4S - Armin, DK9PY will be active (callsign TBA) from Sri Lanka between 15 November and 4 December. He will operate CW only on 160-10 metres from the city of Colombo and other locations; he plans to be QRV around 2-5 UTC and after 13 UTC, and to participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via DK9PY, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

4U1ITU - The International Amateur Radio Club at ITU HQ in Geneva is active as 4U1WRC during the WRC-15 conference until 27 November. QSL direct to IARC, P.O. Box 6, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland; bureau cards have to be requested through the OQRS provided by Club Log.

5W - Lars, ZL1IF now expects to be active as 5W0IF [425DXN 1279] from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) from 20 November to 3 December. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres, with a focus on the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW or direct to ZL1IF. [TNX NG3K]

7X - Members of the 7X2BDX club stations will be active as 7T150LH between 15 and 30 November to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the lighthouse at Cap Tenes. QSL via IK2DUW (direct).

9G - Alan, G3XAQ is active as 9G5XA from Ghana until 21 November. He operates CW only. QSL via G3SWH, preferably through the OQRS at http://www.g3swh.org.uk/decision.html. Alan's "primary goal for this trip is to find a quiet QTH outside Accra for use by a larger and more serious DXpedition within the next few months". [TNX The Daily DX]

9Y - Dave, WJ2O (www.wj2o.com) will be active as 9Y4/WJ2O from Trinidad (SA-011) on 25-30 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via N2ZN. [TNX The Daily DX]

C9 - Marko, N5ZO will be active as C92ZO from Mozambique from around 22 November to 1 December. He will operate CW and some SSB on the HF bands, with main activity planned during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via OH0XX. [TNX DX World]

DU - Sergei R7KW, Rustam RU6K and Oleg YL3JM will be active as DU1/R7KW and DU1/YL3JM from Mindoro Island (OC-244) on 21-30 November, including activity during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres; they also plan to go and be QRV for one or two days from Lubang Island (OC-126). QSLs via K2PF, preferably through Club Log's OQRS. [TNX qrz.ru]

HS - Erich, HB9FIH will be active as HS0ZLS from Koh Samui (AS-101) on 12-25 November. He will operate CW, digital modes and SSB. QSL via bureau to HB9FIH, plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

J3 - Adrian, K08SCA will be active holiday style as J3/K08SCA from Grenada (NA-024) on 23-29 November. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call (preferably through Club Log's OQRS), and LoTW. [TNX K08SCA]
PY0F - The only atoll in the South Atlantic Ocean, Atol das Rocas (SA-038) is an IOTA Most Wanted group, but DXCC wise it counts for the more ordinary Fernando de Noronha. Renner Pedroza, PY7RP and Carlos Marenga, PU0FDN will be working on the atoll tentatively on 16-21 November (actual dates depend on sea conditions and other factors), and will be active as PY0R and PU0R respectively in their spare time. They will be QRV only on 40, 20 and 15 metres, running 100 watts into monoband verticals on the water edge. QSL direct only, preferably through Club Log's OQRS. Only one QSO with each station will be confirmed by a QSL card. See www.py7rp.com/rocas2015/ for further information and updates. [TNX PY7RP]

SP - Special event station HF110MR is active until 30 November to honour the memory of Marian Rejewski (1905-1980), the Polish mathematician and cryptologist who first broke the Enigma cipher. QSL via SQ2KLU (bureau).

TI - TI7/KC5HWC, TI7/KE5LHC, TI7/KE5YQ, TI7/W5AP, TI7/W5EXJ, TI7/W6HFP and TI7/WA0D are active from Costa Rica until on 16 November. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or direct to home calls. [TNX DX World]

TI9 - Jorge, TI2HMJ is working again on Cocos Island (NA-012) until 15 November, and might be QRV as TI9/TI2HMJ in his limited spare time. QSL direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

V4 - Andrew, N2NT will be active as V47NT from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 23-30 November, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as V47T. QSL both callsigns via W2RQ. [TNX NG3K]

VK9W - The VK9WA team [425DXN 1264] expects to arrive at Middle Cay (Willis Islands) around 18 UTC on the 13th. They hope to be QRV around 2 UTC on 14 November and to operate with four stations through late UTC time on the 23rd. Hopefully they will upload logs to Club Log twice a day. Further operating information can be found on http://vk9wa.com/newsletters/VK9WANewsletter4.pdf. Club Log's OQRS for direct or bureau cards is strongly recommended; traditional requests go via N7SMI.

