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H4 - Once again Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active as H44MS from Honiara (OC-047), Solomon Islands between 1 February and 30 April. He will operate SSB only on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HS - Alain, HS0ZKG (home call F6HBR) will go QRT permanently from Koh Samui (AS-101) in May. He operates mainly CW, with some PSK and RTTY, on 40-10 metres. QSL via F6AXX, direct or bureau, and eQSL. Logsearch on Club Log.

J3 - Gregory, W2BEE will be QRV as J38GA from Grenada (NA-024) between 31 January and 28 February, with activity focusing on the digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

KP1 - "Within two weeks the K1N Navassa DXpedition should be QRV with up to 7-8 stations", the K1N team reorted on 17 January. "Our exact departure date will be decided at the last moment by USFWS and weather windows. We hope to have a basic camp established by the end of the first day and if things go extremely well, we hope to have several stations on the air by nightfall on the second day. Helicopter deployment will continue for a total of three days before the camp is fully established".

Look for K1N on "the usual" DX frequencies, listening up, but in some cases, down, for certain parts of the world's band plan. Listen carefully to the instructions of the DXpedition operator. At least one station will be on 20 metres 24 hours/day. 160m and 12m will be CW only, and 10m will be SSB only. Other bands will alternate CW and SSB. At least one station will always be on RTTY.

The pilots will be N2OO (Chief Pilot), V51B (Africa), JA1ELY (Asia, Zone 25), EY8MM (Central Asia, Zones 17-19, 21-24 and 26), MM0NDX (Europe), K2SG (North America), ZL2AL (Oceania), HK1R (South America) and KF5NYQ (Youth Pilot). They will collect reports and suggestions from the various target areas (each pilot's contact information is listed on the DXpedition's website: click on 'Our Team'). The worldwide feedback will be prioritized, summarized and forwarded to the team on Navassa. Pilots will not have access to the logs, so do not ask about busted calls, log entries, etc. Logs will be uploaded several times daily to Club Log.

QSL via N2OO, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW ("sooner rather than later"). Read the complete Press Release on www.navassadx.com; the next one will be when the landing operations commence. After that, daily progress and pictures will be posted on the website. Follow K1N on Twitter (@navassa2015) and check out their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/2015Navassa).

ON_ant - ON5TN and ON1EN are active as OP0LE from the Princess Elisabeth Station, Antarctica until the end of February. QSL via ON7TK. [TNX DX World]

OZ - Jakob, OZ7AEI will use OU25AEI for all his portable operations (IOTA, lighthouses, etc) in 2015. The special callsign celebrates his Silver Jubilee in amateur radio. QSL via bureau or direct.

OZ - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union, special callsign OZ90IARU will used until 31 December by several different operators around Denmark. QSL via OZ0J (please use the OQRS provided by Club Log for direct and especially for bureau cards), LoTW and eQSL. See www.oz90iaru.dk for the relevant award and general further information.

PY - LABRE-SP (PY2AA) will activate special callsign ZZ461SP on 24-25 January to celebrate the 461st anniversary of the city of Sao Paulo. QSL via bureau to PY2AA, eQSL and LoTW. Information on the relevant award che be found on qrz.com.

UA - A team of seven (RA9LR, RW0BG, UA0BA, UA0ZC, UA0ZFW, UA9KAM and UA9KDF) will be active as RT9K/0 from Dobrzhanskogo Island (AS-203, new one for IOTA) in early September. They will travel to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on 19 August, but once there it will still be a 1,500-kilometre voyage before they reach the island. RT9K/0 will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres with three stations. QSL via RX9KM (logsearch on Club Log). Further information and updates on http://www.qrz.com/db/RT9K/0

V3 - Gerd, DJ4KW (V31YN) and Gisela, DK9GG (V31GW) are active from Consejo Shores, Belize until 5 March. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW, RTTY ans some SSB. This year they "will stay on the mainland the whole time and will not be visiting any IOTA locations". QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX ODX Bulletin]

VE - VE3RHE will be active as CG350F from 1 February to 1 March to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Flag of Canada. Also known as the Maple Leaf, it was adopted to replace the Union Flag and made its first official appearance on 15 February 1965. QSL via VE3RHE.

VP8 - Denis, ZL4DB will be working at King Edward Point, South Georgia Island (AN-007) between late January and late March/early April. He might operate SSB only as VP8DOZ with 100 watts and a ground plane on 17m, 20m and maybe other bands, possibly starting around late February. He is "very inexperienced in using a computer logging program or pile-up handling so may not be calling CQ initially, he may only S&P for a while until his confidence increases". ZL4PW will be his QSL manager; see qrz.com for further information and updates.

VP9 - Ron, W3PV will be active as W3PV/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 23-29 January. He will operate CW, JT65 and JT9 on 40-6 metres. He will also "spend some time listening for QRP operators". QSL via home call (bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX W3PV]

W - Howie, K1VSJ will be active from Key Colony Beach (NA-062) from 29 January to 9 February. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

XW - Toshi, JA8BMK is active again as XW8BM from Laos until 10 February. He is QRV with a focus on the low bands from a new, low noise QTH. QSL via JA8BMK.

