plans are to operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres, "generally on the highest frequency band open favouring 12 and 10m". He will also "be checking 6m for indications of openings". QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and eQSL. Further information at http://www.kv1j.com/fp/Feb15.html.

JW - Francois, F8DVD will be active as JW/F8DVD from Spitsbergen

(EU-026), Svalbard on 9-15 April. He will be QRV on the HF bands from the JW5E club station. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F8DVD]

KG4 - Tip N4SIA (KG4AS), Jim WB2REM (KG4HI), Bob N4PSK (KG4RQ) and Nancy K9DIG (KG4YL) will be active from Guantanamo Bay on 6-13 February. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK63 and PSK31 on 160-6 metres. QSL KG4AS direct to N4SIA, QSL KG4HI and KG4RQ direct to WB2REM and LoTW, QSL KG4YL direct to K9DIG and LoTW.

OZ - Special callsign OU0POLIO will be in use until 31 December to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the foundation of Rothary International and the organization's most notable global project aimed at the eradication of poliomyelitis around the world. QSL via OZ1ACB, direct or bureau.

V6 - Madison, W5MJ will be active as V63MJ from Kosrae Island (OC-059), Micronesia on 16-24 February. He will operate CW only on 160-10 metres. QSL direct to M0URX (bureau cards must be requested through the OQRS). [TNX M0URX]

V6 - Taka, JA8COE will be active as V63CO from Falalop, Ulithi Atoll (OC-078), Micronesia on 2-5 March. QSL via JA8COE, direct only (logsearch and OQRS on Club Log). He has a blog at http://blog.goo.ne.jp/takaja8coe.

T32 - Dick, AD7AF will be active as T32RL from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati from 22 January to 9 February. He will operate CW, SSB and a little RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL direct to home call and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB - Look for Din, YB8RW/p (QSL via home call, see qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS) and Sisca, YB8RXA/p (QSL via W2FB) to be active from Mantehage Island (OC-236) on 20-24 January. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - Look for YC8ROP/p to be active from Bukide Island (OC-210) on 22-24 January. QSL via W2FB. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Gene, WI7N will be active holiday style as WI7N/4 from Dauphin Island (NA-213) on 26-28 January. It will be "a casual operation" with main activity during his evening hours. QSL via WI7N, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

XW - John, KB4FB is active as XW4FB from Vientiane, Laos until 12 February. QSL via home call; all contacts will be uploaded to LoTW in March.

ZF - Col, MM0NDX will be active holiday style as ZF2CI from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 25 April to 2 May. He will operate SSB only on 160-10 metres. His main QTH will be on Grand Cayman, but he will also be active as ZF8/ZF2CI from Little Cayman and ZF9/ZF2CI from Cayman Brac (on 29 April and 1 May). QSL via IW7EGQ. [TNX DX World]

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> SP3CFM, SP3IPB, SP7TF, SP7VC, SQ7OYL and K2RPF will be sailing around the Caribbean between 24 January and 14 February. They plan to stop and be QRV from several islands:

24-26 January	Martinique (NA-107)	FM/home calls
27 Jan-3 Feb	St. Lucia (NA-108)	J6/home calls
4-5 February	St. Vincent (NA-109)	J8/home calls
6-7 February	Grenada (NA-024)	J3/home calls

7-8 February Carriacou (NA-147) J3/home calls
8-9 February Union (NA-025) J8/home calls
13-14 February Martinique (NA-107) FM/home calls
Plans are to operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls. They have a website at http://expedition.sp7vc.pl/.

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INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group (www.intrepid-dx.com) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 3rd annual Intrepid Spirit Award, made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011). This year's award goes to Dmitri Zhikharev, RA9USU to recognize his "outstanding efforts to activate Yemen from 2012 through 2014 as 7O6T and 7O2A. Dmitri is largely responsible for fulfilling the need for 7O contacts since 2012. Yemen is a place of much uncertainty and danger. We recognize Dmitri's unselfish acts to activate this challenging and much needed entity". The award will be presented at the International DX Convention, Visalia (CA) on 18 April. [TNX N6PSE]

NEW DXER'S HANDBOOK ---> Four years ago Bryce Anderson, K7UA wrote a series of short articles for his local DX club that came together as the "New DXer's Handbook". The second edition, revised and updated, is now available for free download at www.k7ua.com. It is a concise guide (41 pages and nine chapters) that covers the various aspects of DXing; the translations into Greek, Polish, Portuguese and Russian will be available on Bryce's website when they are completed. [TNX K7UA]

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced that "C82DX Plan, Plan, and Plan again, Murphy still makes a visit!" will be the keynote topic for their 30th annual DX dinner. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2015 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 15 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Co-leaders and CQ DX Hall of Famers Don Greenbaum, N1DG and Tom Harrell, N4XP will be the presenters. For more information and to order dinner tickets, please visit www.swodxaevents.org. [TNX W8GEX]

VK0EK ---> Dave Lloyd, K3EL has been appointed as the Radio Team Leader for the November-December expedition to Heard Island [425DXN 1236]: "Dave is leading the radio team to define the requirements and make preparations for the operation, and he will be the manager of the radio operations on Heard Island". The Diablo DXers, a coalition of local San Francisco Bay Area DX club members led by co-organizer Rich, KY6R, will carry out the QSL service for VK0EK. The team will implement a variety of innovations, which will be documented on the QSL and LOG pages of www.vk0ek.org in the near future.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MW, 3D2FJ, 3D2RA, 3W7CW,

4L1MA, 4O7VB, 4U1ITU, 4W/K7CO, 4W/N1YC, 5H1KR (AF-032), 5V7TH, 5W0AG, 7O2A, 9M8YY, 9Z4AM, A45XR, A71BX, B9/BY9GA, C21GC, C6ADX, C6ATS, CE0Z/UA4WHX, CN2AA, CY0P, E30FB, E40VB, E51CDW, EG2INT (EU-134), EJ0PL (EU-007), EJ1Y (EU-007), ER3MM, ES5JR, EW8DZ, EX/UA4WHX, EX8MLE, EY8/UA4WHX, FK8IK, FR/OK2KG, FS/K9EL, H44S, HC8ART, HK3W, J6/DL7VOG, J79L, J87GU, JY9FC, LU1YT, LX1EA, OZ0IL, PJ7PK (NA-247), PQ5M (SA-027), RU6DX/P (EU-185), S01WS, S79VR, SU9VB, T30D, TM1BIG (EU-107), TY1AA, UN/UA4WHX, V5/DL3DXX, V63CX, V6T (OC-132), VK9DLX, VK9LM, VK9NT, VK9XSP, VP5/G3SWH, VP8AIB/100, VP8LP/100, VQ9XR, VR2XAN, VU4CB (AS-033), XR2T (SA-086), XW3DT,YB4IR/5 (OC-122), YB4IR/8 (OC-222), YB8/DL3KZA, YB8RW/p (OC-208, OC-210, OC-213, OC-222), YB8V (OC-157), ZA/UA4WHX, ZD7DC, ZK3E, ZK3Q, ZS8C.

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