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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5H - Stefano, IK6JRI will be active as 5H1JRI from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) from 20 February to 3 March. He will operate SSB only on 40-10 and maybe 80 metres. QSL via IK7JWX.

5T - Jean, 5T0JL (ON8RA) will be active again as 5T0ITU [425DXN 1219] on 25-26 Feburary. This special callsign has been granted for use during ITU events, in this case the third meeting of ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Sector SG13RG-AFR that will be held in Zambia. QSL via ON8RA. Make sure to comply with Jean's operating habits as detailed on www.qrz.com/db/5T0ITU.

C6 - John, C6ATS (http://kk4oyj.wordpress.com) has been active from Acklins Island (NA-113), Bahamas since 17 February. He should remain there for a few more days, with operations depending on weather conditions. John's permission to stay in the Bahamas expired on 24 February, but he has got an extension for one month. QSL via NI5DX (direct) and LoTW, OQRS on Club Log (bureau cards should be requested through the OQRS).

CE0Z - An "Early Departure Team" has been in Chile since 16 February to arrange the shipment of the equipment to Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernandez [425DXN 1240]. They expected to leave for the island on the 20th, to set up antennas and stations. "Due to new regulation rules which enter in force this week", they say, "flights to Juan Fernandez are now limited to 6 passengers. This change implies more planes than before and a dramatically increased budget which now represent an overall cost of US$ 56.000 (only for flights)! We would have prefered to transport the passengers by sea, but the only maritime company with adequat fleet has a very limited capacity". The second group of operators will arrive on Sunday (22 February); activity as 3G0ZC will then start as soon as possible. QSL via F1ULQ (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. Bookmark http://juanfernandez2015.com for updates. [TNX F5NQL]

DL - Special event station DL1965WH will be active from 1 March to 29 February 2016 to celebrate a double golden jubilee, i.e. the 50th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Group of the German Armed Forces in Daun/Vulkaneifel, and the 50th birthday of the Group's leader, Volker Schnitzius, DL1WH. QSL via DL1WH, direct or bureau (cards will only be available next year, after the end of the activity). [TNX DL1WH]

HP - Members of the Colon DX Group will be active as H91T from Taboga Island (NA-072) from 27 February to 1 March. Expect activity on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via HP2BWJ. [TNX DX World]

OX - Bo, OX3LX (http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped) will be active again from the Kookoerne Islands (NA-220) on 24-27 February. As during his latest operation from there (6-11

February), he will be QRV in his spare time. QSL via OZ1PIF.

PJ7 - The Uruguay DX Group (Gus CX2AM, Mario CX4CR, Rainer CX8FB and Bert CX3AN) will be active holiday style as PJ7C from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 28 February to 9 March. They will operate SSB and CW with two stations. QSL via EB7DX. [TNX CX3ZAN]

PY - PS8RV, PU8WMM, PU8WZT, PY8AB, PY8FML, PY8WW and PY8ZE will be active as ZV8V from the lighthouse Chapeu Virado on Ilha do Mosqueiro (not IOTA) on 20-22 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX PY8WW]

V6 - Keith, GM4YXI and Chris, GM3WOJ will be active as V6Z from Chuuk (OC-011), Micronesia from 27 March to 9 April. They will also be active during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, but it will be a "part-time entry, mostly S&P". Keith an Chris will have two stations on the air "for as many hours per day as possible", running 500 watts on 80-10 metres CW and SSB. All V6Z QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log, hopefully on a daily basis. There are also plans for a real-time logging system to show the last 30 QSOs - see www.v6z2015.com for further information. QSL via N3SL.

VE - Alexey, VE1RUS has been active as VY0/VE1RUS from Ellesmere Island (NA-008) since 11 February and will remain there until the 25th. He is QRV in his spare time mainly on 20 metres. QSL to VE1RUS (direct only).

VK9L - VK9LC is the callsign OH2YY and OH1TV will use during their 22-28 February activity from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) [425DXN 1239]. They will operate mainly SSB with some CW with two stations on 40-6 metres. QSL via OH2YY, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log.

VP8 - Roger, G0SWC is active as VP8DBR from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) until 20 March, and will be active again from 19 July to 26 September. He is QRV in his spare time mainly on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via G0SWC. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Look for KG4JSZ, KI4GMR, KS4WA, N2MFT and maybe others members of the Mid Florida DX Association to be active from Honeymoon Island (NA-034) for a few hours (12-18 UTC) on 28 February. QSL via home calls. [TNX rgsbiota.org]

Z8 - Olli, OH0XX has been active as Z81X from Southern Sudan since 19 February. He will be QRV (CW only) until the 25th, including participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via OH0XX. [TNX The Daily DX]

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The January 2015 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also

including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 21 February through 23.59 UTC on the 22nd. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2015.html - good contest to you all!
CHESTERFIELD 2015 ---> TX3X has been officially issued to the 2-12 October DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands [425DXN 1238]. The on-island team is now complete, and includes twelve operators (AA4NN, HA5AO, K5GS, K6GFJ, K6MM, K6TD, K6TU, N6HC, ND2T, W1SRD, W2LK, WA6O). The fundraising campaign is underway, please visit www.tx3x.com for information on how to donate. As for QSLling, a "fully integrated Log Search / OQRS / QSL management application" has been developed by the team. "The QSL management back end functions will significantly reduce the labor associated with processing OQRS, Direct and Buro requests, including LoTW". TX3X's QSL policy is detailed on the website.

