E5_sc - Magnus, SM6WET will be active as E51WET from the South Cook Islands between mid-December and early January 2016. He will be on Rarotonga (OC-013) on 14-16 December and 4-9 January, and on Aitutaki (OC-083) from 17 December to 4 January. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and JT65HF on 160-6 metres. QSL via SM6WET (direct only). [TNX NG3K]

FT - Gildas, TU5KG has left on a new fishing campaign in the Southern Indian Ocean. Usually he is QRV as /mm when in the Crozet (FT5WQ) and Kerguelen (FT5XT) waters, but "for a period of time in early 2016 he will be on Kerguelen Island". QSL via F4DXW, direct only. [TNX DX World]

GI - GB5OMU is the special callsign the Mid-Ulster Amateur Radio Club (www.muarc.com) will be using throughout the month of December to celebrate their 50th anniversary. QSL via MN0VFW.

H4 - Tom, WL7HP and his wife Maggie, H44MK are in Guadalcanal (OC-047), Solomon Islands until 16 February 2016. Tom will operate mainly SSB as H44TM on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. They also have plans to go and be QRV from "three of the outer islands". QSL H44TM via WL7HP. [TNX The Daily DX]

HR - Tom, N9EAW is active as HR9/N9EAW from Roatan Island (NA-057) until 20 December. He operates SSB on 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

KH5 - There has been a change of plans due to unforeseen events, and only nine operators out of the twelve announced will participate in the K5P DXpedition to Palmyra [425DXN 1275]. "The air charter is provided by our host, The Nature Conservancy", the organizers explain. "Earlier this year, the air strip was decertified and as a result the aircraft type had to be changed to allow access to the Palmyra. The aircraft selected will only seat 9 persons, which is a major change of plans for the DXpedition. Several alternate options were examined but were unsuccessful. It was with great pain that three of the operators stepped back from the Team to allow the DXpedition to proceed". The Team plans on leaving Hawaii for Palmyra on 11 January, and being active from 12 through 25 January. Bookmark the K5P web site (http://palmyra2016.org/) for future updates, propagation predictions and donation page. [TNX N2TU]

OH - Once again the OF9X station (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active on 10-28 December to "beam the message of Christmas and help Santa Claus, OH9SCL start his journey". QSL OF9X via OH2BH and Club Log's OQRS, QSL OH9SCL via OH9AB. All proceeds and donations will be forwarded to the Finnish Red Cross for their Disaster Relief Emergency Fund. [TNX OH2BH]
ON_ant - Karel, ON5TN is active again as OQ0LE from the Princess Elisabeth Station, Antarctica until late February or early March 2016. Look for him between 20 and 23 UTC on 30 and 40 metres CW. QSL via ON7TK. [TNX waponline.it]

PY - Apparently the ZY2QG operation from Ilha da Queimada Grande (SA-071) [1281] has been postponed. The new dates will be announced on www.qrz.com/db/zy2qg

S5 - Special event station S508PMC is active until 4 January to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL; direct card should be sent to S50X. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held from 12 UTC on 2 January 2016 until 12 UTC on the 3rd. Complete details can be found at www.s59dcd.si/en10/.

TZ - Chris, F4WBN and Rene F5DUX have been active as TZ9A from Mali since 7 December, and will remain there until the 19th. They are QRV on the HF bands all modes, with a focus on RTTY. QSL via F4WBN. [TNX DX World]

V5 - Dietmar, DL3DXX will once again be active as V5/DL3DXX from Namibia on 17-28 December. He will operate mostly CW with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call, preferably through Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

VK - Chris, VK6BP has been active as VK6BP/p from Koolan Island (OC-071) [425DXN 1273] for a couple of days a week on a more or less regular basis for the last several weeks. This is due to stop soon, as the mine on Koolan is winding down in late January, and even further in February-March with only a few caretakers on the island. "I will still be flying in and out", Chris says, "but a lot less and will just drop off and pick up, so no radio probably from mid February".