YO - In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union, special Romanian stations YO90IARU, YP90IARU, YQ90IARU and YR90IARU will be active on all bands and mode from 1 February to 31 December. [TNX IARU Region 1]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Hrane, YT1AD will be on a reconnaissance trip in preparation for a future DXpedition, and will be active next month as follows:

3-8 February	3D2AD	Fiji
8-11 February	5W7A	Samoa
11-12 February	KH8/N9YU	American Samoa
13-14 February	KH6/N9YU	Hawaai

He will operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres. QSLs via YT1AD. [TNX The Daily DX]

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CHESTERFIELD 2015 ---> The team for the 1-12 October TX3X DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands (OC-176) [425DXN 1236] now includes eleven operators: AA4NN, HA5AO, K5GS, K6GFJ, K6MM, K6TD, K6TU, ND2T, W1SRD, W2LK and WA6O.
The pilot stations now include W4HK (Chief Pilot and North America), JA1WSX (Japan), 4L5A (Rest of Asia), PT7WA (South America), V51B (Africa), HA5XA (Europe) and VK3HJ (Oceania). See http://chesterfield2015.pdxg.net/ for further information. [TNX K5GS]

DXCC RULES CHANGES ---> At its 16-17 January Meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors decided to tweak "the DX Century Club (DXCC) rules to clarify and expand their recognition of remotely controlled station technology. It also has added a rule that puts greater ethical responsibility on operators with respect to remotely controlled operation". The following was published on the ARRL's website on 21 January:
The DXCC Rules changes, which affect Section I, subsections 8 and 9, explain and extend how contacts with remotely controlled stations now may be applied toward the DXCC award. As ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, explained, the changes are subtle but significant. The modified rules make clear that contacts with legally licensed, land-based, remotely controlled stations count for DXCC, but the control point - the operator's location - of a remotely controlled station no longer has to be land based; the operator can be literally anywhere.
"It has always been permitted for a QSO to count for both stations, if either station was operated remotely from a control point within the same DXCC entity," Sumner explained. "Now the location of the operator doesn't matter; the operator could be on the far side of the Moon if he or she could figure out how to remotely control a station on land back on Earth from there." Transmitter location continues to define a station's location, and, for DXCC purposes, all transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle, excluding antennas.
Under the old rules, if either station was operated from a control point in

another DXCC entity, the contact did not count for DXCC for either station. "This was unenforceable unless someone was transparent about what they were doing," Sumner said.
The Board further adopted a new rule, now Subsection 11 (subsequent rules will be renumbered accordingly), that acknowledges the reality of the technology enabling remote operation, and it puts greater responsibility on individuals when it comes to applying that technology ethically and responsibly.
"Issues concerning remotely controlled operating and DXCC are best dealt with by each individual carefully considering the ethical limits that he/she will accept for his/her DXCC and other operating awards," the new rule states. It adds, in part, "the owner of these achievements needs to be comfortable standing behind his/her award and numbers. Peer attention has always been a part of awards chasing, of course, but in these times with so many awards and so many players, it is more important than even to 'play the game ethically.'"
Subsection 11 acknowledges that technological advances "add to the difficulty in defining rules for DXCC," but stresses that the intent of the rules is what's important. "It will continue to be up to the operator to decide what types of legal remote control operating he/she will use (if any) to contribute to an operating award," the new rule concludes.

K1N & DQRM ---> "Deliberate QRM has been a major hindrance on both ends of the pileups in recent years and is worsening. There is a tab on our website (www.navassadx.com) where you can help us identify QRMing stations. This tab will not be active until the DXpedition comes on the air. By entering the data requested, and if enough data is entered, even with crude or rough beam headings, a 'heat map' can be produced with mathematical analysis of the data. This was covertly tested during the recent FT4TA Tromelin DXpedition and even with limited data input, several deliberate QRMing stations could be identified within a very small area! Again, the more data that is provided the more accurate the 'heat' can be put on offending stations. If we do experience QRM, we have planned tactics to minimize the malicious interference. Hint: listen, listen and listen more for us... we might try to 'wiggle' out of it! We will also try hard to keep our splits narrow as possible to avoid annoying non-DXers who have been known to 'bother' a pileup".

NC1L ---> ARRL DXCC and Awards Manager Bill Moore, NC1L was seriously injured in a single-car accident on 3 July last year [425DXN 1212]. Sadly, Bill has now resolved to resign: "After much consultation with my family and as a result of the life changing accident I suffered in July, 2014, I have decided to relinquish my position as Awards Manager at ARRL HQ and focus my full effort on physical therapy. I have enjoyed my years at ARRL and the countless friends I have made within the ham radio community. I hope to maintain contact as best I can via email and hope someday I will be able to get back on the bands. Email can be sent to me at BillMooreNC1L[@]gmail.com and while I plan to read each and every one, I cannot promise to reply in a timely manner". [TNX The Daily DX]

