**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/](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 OP0LE 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/zy2qqg

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  *******
===================================================================
CALL     MANAGER     CALL     MANAGER     CALL     MANAGER
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3D2HC     DL9HCU      EI7M     EI6HB       PD6YOTA   OM2FY
3D2RJ     N7RO        ER18KDR   ER3GS       PJ2T      W3HNK
3G3O      CE3OP       ER4A      ER1FF       PJ4A      K4BAI
3V8SS     LX1NO       ES9C      ES5RY       PJ4DX     MOURX
3V8YOTA   OM2FY       ES9YOTA   OM2FY       PJ4Q      W4PA
3Z15XMS   SP6IEQ      ET3AA     N2OO        PJ7/G4JEC  N0UK
4K6PO     DC9RI       EV90IARU  EW1I         PJ7TM     K2GSJ
4L7M      EA7FTR      FM1HN     W3HNK       PR2F      PY2NDX
4L3T      ON4RU       FM5FJ     K9UC        PW2D      MO0XO
4L8A      K1BV        FR4PV     F5OZK       PX2V      PY2KJ
4S90IARU  4S7RS       GW5J      F5RXL       PX2V      PY2NDX
4U0WFP    S57DX       G15YOTA   OM2FY       PY90IARU  OZ1HHH
4U20B     9A2AA       G2F       G8HDK       R18KDR/0  RQ7L
4U70VIC   4U1VIC      G4R       G4POF       R18KDR/1  RQ7L
4X2M      4X4DZ       GI15YOTA  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       GW3SR     GW3YDX      R18KDR/9  RQ7L
5P88M     DJ8VU       H44TM     WL7HP       R1941MB   R2DX
5R8SV     G3SWH       HA8YOTA   OM2FY       R1941OM   RV3AGB
6V7A      P6BEE       HB9ATMA   HB9FAX      R2015ES   RV3AMV
7X2JV     SM4VPZ      HB9YOTA   OM2FY       R25MDC    RQ7L
7Z1HL     DJ9ZB       HC2AO     RC5A        RC85MP    UA3AGY
7Z1SJ     EA7FTR      HD90IARU  HC2AQ       RI1ANR    RK1PWA
8Q7JC     VE2FDJ      HF40MKK   SP5KW       S01WS     EA2JG
8T2BH     I1HYW       HG0IDPD   HA5MA       S508PMC   S50X
9A0YOTA   OM2FY       HG0YOTA   OM2FY       S9TM      NR6M
9A15YOTA  OM2FY       HG30CW    HA3NU       SH9YOTA   OM2FY
9H6A      9H1XT       HG7T      HA7TM       SJ2W      SM2LIY
9H90IARU  9H1SP       HG90IARU  HA5MA       SN0WFP    SP5X
9J2HN     JR2KDN      HH2/KL7JR  K7ICE       SN3A      SP3GEM
9M2CNC    G4ZFE       HH2AA     NR6M        SN6O      SP6PAZ
9M2MRS    PA0RRS      HH90IARU  W3HNK       SN7Q      SP7G1Q
9M2YAA    JA7LMU      HI3K      KB2MS       SN8B      SP8CUR
9M4CHM    9W2XMK      HI3TT     W2CCW       WO4R      SP4PN
9M4DX     JA6IDJ      HI3Y      RW6HS       SP3YOTA   OM2FY
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