VK - After operating as VK2IAY/9 from Lord Howe Island on 16-23 December [425DXN 1243], Steve, G0UIH will visit and be active as VK2IAY/3 from Phillip Island (OC-136) from 29 December to 1 January. He will be QRV on 20 and 17 metres SSB only. There may also be some activity as VK2IAY/5 from Moonta (South Australia) on 4-8 January, and as VK2IAY/6 from Monkey Mia (Western Australia) on 10-17 January, with - if time allows- a side trip to nearby Dirk Hartog Island (OC-206). QSL via G0UIH, direct or bureau.

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ARRL 10-METER CONTEST --- Object of the contest is for operators worldwide to work as many stations as possible on the 10m band, CW and SSB. The contest will run from 00.00 UTC on 12 December until 23.59 on the 13th. See
E44Y ---> Back in November 2014 [425DXN 1230] it was announced that a multi-national team would be active as E44Y from Palestine in March 2016. The operation has been cancelled and donations are being refunded by Fred, ON4LG. See DX-World.net for the details.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Fall 2015 Special Edition of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) Newsletter is now available for download at www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue includes a report of LZ1GC's recent DXpedition to Nauru (C21GC) and an article by K9LA on "Disappearing Sunspots". [TNX W3OA]

SHRAK JOINS IARU ---> On 10 December the secretariat of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) released a note to their member societies announcing that The Kosovo Amateur Radio Association (SHRAK, Shoqata e Radio Amatoreve te Kosoves) has been voted into IARU membership. SHRAK represents the Amateur Radio community of the Republic of Kosovo. With a long history dating back to the days of the former Yugoslavia, SHRAK was reconstituted on 12 September 2012, when an Amateur Radio service was launched by the Kosovo government. The SHRAK President is Ms. Vjollca Caka (Z61VB). [TNX N7NG]

YF1AR/8 ---> Budi, YF1AR is returning home after the "Moluccas IOTA Tour" that started in mid-October [425DXN 1280]. He was active as YF1AR/8 from ten different islands in four IOTA groups as follows (YF1AR/8_OCxxx_XX is the callsign to search for on Club Log):

15-20 Oct      Kisar         OC-272   YF1AR/8_OC272_KS
21-28 Oct      Wetar         OC-272   YF1AR/8_OC272_WT
30 Oct-6 Nov   Lirang        OC-272   YF1AR/8_OC272_LR
8-12 Nov       Leti          OC-246   YF1AR/8_OC246_LT
14-18 Nov      Sermata       OC-246   YF1AR/8_OC246_SM
19-24 Nov      Luang         OC-246   YF1AR/8_OC246_LA
25-28 Nov      Babar         OC-271   YF1AR/8_OC271_BB
1-3 Dec        Marsela       OC-271   YF1AR/8_OC271_MS
8-10 Dec       Banda Besar   OC-157   YF1AR/8_OC157_BB
10 Dec         Banda Api     OC-157   YF1AR/8_OC157_BA

A second Moluccas IOTA Tour is expected in the months to come. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred); paper cards via N2OO.

ZL9A ---> The ZL9A team is expected to be QRV from the Antipodes Islands (OC-286, new one for IOTA) on 7-11 January 2016 [425DXN 1283]. Inquiries, suggestions and comments during the island operations should be sent to the Pilot Station (Johan, PA3EXX); requests posted on the DX clusters will not be taken into consideration. The team will try to upload their log daily to Club Log during the expedition. QSL via VE3LYC, preferably through the OQRS provided by Club Log for both direct and bureau cards. Bookmark http://iotahunter.org/news for updates.