VP8 2016 ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that they have received their Landing/Camp Permit for South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands for their January 2016 DXpeditions [425DXN 1233]. "We will be on

each island for ten days and we plan for eight full days of radio", they say. The primary objective is to provide as many DXers as possible with a New One, and to focus low-band contacts as a secondary objective: "we will use proven techniques to help ensure that everyone has a fair chance to work us". They also hope to upload to LoTW during or just after the DXpedition. "At this time, we are seeking Foundation, Club and individual support to help us offset our significant costs to activate these two rare islands" (South Sandwich and South Georgia are currently in the 4th and 9th place respectively according to Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List). The vessel charter is in excess of 310,000 USD and the totale budget is 425,000 USD. See www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/ for further information. [TNX N6PSE]

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3D2KM	W6ZL	FK8CE	NI5DX	RI1ANT	RW1AI
3W3B	E21EIC	FR4PV	EA5GL	RT77VV	RZ9UF
4K6FO	DC9RI	FW5JJ	F5RXL	S79AC	OE4AAC
4L1AN	N4GNR	GB2GM	2E0GSD	SN0GKR	SP3PGR
5B4AIF	EB7DX	GB4UAS	MN0VFW	SN50G	SP6KGJ
5H3EE	DL4ME	GS8VL	GM4FDM	T32RL	AD7AF
5H9GB	G4SVV	HB9HLM	EA7FTR	T6T	RW6HS
5P0MF	DF5LW	HC2SL	HD2A	T88CP	JA6UBY
5R8UI	IZ8CCW	HF30RVG	SP2UUU	T88HK	JE6DND
5W1SA	JA1DXA	HG7SNOW	HA7PL	TC100GLB	TA1CM
6W7SK	F6BLP	HG90IARU	HA5MA	TG9AJR	NR6M
7X2JV	SM4VPZ	HH5/KC0W	KC0W	TG9GJG	EA5GL
8P0P	W0SA [b]	HI3CC	W2CCW	TR8CA	F6CBC
8P0P	W3HNK [d]	HP1RN	IZ8CLM	TU5JM	DB1DT
8P9EH	EA4GLI [b]	HS0ZKG	F6AXX	TY2BP	IK2IQD
8P9NX	W3HNK	HV0A	IK0FVC	TZ6BB	W3HNK
8T5MQT	VU2NRO	HV6SP	IK0FVC	UE72L	RQ7L
9K2OD	EA7FTR	HZ1HZ	N7RO	UE77VV	R4AAT
9M2TO	JA0DMV	HZ1SK	IZ8CLM	UE77WW	R7TW
9M6XRO	M0URX	II8FC	IZ8XJJ	UN7TX	RW6HS
A22LL	ZS1LL	J28NC	F5RQQ	V31DX	DO4DXA
A45WH	NI5DX	J79SB	NI5DX	V31MA	M0OXO
A61Q	EA7FTR	JW9JKA	LA9JKA	V31YN	DJ4KW
AF1Y/KH0	DU1CKF	JY4CI	K2AX	V51WH	DK2WH
AP2NK	W3HNK	JY9FC	E73Y	V63YAH	AH7G
AU1SV	VU2SMS	KH2L	W3HNK	VK16AC	M0OXO
AU5SV	VU2SMN	KH8Z	JH1AJT	VK2DOI	SP3DOI
C5X	M0OXO	KP4AW	NP3IR	VK2DX	W3HNK
C91RF	DL6DQW	LY19EURO	LY3BY	VP2ETE	W3HNK
CE2AWW	N7RO	MM0NDX/p	IW7EGQ	XR0YJ	JA3AVO
CN2JF	F6CTF	MX0WFF	G0WOU	XV3FB	KB4FB

CN2JJ	F5LYF	OP0LE	ON7TK	XV9NPS	JA2NPS [b]
CO6LC	IZ1GDB	OU0POLIO	OZ1ACB	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
CO8LY	EA7ADH	OX3XR	PA3249	XW1HFC	OE1HFC
CP4BT	DJ2BW	OX5M	OZ0J	XW4FB	KB4FB
CY0/VA1AXC	JE1LET	OX5T	OZ0J	XW4XR	E21EIC
DC0LGST	DF0CK	OY1OF	M0URX	XW4ZW	K1SE
DP0GVN	DL5EBE	P49MR	VE3MR	XW8BM	JA8BMK
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	PH6SKCC	PA3CLQ	YB8K	YB8IBD
E50V	E51CG	PJ4B	PA8A	YB8RXA/p	W2FB
EA8OM	DJ1OJ	PJ7TM	K2GSJ	YB9KA	HA3JB
EA9EU	EA5KB	PS06J	PR7JP	YC8ROP	W2FB
EA9KB	EA7FTR	PU2YZP	W2CCW	YL20IARU	YL1UB
EK3GM	IK2QPR	R120AM	RU3AWH	YL45GBC	YL3GBC
EL2DT	EL2FM	R35ASK	R4AAS	Z81D	OM3JW
EP6T	M0URX	R47TBS	UA4ATL	ZF2PG	K8PGJ
EX8VI	RW6HS	RA77VV	RW0UM	ZP/5P8X	OZ8X
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