COCOS ISLAND ---> TI9/3Z9DX has been QRV from Cocos Island since 20 UTC on 16 February and will be QRV until the 23rd. MM0NDX reports that the operators (3Z9DX and RA9USU, SP8SIW and TI2HMJ) are not permitted to move from the location they have been assigned, which is surrounded by hills and almost entirely blocked to Europe. A complete write-up of previous activations of TI9 can be found on the Documentary Archives Radio Communications'website: www.dokufunk.org/cocos-e.

K1N ---> The DXpedition went QRT on 15 February at 11.27 UTC. The last helicopter flight left Navassa at 15 UTC with the three team members who overnighted to keep stations QRV until the last possible moment.
The full log has been uploaded to Club Log. It shows 139,702 QSOs (72770/CW, 54821/SSB and 12111/RTTY) with 35,825 unique callsigns. As for the breakdown by continent, 81551 QSOs (58.4%) were made with North America, 44755 (32.0%) with Europe, 8105 with Asia, 3208 with South America, 1204 with Oceania, 876 with Africa and 3 with Antarctica.
QSL via N2OO, direct (Bob Schenck, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton NJ 08087, USA) or bureau; Club Log's OQRS has been activated for both direct and bureau cards. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW "sooner rather than later". If you do not find your QSO on Club Log, please send your complete log data to k1nqsl[@]yahoo.com, and be prepared to wait a bit, as "it may take several days for us to research your request".

MEGA DXPEDITIONS HONOR ROLL ---> In the late 90s Jari Jussila, OH2BU started collecting records of DXpeditions that make at least 30,000 QSOs. What it used to be a spreadheet has been put into a database maintained by Bernd, DF3CB and hosted on the German DX Foundation's website: http://gdxf.de/megadxpeditions/. It is not a mere statistic exercise, but an intriguing review of 221 DXpeditions (so far) that have made the history of DXing over the years, from 8Z4A in 1979 to the most recent K1N and EP6T in 2015. Comments, corrections or additions to the list should be sent to Jari.Jussila[@]oh2bu.pp.fi and bernd[@]df3cb.com.

QSL VIA G3SWH ---> Phil, G3SWH has managed to obtain copies of the logs for 8P9FX, G3RFX, GO3RFX, GQ3RFX, GR3RFX, PJ2/G3RFX, ZB2FX, ZB300FX, ZG2FX and ZQ2FX, all operated by the late Martyn, G3RFX (SK June 2014). All logs have

been uploaded to LoTW. There are also log searches available at www.g3swh.org.uk and on Clublog. Phil also plans to upload the logs for DJ0EQ and DJ0EQ/p (Martyn's operations from Berlin in the 1970s). As Martyn's RSGB membership lapsed on his passing, paper QSL are only available direct from G3SWH, preferably through his OQRS (http://www.g3swh.org.uk/multiple-request.php). Please do not send QSL cards via the bureau system as they will not be received. [TNX G3SWH]

S01WS ---> The Sahara DX Team twitted that on 15 February S01WS, the Sahrawi Amateur Radio Union's club station, "suffered various failures, which forced to suspend any activity for an extended period of time".