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 13-16 November. He will operate CW only on 40-12 metres as time permits. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - As part of his "Moluccas IOTA Tour" [425DXN 1276], Budi, YF1AR/8 has bee active from the islands of Kisar (OC-272, 15-20 October), Wetar (OC-272, 21-28 October), Liran (OC-272, 30 October-6 November) and Leti (OC-246, 6-12 November). His next stop is expected to be Sermata Island (OC-246). QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred, direct link on qrz.com); paper cards via N200. [TNX W2PB]

YV - Look for YV2CAR/4, YV4ET/p, YV4KW/p, YV4MP/p, YV6YV/4, YY2GAI/4, YY4CDM/p and YY4CFS/p to be active from Alcatraz Island (SA-058) on 19-23 November. They will operate SSB and maybe CW and RTTY. Follow them on Twitter (@G5DX). QSL via operator's instructions.

INDIAN OCEAN TRIP ---> Peter, DL1RPL (www.dl1rpl.de) and his son Soren, DL3RKS will be active as FH/DL1RPL and FH/DL3RKS from Mayotte (AF-027) on 19-25 November, and as FR/DL1RPL and FR/DL3RKS from Reunion Island (AF-016) on 27 November-3 December. Peter will operate WSJT65 and CW on 2m and 70cm
EME, while Soren will operate CW and some SSB on 20-10 metres. QSLs via DL1RPL. [TNX The Daily DX]

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DXCC NEWS ---> The recent 3W3MD and 3W3MD/p operations from Vietnam have been approved for DXCC credit.

IARU 90 ---> Currently celebrating the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union are also SU90IARU from Egypt (November and December, QSL via OM3CGN), YB90IARU from Indonesia (1 November-31 December, QSL via bureau), VI90IARU from Australia (QSL via bureau) and LY90IARU from Lithuania (2 November-31 December, QSL via LY8O). The latter callsigns was first activated in April by LY3BY, who unfortunately passed away in August. Apparently it has been impossible to retrieve those logs.

IOTA BASH 2016 ---> The 12th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 26-27 February in Boerne, Texas. For further information, please contact Mike Crownover, AB5EB (ab5ebdxer[@]gmail.com) or visit the IREF website (www.islandradio.org). [TNX AB5EB]

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Fall 2015 issue of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) Newsletter is now available for download at www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue (#111) features the report of the FT4TA DXpedition to Tromelin which concluded in November 2014. [TNX W3OA]

IOTA NEWS ---> 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 2015 IOTA Contest data has now been uploaded to the IOTA database and is available for QSO matching. This is significantly earlier than in previous years and we should thank all on the IT side involved. [TNX G3KMA]

K1N DVD ---> The DVD of the February 2015 DXpedition to Navassa Island is now available: see www.k4uee.com for the details. "It took eight years to send men to the moon, but it took thirteen years to get permission to visit Navassa Island. The long road involved getting permission from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, because Navassa has been declared a National Wildlife Refuge. The DVD shows the logistical challenge of moving fifteen operators and tons of gear to this small uninhabited island in the Caribbean. It was hot work - and expensive - since the only practical way to get there was via helicopter. This two-week effort paid off with 140,000 QSOs and many, many all-time new ones, as tens of thousands of hams worldwide weren't even licensed the last time Navassa Island was activated in 1993".

THE END OF AN ERA ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey has come
to an end. "For the past few years I have been comparing the DX Magazine survey results with the one available from Michael Wells, G7VJR on his ClubLog web site", Carl Smith (N4AA) says. "The two results have consistently closely paralleled each other. After serious consideration, it seemed to me that the ClubLog Most Wanted information would adequately serve the DX community. The one conducted by The DX Magazine would not offer enough difference to justify the cost in time, or money, for it to continue. I want to thank the thousands of DXers, world-wide, who have supported The DX Magazine survey for the past 25 years". The DX Magazine (http://www.dxpub.net/DX-Magazine.html) "will continue to provide DXers with the stories of DXpeditioners traveling to the far reaches of the earth to provide you with those cherished contacts from rare and exotic places. I want to encourage the organizers/leaders of those DXpeditions to continue offering their stories. By telling others, who, what, where, when and how you made that operation possible, the story can be the final chapter of the DXpedition. It might also inspire others to make the effort to organize their own DXpedition, or to at least make a donation to the next major DXpedition".

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD ---> In 2008 The Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) established the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be presented to those 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 latest recipient, announced on 13 November, is the N1MM+ Development Team (Tom Wagner N1MM, Rick Ellison N2AMG, Steve London N2IC, John Bednar K3CT, Nikolay Safronov NA3M, Pete Smith N4ZR, Andreas Hofman KU7T, Larry Gauthier K8UT and Richard Ferch VE3KI). "The initial N1MM Classic is a sophisticated logging program offered at no cost to contesters around the world. N1MM+ is a major revision to the original program and was a completely volunteer effort of thousands of programmer-hours to rewrite and test more than 250,000 lines of code (www.n1mm.com). The program continues to be made available without charge and continues to be refined on a regular basis, supported by an extensive user group and full documentation". [TNX W6SZN]

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