+ SILENT KEY + Robert G. Ferrero, W6RJ (ex K6AHV), the founder of the Ham Radio Outlet chain of stores, passed away on 4 December at 78 years of age. He participated in several DXpeditions, notably KP6KR in June 1974 (the first DXpedition to Kingman Reef), HK0AA in June 1976 (from both Bajo Nuevo
and Serrana Bank), and FO0FI and FO0FR in April 1998 (from the brand new DXCC Entities of the Austral and Marquesas Islands). Bob was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1997 and into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame in 2005.

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******* QSL  ROUTES  *******
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CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER
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3D2HC       DL9HCU      EI7M        EI6HB       PD6YOTA     OM2FY
3D2RJ       N7RO        ER18KDR     ER3GS       PJ2T        W3HNK
3G30        CE3OP       ER4A        ER1FF       PJ4A        K4BAI
3V8SS       LX1NO       ES9C        ES5RY       PJ4DX       M0URX
3V8YOTA     OM2FY       ES9YOTA     OM2FY       PJ4Q        W4PA
3Z15XMS     SP6IEQ      ET3AA       N200        PJ7/G4JEC    N0UK
4K6PO       DC9RI       EV90IARU    EW1I        PJ7TM       K2GSJ
4L2M        EA7FTR      FM1HN       W3HNK       PR2F        PY2NDX
4L3T        ON4RU       FM5FJ       K9UC        PW2D        MOOZO
4L8A        K1BV        FR4PV       F5OZK       PX2V        PY2KJ
4S90IARU    4S7RS       G15YOTA     OM2FY       PY90IARU     OZ1HHH
4U0BO       9A2AA       G2F         G8HDK       R18KDR/0     RQ7L
4U70VIC     4U1VIC      G4R         G4POF       R18KDR/1     RQ7L
4X2M        4X4DZ       G15YOTA     OM2FY       R18KDR/3     RQ7L
4X7R        4X6OM       GM15YOTA    OM2FY       R18KDR/4     RQ7L
5B4AAB      G8CLY       GM3X        GM3POI      R18KDR/6     RQ7L
5B4AMM      UT5UDX      GS8VL       GM4FDM      R18KDR/7     RQ7L
5H3EE       DL4ME       GW15YOTA    OM2FY       R18KDR/8     RQ7L
5J1E        OH2MM       GW5R        GW3YDX      R18KDR/9     RQ7L
5P8WV       DJ8WV       H44TM       WL7HP       R1941MB      R2DX
5R8SV       G3SWH       HA8YOTA     OM2FY       R1941OM      RV3AGB
5V7A        F6BEE       HB9ATMA     HB9FAX      R2015ES      RV3AV
7X2JV       SM4VP2      HB9YOTA     OM2FY       R25MDC       RQ7L
7Z1HL       DJ9ZB       HC2AO       RC5A        RC85MP       UA3AGY
7Z1SJ       EA7FTR      HD90IARU    HC2AQ       RI1ANR       RK1PWA
8Q7JNC      VE2FDJ      HF4OMKK     SP5KVW      S01WS        EA2JG
8T2BH       I1HYW       HG0IDPD     HA5MA       S50BPM       S50X
9A0YOTA     OM2FY       HG0YOTA     OM2FY       S9TM        NR6M
9A15YOTA    OM2FY       HG30CW      HA3NU       SH9YOTA      OM2FY
9H6A        9H1XT       HG7T        HA7TM       SJ2W        SM2LY
9H90IARU    9H1SP       HG90IARU    HA5MA       SNOWF        SP5X
9J2HN       JR2KDN      HH2/KL7JR    K7ICE       SN3A        SP3GEM
9M2CNC      G4ZFE       HH2AA       NR6M        SN6O        SP6PAZ
9M2MRS      PA0RRS      HH90IARU    W3HNK       SN7Q        SP7GIQ
9M2YAA      JA7LMU      HI3K        KB2MS       SNNB        SP8CUR
9M4CHM      9W2XKM      HI3TT       W2CCW       SO4R        SP4NPD
9M4DX       JA6IDJ      HI3Y        RW6HS       SP3YOTA      OM2FY
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