+ SILENT KEY + Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU [425DXN 1239] passed away on 14 February, the day of his 74th birthday. Over the years he often travelled and lived in Africa; more recently he organized annual DXpeditions (3DA0CF, 7P8CF, A25CF, C91CF, C81CF) for several operators to join him.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8CW	NI5DX	EG4PAR	EA4PN	P49X	W0YK
3D2KM	W6ZL	EG5ANT	EA5DY	PA15CC	PA7HPH
3G7R	CE7FKG	EG8FLL	EA8URE	PA40FAW	PA0FAW
3W3B	E21EIC	EH5ANT	EA5FL	PI25COM	PA3CAL
3Z51EY	SP7EY	EI1Y	EI5JQ	PI4A	PB1WB
3Z51MOC	SP7MOC	EM4IFF	US5IQ	PI4D	PA3ERA
3Z51OXU	SQ7OXU	EN7P	UT1PG	PI4F	PD1WAT
3Z51POS	SP7POS	FG4KH	F1DUZ	PI4ZU	PC4DX
3Z51PSW	SP7PSW	FO/K8PGJ	K8PGJ	PJ2T	W3HNK
3Z51R	SP7RJI	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	PJ4D	W3HNK
3Z51S	SP7SEW	FW5JJ	F5RXL	PJ4F	M0URX
4H1T	DU1IVT	H2X	IZ4AMS	PJ4NX	M0URX
4U0ITU	4U1ITU	H44MS	DL2GAC	PJ7/WJ2O	N2ZN
5B4AGN	M0URX	HA10SOTA	HA1DTQ	PJ7AA	AA9A
5B4ALX	IZ4AMS	HB9ICE	HB9BHY	PR5P	PT2OP
5C5W	EA5XX	HF0A	SP9YI	PW0F	OH2BH
5H1ES	IK3GES	HF51SDA	SP7PFD	R1989A	UA4AJD
5H1OC	IK6CAC	HG30CW	HA3NU	RC70YC	K2PF
5H6JG	HA3JB	HG90IARU	HA5MA	S01WS	EA2JG
5T0JL	ON8RA	HH2/N3BNA	KA2AEV	S79CO	JT1CO
5W1SA	JA1DXA	HI3TT	W2CCW	SU0ERA	SM5AQD
5W7A	YT1AD	HK1NA	K6IPM	SU9IG	OM3CGN
5Z4/EA4ATI	EA4YK	HK1R	K6IPM	SX2AG	SV2HXV
6Y2T	VE3DZ	HL2ZIK	JE1XUZ	TG9IIN	K4TI
6Y5JH	EA5GL	HL2ZIM	JG1WBB	TI8/AA8HH	K8DV

7Q7BP	G3MRC	HP3AK	W4JS	TI9/3Z9DX	3Z9DX
7X3V	7X2ARA	HR5/AA4NC	AI4U	TM12WAP	F8DHE
8P2K	KU9C	HS0ZKG	F6AXX	TR8CA	F6CBC
9A0Z	9A3JB	II0LOVE	9A8AOT	UE23DZO	RA4DR
9H3KZ	G2BKZ	II1MNA	IQ1GE	UE23DKA	UA4PIE
9J2HN	JR2KDN	II2ANT	I2JJR	UE23DSA	RL3DV
9M4SI	9M2YOT	II5ANT	IZ5BTC	UE92L	RQ7L
9M8XXW/6	DJ8XW	II6ANT	IW6NZY	V26M	W3HNK
9V1YC	W5UE	II8POLE	IK8FIQ	V31AT	K5PI
9X0PY	SM6CPY	IO9Z	IT9DSZ	V31KP	DK1IP
AH0KT	JH8PHT	IR1ANT	I1HYW	V55V	DJ8VC
AO4HAG	EA4GKV	J73CCM	SM0CCM	V63MJ	M0URX
AT3ANT	VU2UR	J75D	SM5DJZ	VA7AAW	VE7IG
AU4ASR	VU2AJO	J79WW	N4USA	VC7G	VE7JH
BW2/JP1RIW	BM2JCC	K4C	K4MZU	VE2CSI	M0URX
C21BN	JH1NBN	K6IJ/KH6	EA5GL	VK2ANT	VK2FR
C5DX	G4DJX	KG4AS	N4SIA	VP2MRS	KB8RJ
C6ABB	N2RFA	KG4HI	WB2REM	VP2MUR	KB8RJ
C6AKQ	N4BP	KG4RQ	WB2REM	VP8DBR	G0SWC
C6ARU	N4UM	KG4YL	K9DIG	VY1JA	N3SL
C6ATS	NI5DX	KH7XX	EB7DX	W2VQ/C6A	WQ2N
C6AUM	K4RUM	KP2M	AI4U	XU7AES	KB4FB
C6AWW	NX4N	LY97A	LY5A	YE0C	YB0OKR
CE3/KQ7W	AC7DX	LY97O	LY8O	YL390BF	YL3BF
CR2X	OH2BH	LZ112RF	LZ1YE	YL390UI	YL2UI
CR6K	CT1ILT	N0J	JQ2GYU	YR0WL	YO9KPB
D44EE	OZ1BII	OE88WAP	OE3KKA	Z81X	OH0XX
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	OE89ANT	OE3AIS	ZA/IW2JOP	IW2HAJ
DP7BVBG	DF7AA	OE90AAW	OE3SGA	ZL1WND	EA5ZD
DQ40AIX	DJ9KR	OG0Z	W0MM	ZL7/F8FUA	F8FUA
DU3LA	N0QM	OH0Z	W0MM	ZM3T	ZL3TE
DU9AQQ	EA5GL	P40L	WA3FRP	ZV2K	PY2SHF
EA6UP	EA6SK	P40LE	K2LE	ZW2R	PY2LCD
EG1LSP	EA1GIB	P49MR	VE3MR	ZW5WIM	PU5IKE

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